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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0149)

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the estimates for the annual emoluments (including non-accountable entertainment allowances) of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The emolument provisions earmarked by the Labour and Welfare Bureau for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary for 2020-21 are $4.18 million, $2.72 million and $1.04 million respectively. No provision has been reserved for non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above officials.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3172)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide:

1. the estimates of emoluments, benefits and allowances for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in the coming financial year; and

2. the estimates of emoluments, benefits and allowances for each of the other politically appointed officials in the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 9013)

Reply:

In 2020-21, the emolument provisions earmarked by the Labour and Welfare Bureau for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW), Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare (USLW) and Political Assistant (PA) to SLW are $4.18 million, $2.72 million and $1.04 million respectively. The provisions earmarked for the Mandatory Provident Fund contribution for each of the positions of USLW and PA to SLW are $18,000. SLW, USLW and PA to SLW and their families are entitled to the medical and dental benefits available to civil servants and their families. SLW is provided with the free use at his discretion of a car and driver in Hong Kong, while the use of government car by USLW and PA to SLW shall be governed by rules and regulations applicable to civil servants at comparable ranks.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0620)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To encourage the elderly and persons with disabilities to participate in community activities, the Government has implemented in phases the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (commonly known as the $2 Fare Concession Scheme) since June 2012. In this connection, please inform this Council of:

(1) the numbers of elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities who benefitted from the $2 Fare Concession Scheme in each of the past 3 years;

(2) the amounts of expenditure involved in relation to the above question; and

(3) the timing of extension of the $2 Fare Concession Scheme to those aged 60 or above by the Government and the estimated amount of expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The information required is provided below:

(1) There are currently about 1.5 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), of which approximately 1.33 million are elderly persons[(Note 1)] and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities[(Note 2)].

The average numbers of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
2017	1 065 000	150 000
2018	1 154 000	159 000
2019	1 256 000	168 000

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities, and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group.

(2) In 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme was $1.09 billion and $1.21 billion respectively. The revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 was $1.31 billion. The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 will increase to about $1.67 billion.

(3) The Government is reviewing the Scheme with assistance of a consultant and the review is expected to be completed by the middle of this year. Arrangements for implementing the improvement measures will then be announced.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3107)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the salaries, allowances, job-related allowances and related expenses to be incurred by the Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in 2020-21, please provide the following information:

(1) the estimated expenditures on the (i) salaries, (ii) benefits and allowances, (iii) job-related allowances, (iv) Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution and (v) other allowances and contributions (please specify) of the (a) Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW), (b) Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare (USLW) and (c) Political Assistant (PA) to SLW in this financial year. If the above estimated expenditures of the three politically-appointed officials are not included in their personal emoluments but are part of the estimated operating expenditure of the Bureau, please provide (d) the estimated expenditure of the Bureau on the items above (list out in table form: (i) salaries, (ii) benefits and allowances, (iii) job-related allowances, (iv) MPF contribution and (v) other allowances and contributions (please specify), and (a) SLW, (b) USLW, (c) PA to SLW and (d) total estimated expenditure of the Bureau);

(2) the estimated expenditures on the benefits and allowances for (a) SLW, (b) USLW and (c) PA to SLW in this financial year, including the following four categories of expenditures: (i) their medical and dental benefits, (ii) the medical and dental benefits of their spouses, (iii) their leave passage allowances and (iv) the leave passage allowances of their spouses. If the above estimated expenditures of the three politically-appointed officials are not included in their personal emoluments but are part of the estimated operating expenditure of the Bureau, please provide (d) the estimated expenditure of the Bureau on the items above (list out in table form: (i) medical and dental benefits, (ii) medical and dental benefits of spouses, (iii) leave passage allowances and (iv) leave passage allowances of spouses, and (a) SLW, (b) USLW, (c) PA to SLW and (d) total estimated expenditure of the Bureau);

(3) the estimated expenditures on the (i) government vehicle services and (ii) security arrangements for (a) SLW, (b) USLW and (c) PA to SLW in this financial year. If

the above estimated expenditures of the three politically-appointed officials are not included in their personal emoluments but are part of the estimated operating expenditure of the Bureau, please provide (d) the estimated expenditure of the Bureau on the items above (list out in table form: (i) cars and chauffeur services and (ii) security arrangements, and (a) SLW, (b) USLW, (c) PA to SLW and (d) total estimated expenditure of the Bureau);

(4) the estimated expenditures on the job-related allowances for (a) SLW, (b) USLW and (c) PA to SLW in this financial year, including the following two categories of expenditures: (i) official entertainment and (ii) passage for duty visits. If the above estimated expenditures of the three politically-appointed officials are not included in their personal emoluments but are part of the estimated operating expenditure of the Bureau, please provide (d) the estimated expenditure of the Bureau on the items above (list out in table form: (i) official entertainment and (ii) passage for duty visits, and (a) SLW, (b) USLW, (c) PA to SLW and (d) total estimated expenditure of the Bureau); and

(5) the estimated expenditures on the end-of-contract gratuity for (a) SLW, (b) USLW and (c) PA to SLW upon the completion of their terms of office, including the following two categories of expenditures: (i) end-of-contract gratuity and (ii) related allowances. If the above estimated expenditures of the three politically-appointed officials are not included in their personal emoluments but are part of the estimated operating expenditure of the Bureau, please provide (d) the estimated expenditure of the Bureau on the items above (list out in table form: (i) end-of-contract gratuity and (ii) related allowances, and (a) SLW, (b) USLW, (c) PA to SLW and (d) total estimated expenditure of the Bureau).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

In 2020-21, the emolument provisions earmarked by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW), Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare (USLW) and Political Assistant (PA) to SLW are $4.18 million, $2.72 million and $1.04 million respectively. The provisions earmarked for the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution for each of the positions of USLW and PA to SLW are $18,000.

In 2020-21, the estimated expenditures on official entertainment and duty visits outside Hong Kong for SLW's Office are $0.14 million and $0.9 million respectively.

SLW, USLW and PA to SLW and their families are entitled to the medical and dental benefits available to civil servants and their families. SLW is provided with the free use at his discretion of a car and driver in Hong Kong, while the use of government car by USLW and PA to SLW shall be governed by rules and regulations applicable to civil servants at comparable ranks.

LWB has not set aside provisions for the leave passage allowance, regularly-paid or job-related allowances and security arrangements for SLW, USLW and PA to SLW.

According to the remuneration package for politically-appointed officials serving in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, the positions of SLW, USLW and PA to SLW are not entitled to end-of-contract gratuity and related allowances apart from the Government's contributions to the MPF.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2099)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government states that its social welfare services aim to, inter alia, "facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community". Please advise on the following:

a) the estimated and actual expenditure of various government departments for improving barrier-free facilities and services in the past 3 financial years;

b) the specific details of the implementation of barrier-free facilities in Hong Kong in 2019-20; and

c) the estimated expenditure on the above work in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

To speed up the process of improving the accessibility of government and Housing Authority (HA) premises and public connecting road facilities, and provide more convenience for the public, the Government had, since 2011, taken forward a retrofitting programme to upgrade the barrier-free facilities for about 3 500 existing government premises and facilities as well as about 240 HA premises, involving a total expenditure of $1.3 billion. The programme covered government venues with frequent public interface. The majority of the works were completed before 30 June 2014, and the remaining small proportion of works under the lift modernisation programme for public housing estates under the HA were completed in 2016-17. The progress report on these works was submitted to the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council and uploaded to the Labour and Welfare Bureau's website. On top of the retrofitting programme mentioned above, individual bureaux and departments may continue to forward their requests for improvement works for barrier-free facilities in respect of other government offices and premises to the Architectural Services Department or their works agent as and when required in accordance with the established mechanism for minor works projects.

Moreover, the Government has been actively taking forward a total of 247 items under the "Original Programme" and "Second Phase" of the Universal Accessibility Programme (UAP). As at 29 February 2020, 153 items were completed and 54 were under construction. The construction works of the remaining 40 items will commence as soon as possible upon completion of the detailed design and other related work.

From the third quarter of 2019, the Highways Department (HyD) has been conducting investigation work for a total of 128 walkways in different districts under the "Third Phase" of the UAP for ascertaining the technical feasibility of lift retrofitting. The HyD will thereafter brief the relevant District Councils (DCs) on the technically feasible items and initial proposals, and proceed with the detailed design for the items supported by the DCs. It is expected that the construction works for the "Third Phase" items can commence progressively from 2021.

For the further benefits of the elderly and persons in need, the Government announced in the 2019 Policy Address that the UAP scope would be further expanded with the launch of a "Special Scheme" for retrofitting lifts at footbridges, pedestrian subways and elevated walkways in or connecting to the common areas of 3 types of housing estates (i.e. those under the HA Tenants Purchase Scheme and the Buy or Rent Option Scheme as well as public housing estates with properties divested). The HyD has plans to consult the relevant DCs on the "Special Scheme" items and implementation priority in 2020, with a view to commencing the investigation work progressively for the items supported by the DCs from 2021.

The expenditures on the UAP for 2017-18 and 2018-19 were $855 million and $746.3 million respectively, while the estimated expenditures for 2019-20 and 2020-21 are $653.7 million and $614.7 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2101)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the respective salary expenditures for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in 2020-21.
2. What is the staffing establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office in 2020-21? What is the salary expenditure for the entire Director of Bureau's Office and its percentage in the total salary expenditure for the entire Head?
3. Regarding the work of the Director of Bureau's Office which includes "planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions", how many (a) District Council (DC) meetings and (b) other community functions were attended by the Secretary last year? What is the estimated number of DC meetings that the Secretary will attend in 2020-21?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The emolument provisions earmarked by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary for 2020-21 are $4.18 million, $2.72 million and $1.04 million respectively.

2. In the 2020-21 financial year, apart from the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary, the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office (the Office) under Programme (1) in LWB also includes 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Personal Assistant, 1 Senior Personal Secretary, 1 Personal Secretary I, 1 Chauffeur and 2 clerical grade staff for providing support to the Office. The emolument provision earmarked for those civil servants providing support to the Office is $6.11 million, accounting for about 5.1% of the emoluments under Head 141.

3. From July 2017 to April 2019, the Secretary visited the 18 District Councils (DCs) and met with the respective DC members. He also participated in activities organised by the Government and various organisations from time to time. We have not compiled the relevant statistics. In 2020-21, the Secretary will attend DC meetings as required.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2130)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the expenditure involved for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities? What were the details and effectiveness?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

It has been the Government's policy objective to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities and to build a barrier-free environment, with a view to facilitating their full participation and enjoyment of equal opportunities in respect of their social life and personal growth. This is the spirit and core value enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) as well as the development direction of rehabilitation services in Hong Kong.

With this policy objective, bureaux, departments and organisations concerned have been providing a wide range of diversified services and support for persons with disabilities and allocating additional resources for the continuous enhancement of rehabilitation services having regard to service demand and changing circumstances.

Since the application of the Convention to Hong Kong in August 2008, the Government has continuously increased the overall recurrent expenditure on rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities from $16.6 billion in 2007-08 to $37.5 billion in 2019-20, which is estimated to continue to rise to $41.2 billion in 2020-21. In this connection, to promote to the public the spirit and core value enshrined in the Convention and the message of building a barrier-free and inclusive society, the Government has from 2009 onwards increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from $2 million to about $13.5 million, which will further increase to about $20 million from 2020-21 for enhancing the promotion of an inclusive culture.

The Government will keep in view the demand for rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities, and continuously assess the effectiveness of such services and support.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1197)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To encourage the elderly and persons with disabilities (PWDs) to integrate into the community, the Government has implemented in phases the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) since June 2012. There are 3 types of target beneficiaries under the Scheme, namely elderly persons aged 65 or above, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients aged below 65 with 100% disabilities, and Disability Allowance recipients aged below 65. What were the respective numbers of the elderly and eligible PWDs benefitting from the Scheme in each of the past 3 years? What were the expenditures involved? The Government said that it would conduct a review on the Scheme in 2018-19. What are the results of the review?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)
Reply:
The information required is provided below:

There are currently about 1.5 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), of which approximately 1.33 million are elderly persons(Note 1) and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities(Note 2).

The average numbers of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
2017	1 065 000	150 000
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2019	1 256 000	168 000

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities, and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group.

In 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme was $1.09 billion and $1.21 billion respectively. The revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 was $1.31 billion. The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 will increase to about $1.67 billion.

The Government is reviewing the Scheme with assistance of a consultant and the review is expected to be completed by the middle of this year. Arrangements for implementing the improvement measures will then be announced.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2635)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Various relief measures have been mentioned in the Budget Speech. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of the public expenditures incurred from the provision of an extra allowance in relation to the standard rate Comprehensive Social Security Assistance payments, Old Age Allowance, Old Age Living Allowance, Disability Allowance and Work Incentive Transport Subsidy for social security recipients in each of the past 10 financial years, and the respective numbers of household or individual beneficiaries.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 502)

Reply:

The expenditure for and number of beneficiaries of extra allowance for recipients of social security payments (including Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, Old Age Allowance (including Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme), Old Age Living Allowance and Disability Allowance) and the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are provided at the Annex.

Annex

Expenditure for and number of beneficiaries of extra allowance for recipients of Social Security payments and Work Incentive Transport Subsidy from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Extra allowance	Expenditure earmarked for extra allowance in the financial year ($ million)		Number of beneficiaries [Note 1]	
		Social Security	WITS	Social Security	WITS
2015-16	Budget Measure Social security: 2-month extra allowance Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS): Not applicable	5,543	Not applicable	1.18 million	Not applicable
2016-17	Budget Measure Social security: 1-month extra allowance WITS: Not applicable	2,821	Not applicable	1.18 million	Not applicable
2017-18	Budget Measure Social security: 1-month extra allowance WITS: 1-month extra allowance	3,490	29	1.24 million	48 000
2018-19	Budget Measure Social security: 2-month extra allowance WITS: 2-month extra allowance	7,447 [Note 2]	53	1.27 million	44 000
2019-20	Budget Measure Social security: 1-month extra allowance WITS: 1-month extra allowance	3,842	19	1.32 million	32 000
	Measure announced by the Financial Secretary on 15 August 2019 Social security:	3,888	19	1.33 million	32 000

	1-month extra allowance WITS: 1-month extra allowance				

[Note 1] Number of beneficiaries as estimated for the relevant financial year.

[Note 2] The figure includes the "top up" payment for social security recipients who received one-off extra allowance less than $4,000 having regard to the Caring and Sharing Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2165)

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

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

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is indicated under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21" in the Estimates that during 2020-21, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will oversee the preparatory work for the initiative to lower the eligible age of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) from the current 65 to 60 and other recommendations of the comprehensive review of the Scheme. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

(1) the respective numbers of target beneficiaries, the amounts of subsidy per capita and the amounts of fare differential reimbursed to public transport operators under the Scheme in the past 3 years;

(2) the implementation timetable for extending the concession to those aged 60 to 64, and the estimated annual additional expenditures incurred upon implementation of the initiative;

(3) the average daily passenger trips (with a breakdown by the elderly, eligible persons with disabilities and transport mode) in the past 3 years; and

(4) whether the Administration has assessed the additional number of people who can be benefited and the annual additional expenditures incurred if the Scheme were to cover all full-time students in the territory.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

The information required is provided below:

(1) & (3)

There are currently about 1.5 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), of which approximately 1.33 million are elderly persons(Note 1) and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities(Note 2).

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.
(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities, and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group.

In 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme was $1.09 billion and $1.21 billion respectively. The revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 was $1.31 billion. The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 will increase to about $1.67 billion.

The average numbers of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019, broken down by year, are as follows:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2017	357 000	54 000
	2018	392 000	57 000
	2019	454 000	64 000
Franchised bus operators	2017	478 000	66 000
	2018	512 000	70 000
	2019	537 000	72 000
Ferry operators	2017	6 700	800
	2018	6 900	900
	2019	7 200	1 000
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2017	223 000	29 000
	2018	243 000	31 000
	2019	258 000	31 000

(2) & (4)

The Government is reviewing the Scheme with assistance of a consultant and the review is expected to be completed by the middle of this year. Arrangements for implementing the improvement measures will then be announced.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1656)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients of the Hospital Authority, please inform this Committee of the following since its implementation:

1. the work descriptions and staff establishment of the Discharge Planning Teams, and the operating costs involved, with a breakdown by participating hospital/hospital group;
2. the number of cases, the number of patients, the usage rates per year, and the number of patients who have quit the Programme, as well as their reasons for quitting, with a breakdown by support service type;
3. the number of cases, the number of patients, the usage rates per year, and the number of patients who have quit the Programme, as well as their reasons for quitting, with a breakdown by age group;
4. the monthly average amount of subsidy granted to each service user per year, and the number of service users who have quit the Programme, as well as their reasons for quitting; and
5. the methodology for calculating the rate of unplanned hospital re-admission of the elderly and the effectiveness of the Programme in reducing such rate.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

Hospitals of the Hospital Authority (HA) participating in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) have set up Discharge Planning Teams (DPTs) comprising doctors, nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists, etc, to formulate personalised discharge plans for patients before they leave the hospitals. Each DPT also partners with a Home Support Team (HST) operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) commissioned by the HA mainly comprising social workers and care workers. DPTs, in collaboration with HSTs, provide post-discharge support for patients, such as referring needy patients to the HA's geriatric day hospitals for nursing care and

rehabilitation services, and providing transitional home support services through NGOs, etc. Training and support are also provided for carers of the patients so as to facilitate ageing-in-place.

In the past 5 years, about 33 000 persons participated in the IDSP each year. The annual total expenditure (including the manpower expenditure of the DPTs) is as follows:

Year	Total expenditure ($million)
2015-16	176.2
2016-17	182.7
2017-18	187.3
2018-19	192.4
2019-20 (revised estimate)	206.9

The HA does not have information on the breakdown by support service type or by age group, nor relevant data of the monthly average amount of subsidy granted to each case and the reasons for the withdrawal of the participants.

The HA has evaluated the effectiveness of the IDSP based on the data collected during its trial run. The results show that there was a significant decrease in the number of Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendance and the number of admissions to hospital via A&E by patients participating in the IDSP. There were also improvements in the measuring indicators of their functional capacity, ability in performing daily self-care activities and quality of life, such as the Barthel Index and the SF12: Physical Component and Mental Component Summary Scale. In view of the effectiveness of IDSP, the scheme has been regularised since 2012 and implemented across the territory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1660)

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

Subhead(No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please advise of the following regarding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) since its implementation:

1. What is the actual number of participants in the IDSP annually and what are the details of the support services provided?
2. Which specialties are allowed to refer patients to the IDSP, and if not all the specialties are allowed to do so, whether the scope of referring specialties will be extended?
3. What was the feedback from the service users on the IDSP?
4. What are currently the outcome standards for and implementation situation of the IDSP? How did the Government come up with those outcome standards?
5. At present, many users or even healthcare staff have no clear idea or even do not know about the IDSP. Does the Government have any plans to step up efforts to promote the IDSP?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.:31)

Reply:

Hospitals of the Hospital Authority (HA) participating in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) have set up Discharge Planning Teams (DPTs) comprising doctors, nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists, etc, to formulate personalised discharge plans for patients before they leave the hospitals. Each DPT also partners with a Home Support Team (HST) operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) commissioned by the HA mainly comprising social workers and care workers. DPTs, in collaboration with HSTs, provide post-discharge support for patients, such as referring needy patients to the HA's geriatric day hospitals for nursing care and rehabilitation services, and providing transitional home support services through NGOs, etc. Training and support are also provided for carers of the patients so as to facilitate their

ageing-in-place. In the past 5 years, about 33 000 persons participated in the IDSP each year.

The IDSP mainly provides transitional integrated support services for hospitalised medical patients aged 60 or above who are discharged from hospitals and have a higher risk of emergency re-admission. These elderly patients generally suffer from more complicated conditions and often require more support after discharge. Healthcare personnel of DPTs will introduce the IDSP to these patients, formulate discharge plans according to their needs and make arrangements for post-discharge support.

At present, the HA has continued to collect users' opinions on HSTs through a questionnaire. The data collected showed that users and carers were satisfied with the services and training provided by HSTs.

The HA has evaluated the effectiveness of the IDSP based on the data collected during its trial run. The results show that there was a significant decrease in the number of Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendance and the number of admission to hospital via A&E by patients participating in the IDSP. There were also improvements in the measuring indicators of their functional capacity, ability in performing daily self-care activities and quality of life, such as the Barthel Index and the SF12: Physical Component and Mental Component Summary Scale. In view of the effectiveness of IDSP, the scheme has been regularised since 2012 and implemented across the territory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1312)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Bureau will continue to "enhance women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies". Will the Government provide the following information:

1. the respective total numbers and proportion of male and female non-official members of all government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) in the past 3 years;
2. the respective numbers and proportion of male and female members among the non-official members appointed by the Government to serve on 3 or more ASBs in the past 3 years;
3. a list of ASBs which currently have no female non-official members and that of ASBs with female members accounting for less than 35% of the total number of non-official members, and the percentage of the number of these ASBs in the total number of ASBs;
4. the number and growth rate of women's curricula vitae in the Central Personality Index in the past 3 years;
5. ways for the Government to enhance women's participation in ASBs, and whether the target of increasing the proportion of female members to 35% can be met in the coming year; and
6. the expenditure involved in enhancing women's participation in ASBs in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

(1) The number and proportion of appointed male and female non-official members in all advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) in the past 3 years are set out below:

	Number of appointed non-official members (calculated on a post basis) (as at 31 December of the year)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2017	4 497 (67.6%)	2 156 (32.4%)
2018	4 632 (66.8%)	2 307 (33.2%)
2019	4 657 (66.2%)	2 373 (33.8%)

(2) The number and proportion of appointed male and female non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs in the past 3 years are set out below:

	Number of appointed non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs (as at 31 December of the year)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2017	358 (62.6%)	214 (37.4%)
2018	332 (58.8%)	233 (41.2%)
2019	364 (60.0%)	242 (40.0%)

(3) A list of ASBs with no appointed female non-official members and a list of ASBs with appointed female non-official members of less than 35% as at the end of December 2019 are provided in Annex I and Annex II respectively. The ASBs set out in Annex I and Annex II account for 42.8% of all ASBs with appointed non-official members.

(4) The number and growth rate of curriculum vitae (CV) provided by female data subjects in the centralised database in the past 3 years are set out below:

	Number of CV of female data subjects	Growth rate
2017	9 593	3.1%
2018	10 192	6.2%
2019	10 963	7.6%

(5) & (6) The Government makes appointments of non-official members to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) reminds bureaux and departments (B/Ds) from time to time that under the said principle, the 35% gender benchmark should be met as far as possible in considering appointments to the ASBs under their purview. The LWB has approached B/Ds to understand why ASBs under their purview were unable to meet the gender benchmark. According to the responses of B/Ds, the main reasons of not meeting the benchmark included, for example, the ASBs concerned belonged to sectors (such as construction industry, etc.) in which more members or the more experienced practitioners were male. The Government will sustain its efforts with a view to gradually raising the female participation rate in ASBs as soon as practicable. The Government will also continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and invite associations and organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the centralised database administered by the Home Affairs Bureau. The expenditure involved will be absorbed by B/Ds and is not separately accounted for.

ASBs with no appointed female non-official members
(as at 31 December 2019)

Advisory Board on Licensing of Plumbers
Advisory Body on Third Party Funding of Arbitration and Mediation
Airport Authority
Asbestos Administration Committee
Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers Committee
Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme
Buildings Energy Efficiency Appeal Board Panel
Committee on the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities
Council for the AIDS Trust Fund
Expert Committee on Plumbing and Waterworks Materials
Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Disciplinary Board
Geotechnical Engineers Registration Committee Panel
Hong Kong Rotary Club Students' Loan Fund & Sing Tao Charitable Foundation Students' Loan Fund Joint Selection Committee
Inspectors Registration Committee Panel
Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee
Minor Works Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Port Operations Committee
Port Welfare Committee
Project Management Committee of Cleaner Production Partnership Programme
Radio Spectrum and Technical Standards Advisory Committee
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Seafarers' Advisory Board
Standing Advisory Committee (Oil Storage Installations)
Steering Committee of Pilot Green Transport Fund
Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund
Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel
Technical Committee on the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete
Technical Committee on the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access
Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee

(Note: ASBs with no government appointed non-official members are excluded.)

ASBs with appointed female non-official members less than 35%
(excluding ASBs set out in Annex I)
(as at 31 December 2019)

Accreditation Advisory Board
Action Committee Against Narcotics
Advisory Committee for the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance
Advisory Committee on Chinese Medicine Development Fund
Advisory Committee on Countryside Conservation
Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants
Advisory Committee on Water Supplies
Advisory Committee under Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap 572
Air Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel
Air Transport Licensing Authority
Appeal Board Panel (Electricity)
Appeal Board Panel (Entertainment Special Effects)
Appeal Board Panel (under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance)
Appeal Panel on Government's Voluntary Contributions under the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme
Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings)
Authorized Persons Registration Committee Panel
Authorized Persons', Registered Structural Engineers' and Registered Geotechnical Engineers' Disciplinary Board Panel
Aviation Development and Three-runway System Advisory Committee
Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People
Banking Advisory Committee
Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
Board of Governors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital
Board of Review (Film Censorship)
Board of Scientific Advisers
Board of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Building Safety Loan Scheme Vetting Committee
Buildings Energy Efficiency Disciplinary Board Panel
Chinese Temples Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the ICAC
Civil Service Training Advisory Board
Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-industrialisation
Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals
Communications Authority
Competition Commission
Construction Industry Council
Consumer Council

Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Copyright Tribunal
Correctional Services Department Complaints Appeal Board
Council of the City University of Hong Kong
Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University
Council of the Chinese University of Hong Kong
Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Council of the Open University of Hong Kong
Council of the University of Hong Kong
Council on Professional Conduct in Education
Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Committee
Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Board
Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee
Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
Disciplinary Board Panel (Land Survey)
Disciplinary Tribunal Panel (Electricity)
Drinking Water Safety Advisory Committee
Education Commission
Electoral Affairs Commission
Electrical Safety Advisory Committee
Enterprise Support Scheme Assessment Panel
Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
Expanded Building Committee
Expert Committee on Food Safety
Expert Panel on the Designation of Designated Local Research Institutions
Fight Crime Committee
Film Development Council
Financial Reporting Council
Financial Reporting Review Panel
Financial Services Development Council
Fire Safety Committee
Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee
High Speed Craft Consultative Committee
Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS
Hong Kong Arts Development Council
Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification
Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health
Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board
Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee
Hong Kong Housing Authority
Hong Kong Logistics Development Council

Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board
Hong Kong Productivity Council
Hong Kong Tourism Board
Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Hospital Authority
Independent Police Complaints Council
Industry Advisory Committee on General Business
Industry Advisory Committee on Long Term Business
InnoHK Steering Committee
Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee
Innovation and Technology Fund Research Projects Assessment Panel
Insurance Appeals Tribunal
Insurance Authority
Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee
Investment Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Joint Committee on Student Finance
Land and Development Advisory Committee
Land Surveyors Registration Committee
Lantau Development Advisory Committee
Legal Aid Services Council
Leveraged Foreign Exchange Trading Arbitration Panel
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
Market Misconduct Tribunal
Operations Review Committee of the ICAC
Panel of the Witness Protection Review Board
Pensions Appeal Panel
Pharmacy and Poisons Appeal Tribunal
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board
Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Committee
Private Columbaria Appeal Board
Private Columbaria Licensing Board
Process Review Panel for Insurance Authority
Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme Vetting Committee
Programme Management Committee, Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales - Enterprise Support Programme
Property Management Services Authority
Radiation Board
Radiological Protection Advisory Group
Registered Inspectors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Research Council
Research Grants Council
Retail Technology Adoption Assistance Scheme for Manpower Demand Management

Vetting Committee
Review Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
Review Panel under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance
Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal
Securities and Futures Commission
Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority
Selection Panel (Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme)
Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund Investment Committee
Sir David Trench Fund Committee
Small and Medium Enterprises Committee
Social Enterprise Advisory Committee
Standing Committee on Company Law Reform
Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Steering Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Steering Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing
Steering Committee on Mediation
Steering Committee on Qualifications Framework (QF) Fund
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Supplementary Medical Professions Council
Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund Advisory Committee
Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee
Technical Committee on the Minor Works Control System
Technology Voucher Programme Committee
The Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development
The Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee
Torture Claims Appeal Board
Tourism Strategy Group
Town Planning Board
Trade and Industry Advisory Board
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board
University Grants Committee
Urban Renewal Authority Board
Vetting Committee of the Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund
Vocational Training Council
Water Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel

(Note: ASBs with no government appointed non-official members are excluded.)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2976)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Administration will support the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting the well-being and interests of women. In addition, the Administration states that the provision for this year is $3.1 million (8.9%) higher than the revised estimate for last year due to increased provision for supporting the work of the WoC. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

Please provide the name of the activities organised by the WoC, the number of participants, the details and effectiveness of the activities, as well as the expenditure involved over the past 3 years.

What supporting measures were taken by the Administration for the WoC last year? What are the details and effectiveness of such measures?

How will the Administration make effective and reasonable use of the increased provision for supporting the work of the WoC this year? What are the specific work initiatives, additional manpower and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

The Women's Commission (WoC) held and attended several hundreds of meetings and activities in the past 3 years. The major activities and meetings held by the WoC are set out on the WoC's website. Other than its internal meetings, the WoC widely invites relevant women organisations, non-governmental organisations and social services organisations to participate in its activities. The Government does not keep a breakdown of the expenditures incurred for these activities.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with the WoC in promoting women's interests and well-being through the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. The LWB's estimate on

women's interests for 2020-21 is $38 million, which will be used for supporting the work of the WoC. The estimated expenditures by subhead are set out as follows:

Subhead	**Provision in 2020-21 ($'000)**
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	9,700
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development	4,000
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	800
Strengthening liaison and exchanges with women's groups in Hong Kong and other regions	400
Salaries, allowances and other personnel related expenses	18,300
Others	4,800
Total	**38,000**

The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is $3.1 million (8.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20 (i.e. $34.9 million) for strengthening support for the work of the WoC, including commissioning a consultant to conduct a survey and a research study on women's employment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0037)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses mentioned under Programme (2), please inform this Committee on the following:

1. what are the numbers of applications received and approved in phase 2?
2. please tabulate, by the 18 types of services, the number of welfare facilities and places will be provided.
3. what are the expenditures and manpower earmarked for carrying out the scheme this year?
4. what is the latest progress of development projects under phase 1?
5. will the Administration consider strengthening financial and administrative support to participating NGOs?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. & 2. The application for Phase Two of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) was closed on 30 August 2019 and applications have been received from 17 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involving 26 projects. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is scrutinising the preliminary proposals of the projects submitted under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme and will discuss with the NGO applicants to confirm the details, such as service types and places, of the projects with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

3. The administrative costs (including salary) incurred by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the SWD for the implementation of the Special Sites Scheme will be covered by the existing funding allocation. The SWD has proposed to create one permanent post of Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) for strengthening the planning, coordination and implementation of the Special Sites Scheme and other

capital works projects of welfare premises. The proposal was endorsed by the Establishment Subcommittee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 24 June 2019 and is pending submission to the LegCo Finance Committee for approval.

4. By the closing of application for Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme on 18 November 2013, preliminary proposals submitted by 43 NGOs involving 63 projects had been received. As at end of December 2019, 5 projects under the Special Sites Scheme had been completed and commenced service. One other project had entered the construction stage and was expected to be completed in 2020. These 6 projects provide various welfare services, including about 260 additional elderly service places (including about 100 subvented places) and about 1 020 additional rehabilitation service places (all being subvented places). After review, 13 project proposals, which are not able to proceed further due to various reasons (e.g. site constraints), have been removed from the Special Sites Scheme. As for the remaining projects, they are at different planning stages and are expected to be completed in phases after 2020-21, subject to their technical feasibility. Based on an updated rough estimation, if all the projects (i.e. excluding the 13 projects which were removed) under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme could be implemented smoothly, a range of welfare facilities will be provided, including about 9 000 additional elderly service places and about 8 000 additional rehabilitation service places.

5. NGOs participating in the Special Sites Scheme may apply for the Lotteries Fund to meet the costs of the technical feasibility studies (TFSs), construction and fitting-out works of these projects. Other flexible funding arrangements include those for welfare-related ancillary facilities, TFSs, decanting costs, as well as capital works of self-financing projects, etc. The Government has proposed various enhanced features for Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme, including enhancing the types of welfare services on the list of facilities, increasing the types of welfare-related ancillary facilities for inclusion in project proposals, enhancing the scope of the support on decanting cost. In addition, the SWD will work closely with the NGO applicants, facilitate their communication with government departments and expedite the solutions of technical or other relevant issues with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0039)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 under Programme (2), that the Bureau will review the barrier-free access for persons with disabilities by benchmarking against the accessibility standards and practices in overseas cities with a view to further enhancing the accessibility of the local community/living environment. In this regard, would the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1. of the details, timetable, estimated expenditures and manpower involved in the review; and
2. as the Audit Report released in October 2018 and the Public Accounts Committee report concerned have made recommendations to the Bureau on enhancing provision of barrier-free facilities at government premises, of the latest update on the relevant follow-up actions.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. The Government will review the barrier-free access for persons with disabilities in the local community/living environment by taking reference from the accessibility standards and practices in overseas cities; conduct site inspections on the existing level of accessibility and consult stakeholders in order to formulate a strategy for eliminating barriers; and recommend practical measures, including application of information and communications technology, introduction of incentive schemes and launch of thematic training and education programmes, with a view to further enhancing the accessibility of the local community/living environment. The review has commenced in early 2019. Given the large number of government departments participating in the review, details of all the units, manpower and resources involved are not available.

2. On following up the recommendations made in Report No. 71 of the Director of Audit released in 2018 on provision of barrier-free facilities at government premises, the

Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has reminded policy bureaux and government departments of the need to maintain a complete and up-to-date list of barrier-free facilities under their management and publicise the list; examine the barrier-free access and facilities under their management and carry out timely improvement works if there is any inadequacy to ensure that persons with disabilities can have barrier-free access to these premises and use the facilities therein; and report the examination results and follow-up actions to LWB on a regular basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0043)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Controlling Officer's Report mentioned that, during 2020–21, the Shine Skills Centres will implement an enhanced integrated vocational and skills training programme by phases and continue to develop new courses and modify existing ones to meet the changing needs of the open employment market so as to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities. In this regard, could the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1. details of the enhanced programme;
2. new courses to be provided and existing courses to be modified in this year;
3. funding and manpower devoted to provide vocational and skills training courses in each of the past 3 years and this year; and
4. funding and manpower devoted to develop and modify vocational and skills training courses in each of the past 3 years and this year.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The Shine Skills Centres (SSCs) will implement by phases an enhanced integrated vocational and skills training programme, which combines the strengths of the technical skills training offered by the SSCs and the post-training employment support provided for students through the Integrated Vocational Training Centres subvented by the Social Welfare Department, to equip students with disabilities with skills commensurate with their abilities, train them to adapt to the work environment, keep up their work motivation and sustain their continuous employment in the open market. The enhanced training model consists of 3 core elements: (i) enhancement of training courses and services, including introducing more courses recognised under the Qualification Framework, enhancing classroom management skills, increasing the number of lessons in educational modules on whole-person development/life planning, providing more internship opportunities for students, and upgrading the simulated work environment in training workshops; (ii)

strengthened post-graduation extended support by providing post-graduation support services for graduates through cross-disciplinary collaboration, including providing post-training employment support through job coaches for graduates who have secured open employment and their employers/peer workers as well as support for individual graduates on a need basis, providing counselling services by social workers for graduates who have not yet entered the job market and their families, arranging job matching and interviews/internships for graduates seeking employment, and helping graduates interested in further studies ascertain their interested areas of study/needs and referring them to pursue the suitable programmes; and (iii) provision of "up-skilling" or "re-skilling" courses for graduates with a view to raising their competitiveness in seeking employment in the open market or enhancing their opportunities to change jobs in response to changes in the market situation and work types. In this connection, the SSCs will introduce 2 new full-time half-year courses in 2020-21.

Government subventions for the SSCs in 2020-21 and the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	2017-18 ($ million)	2018-19 ($ million)	2019-20 (revised estimate) ($ million)	2020-21 (estimate) ($ million)
Subvention	107.3	113.7	115.4	125.9

The SSCs deploy financial and manpower resources according to their teaching and operational needs (including development of new courses and modification to existing ones) as appropriate. The relevant resources are included in the above subventions and cannot be itemised separately.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0079)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020–21 under Programme (2), that the Bureau will oversee the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities. In this connection, please inform this Committee the following:

1. please tabulate, by districts, types of service provided and floor area, the list of purchases made last year
2. please tabulate, by districts, types of service provided and floor area, the list of potential purchases to be made this year
3. please list out the purchase prices of each premises, and funding to be earmarked for purchasing premises this year.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres, day care centres for the elderly, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. The Government briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with a list of premises proposed to be purchased, which details the distribution by type of welfare facilities, district and floor area requirements, for Members' information. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start purchasing the premises as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3076)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare, (4) Manpower Development

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the Wuhan epidemic, the unemployed or underemployed people are concerned that:

Faced with the Wuhan epidemic, residents living in inadequate housing may be emotionally disturbed by their unemployment or underemployment. In January this year, the Chief Executive proposed to launch an "unemployment allowance" to help the unemployed people currently receiving the Working Family Allowance (WFA) through the Community Care Fund this October. Please advise:

1. instead of "using distant water to put out a nearby fire", will the Government advance the launching of the "unemployment allowance" to March this year to help the unemployed or underemployed people who have been in distress since this February?
2. the following statistics kept by the Government:
   A. the current number of applicants receiving the WFA;
   B. the estimated number of applicants receiving the WFA who will become unemployed or underemployed;
   C. for the unemployed or underemployed people who are not currently receiving the WFA, can they apply for the unemployment allowance being devised? If yes, how can they make an application? If no, how is the Government going to help them tide over the difficulties?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 262)

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced on 14 January 2020 that a time-limited cash allowance would be provided to the unemployed/underemployed who had received the Working Family Allowance (WFA) or the Student Financial Assistance (SFA). However, having considered the adverse impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the economy and the need for expeditious assistance for low-income households, the Chief Executive announced on 14 February to relax the relevant arrangements by providing a one-off special allowance,

through the newly-established Anti-epidemic Fund, to each eligible beneficiary household under the WFA and the means-tested SFA for pre-primary, primary and secondary students, regardless of whether the low-income household is unemployed or underemployed. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council gave its funding approval for the Anti-epidemic Fund on 21 February and the aforementioned special allowance will be disbursed in batches starting from June 2020. It is expected that the special allowance would benefit more than 200 000 low-income households, and involve an expenditure of about $990 million. Beneficiary households are not required to make applications. The aforementioned special allowance under the Anti-epidemic Fund does not fall within the scope of the Appropriation Bill, or the estimates of the General Revenue Account.

As at 29 February 2020, a total of 75 863 WFA applications were approved in 2019-20, involving 60 529 households. The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency will closely monitor the number of WFA applications.

Furthermore, the Employees Retraining Board has launched the 'Love Upgrading Special Scheme' in October 2019 to provide comprehensive training which lasts for two to three months to employees affected by the economic downturn, as well as special allowance to the trainees during the training period.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2398)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau indicated that it would oversee the preparatory work for the initiative to improve the Working Family Allowance Scheme as announced in January 2020. Would the Government advise this Committee of the details of the improvement initiative, the estimated expenditure involved and the implementation timetable?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced on 14 January 2020 that the Transport and Housing Bureau will, on a trial basis, provide cash allowance to eligible General Applicant households awaiting public rental housing (PRH) for more than three years. To this end, the Chief Executive also proposed to provide a set of more relaxed household monthly income limits under the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme for non-Comprehensive Social Security Assistance low-income families who have not applied for PRH or who have been waiting for PRH for less than three years, so that they may receive a higher rate of WFA. The Government's preliminary assessment is that this initiative may be implemented in the second half of 2021, which will benefit about 9 000 households and involve an expenditure of about $100 million. The more concrete timetable and implementation details will be announced in due course.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1215)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) under the Programme, would the Government advise of the following:

(1) What are the amount of reimbursement claims made to the Government and the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme in each of the past 3 years, broken down by transport operator, mode of transport and type of beneficiaries (namely the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities)?

(2) What is the average number of daily passenger trips under the Scheme, broken down by mode of transport? What is the annual average number of passenger trips taken by an elderly person under the Scheme?

(3) The Government proposed in January to lower the eligible age of the Scheme from the current 65 to 60. What is the implementation timetable for this proposal upon completion of relevant study in the first half of this year? Can we speed up its implementation in the coming year?

(4) The Government mentioned that it would study the possibility of issuing a personalised octopus card to all silver-age/elderly persons eligible for the Scheme, which could also serve as the Social Welfare Department's Senior Citizen Card. What are the details, timetable and budget for the study?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The information required is provided below:

(1) & (2)

There are currently about 1.5 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), of which approximately 1.33 million are elderly persons[(Note 1)] and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities[(Note 2)].

The average numbers of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019, broken down by year, are as follows:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2017	357 000	54 000
	2018	392 000	57 000
	2019	454 000	64 000
Franchised bus operators	2017	478 000	66 000
	2018	512 000	70 000
	2019	537 000	72 000
Ferry operators	2017	6 700	800
	2018	6 900	900
	2019	7 200	1 000
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2017	223 000	29 000
	2018	243 000	31 000
	2019	258 000	31 000

The Government's reimbursements of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, broken down by financial year, are tabulated below:

Public transport operator	2017-18 actual ($'000)		2018-19 actual ($'000)		2019-20 revised estimate ($'000)	
	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
MTRCL	231,463	47,898	261,306	53,221	284,541	54,983
Franchised bus operators	341,917	134,593	372,531	142,818	395,610	148,822
Ferry operators	24,485	3,051	27,749	3,491	28,269	3,587
GMB operators	273,968	36,081	309,079	39,213	348,505	42,737
Total	871,833	221,623	970,665	238,743	1,056,925	250,129

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities, and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group.

(3) & (4)

The Government is reviewing the Scheme with assistance of a consultant and the review is expected to be completed by the middle of this year. Arrangements for implementing the improvement measures will then be announced.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1216)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding "oversee the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities" under the Programme, please advise on:

1. the progress of the related work in the past year and the numbers of sites already purchased/planned to be purchased;
2. the number of premises planned to be purchased for the coming year and the minimum lead time for provision of services subsequent to the purchases;
3. the budget and the staff establishment involved in the purchase of premises for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres, day care centres for the elderly, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. On 10 June 2019, the Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on the new initiative, with information on the some 160 proposed welfare facilities spreading across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") and the Government Property Agency ("GPA") will start purchasing the premises as soon as possible.

With regard to the staff establishment involved, the SWD has proposed to create one permanent post of Senior Principal Executive Officer (D2) in 2020-21 to implement the purchase of premises initiative, and to strengthen the planning, coordination and implementation of other capital works projects of welfare premises. The proposal was endorsed by the Establishment Subcommittee of the LegCo on 24 June 2019 and is pending

submission to the LegCo Finance Committee for approval. In 2020-21, the GPA will also create 9 time-limited posts, including 4 posts of the Valuation Surveyor grade, 2 posts of the Valuation Officer grade, 1 post of the Survey Officer grade and 1 post of the Land Conveyancing Officer grade for 3 years; as well as 1 post of the Management Services Officer grade for 2 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2558)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work of the Women's Commission (WoC) this year, please inform this Committee:

a) of the details and progress of the work of the WoC last year;

b) of the meeting attendance rate of each WoC member and the respective number of WoC activities/work events they attended. Is there any mechanism for assessing the performance and effectiveness of the work of the WoC and its members? If yes, what are the details?

c) whether the WoC was involved in the fight against the epidemic in the past 3 months. If yes, what kind of work has been done?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 907)

Reply:

The Women's Commission (WoC) is tasked to advise the Government on policies and initiatives which are of concern to women and promote women's causes. Minutes of meetings and secretary's reports of the WoC, which set out the attendance lists, views expressed by members as well as women-related meetings and activities held and attended by the WoC, are available on the WoC's website (http://www.women.gov.hk/).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2559)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the level of political participation of women in Hong Kong, please provide this Committee with the following information:

a) Please list the respective numbers of male and female members of various statutory and advisory bodies in the territory as well as their respective proportions in the total number of members of these bodies, and state the respective numbers of male and female members of various District Councils and the respective gender ratios (please tabulate the information by name of body); and

b) What is the level of women's participation in public organisations and statutory and advisory bodies? Does the Government have a set of benchmarks to measure whether the target has been achieved? Please provide the names of bodies that have yet to achieve the target. What initiatives will the Government take to increase the number of female members of these bodies?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 908)

Reply:

(a) The participation of men and women in all government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) with appointed non-official members is available on the dedicated webpage of the Home Affairs Bureau (https://www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/District_Community_and_Public_Relations/advisory.htm). The numbers and proportions of male and female members in various District Councils of the current term are provided in Annex I.

(b) As at the end of December 2019, the proportion of appointed female non-official members (calculated on a post basis) in all government ASBs was 33.8%. A list of ASBs with appointed female non-official members of less than 35% is provided in Annex II.

The Government makes appointments of non-official members to ASBs on the basis of the merit of the individuals concerned, with due regard to the functions and nature of business of relevant ASBs and statutory requirements set out in relevant ordinances of the statutory bodies. The Government will continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and invite women's associations and organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the centralised database administered by the Home Affairs Bureau. The Labour and Welfare Bureau reminds bureaux and departments from time to time that under the said principle, the 35% gender benchmark should be met as far as possible in considering appointments to the ASBs under their purview, and justifications should be provided when the gender benchmark is not met.

Numbers and proportions of
male and female members in various District Councils
(as at 29 February 2020)

District Council	Total number of female members	Total number of male members	Proportion of female members	Proportion of male members
Central & Western	5	10	33.3%	66.7%
Eastern	11	24	31.4%	68.6%
Islands	4	14	22.2%	77.8%
Kowloon City	5	20	20.0%	80.0%
Kwai Tsing	6	26	18.8%	81.2%
Kwun Tong	8	32	20.0%	80.0%
North	4	18	18.2%	81.8%
Sai Kung	4	27	12.9%	87.1%
Sha Tin	4	38	9.5%	90.5%
Sham Shui Po	5	20	20.0%	80.0%
Southern	4	13	23.5%	76.5%
Tai Po	1	20	4.8%	95.2%
Tsuen Wan	1	20	4.8%	95.2%
Tuen Mun	8	24	25.0%	75.0%
Wan Chai	7	6	53.8%	46.2%
Wong Tai Sin	6	19	24.0%	76.0%
Yau Tsim Mong	2	18	10.0%	90.0%
Yuen Long	5	40	11.1%	88.9%

ASBs with appointed female non-official members less than 35%
(as at 31 December 2019)

Advisory Board on Licensing of Plumbers
Advisory Body on Third Party Funding of Arbitration and Mediation
Airport Authority
Asbestos Administration Committee
Authorized Persons', Registered Structural Engineers' and Registered Geotechnical Engineers' Disciplinary Board Panel
Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme
Buildings Energy Efficiency Appeal Board Panel
Committee on the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities
Council for the AIDS Trust Fund
Expert Committee on Plumbing and Waterworks Materials
Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Disciplinary Board
Geotechnical Engineers Registration Committee Panel
Hong Kong Rotary Club Students' Loan Fund & Sing Tao Charitable Foundation Students' Loan Fund Joint Selection Committee
Inspectors Registration Committee Panel
Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee
Minor Works Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Port Operations Committee
Port Welfare Committee
Project Management Committee of Cleaner Production Partnership Programme
Radio Spectrum and Technical Standards Advisory Committee
Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Seafarers' Advisory Board
Standing Advisory Committee (Oil Storage Installations)
Steering Committee of Pilot Green Transport Fund
Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund
Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel
Technical Committee on the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete
Technical Committee on the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access
Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee
Accreditation Advisory Board
Action Committee Against Narcotics
Advisory Committee for the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance
Advisory Committee on Chinese Medicine Development Fund
Advisory Committee on Countryside Conservation
Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants
Advisory Committee on Water Supplies
Advisory Committee under Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap 572

Air Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel
Air Transport Licensing Authority
Appeal Board Panel (Electricity)
Appeal Board Panel (Entertainment Special Effects)
Appeal Board Panel (under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance)
Appeal Panel on Government's Voluntary Contributions under the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme
Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings)
Authorized Persons Registration Committee Panel
Authorized Persons', Registered Structural Engineers' and Registered Geotechnical Engineers' Disciplinary Board Panel
Aviation Development and Three-runway System Advisory Committee
Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People
Banking Advisory Committee
Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
Board of Governors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital
Board of Review (Film Censorship)
Board of Scientific Advisers
Board of West Kowloon Cultural District Authority
Building Safety Loan Scheme Vetting Committee
Buildings Energy Efficiency Disciplinary Board Panel
Chinese Temples Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the ICAC
Civil Service Training Advisory Board
Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-industrialisation
Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals
Communications Authority
Competition Commission
Construction Industry Council
Consumer Council
Contractors Registration Committee Panel
Copyright Tribunal
Correctional Services Department Complaints Appeal Board
Council of City University of Hong Kong
Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University
Council of the Chinese University of Hong Kong
Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Council of the Open University of Hong Kong
Council of the University of Hong Kong
Council on Professional Conduct in Education
Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Committee
Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Board
Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee

Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee
Disciplinary Board Panel (Land Survey)
Disciplinary Tribunal Panel (Electricity)
Drinking Water Safety Advisory Committee
Education Commission
Electoral Affairs Commission
Electrical Safety Advisory Committee
Enterprise Support Scheme Assessment Panel
Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
Expanded Building Committee
Expert Committee on Food Safety
Expert Panel on the Designation of Designated Local Research Institutions
Fight Crime Committee
Film Development Council
Financial Reporting Council
Financial Reporting Review Panel
Financial Services Development Council
Fire Safety Committee
Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee
High Speed Craft Consultative Committee
Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS
Hong Kong Arts Development Council
Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification
Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health
Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board
Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee
Hong Kong Housing Authority
Hong Kong Logistics Development Council
Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board
Hong Kong Productivity Council
Hong Kong Tourism Board
Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Hospital Authority
Independent Police Complaints Council
Industry Advisory Committee on General Business
Industry Advisory Committee on Long Term Business
InnoHK Steering Committee
Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee
Innovation and Technology Fund Research Projects Assessment Panel
Insurance Appeals Tribunal
Insurance Authority
Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee

Investment Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Joint Committee on Student Finance
Land and Development Advisory Committee
Land Surveyors Registration Committee
Lantau Development Advisory Committee
Legal Aid Services Council
Leveraged Foreign Exchange Trading Arbitration Panel
Local Vessels Advisory Committee
Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee
Market Misconduct Tribunal
Operations Review Committee of the ICAC
Panel of the Witness Protection Review Board
Pensions Appeal Panel
Pharmacy and Poisons Appeal Tribunal
Pilotage Advisory Committee
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board
Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Committee
Private Columbaria Appeal Board
Private Columbaria Licensing Board
Process Review Panel for Insurance Authority
Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme Vetting Committee
Programme Management Committee, Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales - Enterprise Support Programme
Property Management Services Authority
Radiation Board
Radiological Protection Advisory Group
Registered Inspectors' Disciplinary Board Panel
Research Council
Research Grants Council
Retail Technology Adoption Assistance Scheme for Manpower Demand Management Vetting Committee
Review Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
Review Panel under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance
Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal
Securities and Futures Commission
Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority
Selection Panel (Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme)
Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund Investment Committee
Sir David Trench Fund Committee
Small and Medium Enterprises Committee
Social Enterprise Advisory Committee
Standing Committee on Company Law Reform
Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service

Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service
Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training
Steering Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund
Steering Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing
Steering Committee on Mediation
Steering Committee on Qualifications Framework (QF) Fund
Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles
Supplementary Medical Professions Council
Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund Advisory Committee
Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee
Technical Committee on the Minor Works Control System
Technology Voucher Programme Committee
The Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development
The Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee
Torture Claims Appeal Board
Tourism Strategy Group
Town Planning Board
Trade and Industry Advisory Board
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board
University Grants Committee
Urban Renewal Authority Board
Vetting Committee of the Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund
Vocational Training Council
Water Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel

(Note: ASBs with no government appointed non-official members are excluded.)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2560)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On enhancing the community's understanding of gender-related issues, what are the details of the specific work of the Government, and the expenditure and staff establishment involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 910)

Reply:

The Women's Commission (WoC) is committed to promoting gender mainstreaming. Gender mainstreaming is a global strategy advocated by the United Nations for the promotion of women's interests and gender equality, so that gender sensitive concerns and experience will be taken into consideration in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of legislation, public policies and programmes. Through such gender sensitive decision-making processes, gender mainstreaming seeks to ensure that women and men have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities, with the aim of achieving women's advancement and gender equality.

To promote the concept of gender mainstreaming in the community, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), in collaboration with the WoC, has established a Gender Focal Point (GFP) network in District Councils, the social welfare sector and listed companies. The GFPs serve as the resource persons to help raise awareness and understanding of gender-related issues among members of their respective organisations. They also serve as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. The resources involved in the above work were absorbed within the expenditure for the Programme of Women's Interests of the LWB. The LWB does not keep a breakdown of the expenditure for the above work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2561)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Gender Focal Points (GFPs) among government bureaux/departments, District Councils, non-governmental organisations in the social welfare sector and listed companies", please inform this Committee:

a) of the names and contact methods of all GFPs;

b) of the effectiveness of promoting the gender mainstreaming concept through GFPs;

c) of the resources involved; and

d) whether GFPs receive training and supervision from the Government; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 909)

Reply:

a) The list of Gender Focal Points (GFPs) in government bureaux/departments with post titles is set out in the Annex. The list has also been brought to the attention of colleagues in various bureaux/departments and uploaded to the Internet. The GFPs of different bureaux/departments can be contacted by phone, email, fax, etc.

b) GFPs serve as contact points in government bureaux/departments or respective organisations to help raise the awareness and understanding of gender-related issues among members of their respective organisations and promote the concept of gender mainstreaming.

Starting from 2015-16, the Government has requested all bureaux/departments to refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist developed by the Women's Commission (WoC) to conduct gender impact assessments when formulating major government policies and initiatives, and take into consideration as far as practicable the needs of both genders in the provision of facilities or services. For example, the Government has imposed a mandatory requirement for the provision of babycare rooms and

lactation rooms, and has set out in details the size and number of babycare room(s) and/or lactation room(s) to be provided, in the conditions of sale of government land sales sites for new commercial developments.

c) The resources involved in setting up GFPs were absorbed within the expenditure for the Programme of Women's Interests of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB). The LWB does not keep a breakdown of the expenditure for the above work.

d) The WoC maintains exchanges with GFPs from time to time to promote the application of gender mainstreaming in various sectors. For example, a Lunch-time Talk for Gender Focal Point Network among Listed Companies was organised under the theme of "Promoting Gender Diversity in Business Setting" in July 2019. Some 70 GFPs or representatives from listed companies, business chambers and professional bodies attended the talk upon invitation. The Government also organised a number of training programmes on gender-related issues for civil servants. In 2019-20, about 1 000 civil servants of different grades and ranks attended such programmes. These included seminars open to all civil servants organised by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute, and tailor-made training programmes organised for Administrative Officers, Executive Officers, as well as staff of different departments including the Labour Department, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Social Welfare Department and the Immigration Department.

Annex

List of Government Gender Focal Points
(as at 9 March 2020)

Bureau/Department	**Post Title**
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Assistant Director (Agriculture)
Architectural Services Department	Chief Architect/2
Audit Commission	Principal Auditor (Technical Administration)
Auxiliary Medical Service	Chief Staff Officer
Buildings Department	Chief Officer/Technical Services
Census and Statistics Department	Assistant Commissioner (Social)
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)/ Administration Wing
Civil Aid Service	Staff Officer
Civil Aviation Department	Chief Safety Officer (Airport & Safety Regulation)
Civil Engineering and Development Department	Departmental Secretary
Civil Service Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Management)
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)/Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch
	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)/Communications and Creative Industries Branch
	Assistant Commissioner (Tourism) 1/Tourism Commission
Companies Registry	Registry Manager
Correctional Services Department	Assistant Commissioner (Rehabilitation)
Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (5)
Customs and Excise Department	Assistant Commissioner (Administration and Human Resource Development)
Department of Health	Departmental Secretary
Development Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Works)/Works Branch
	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)/Planning and Lands Branch
Drainage Services Department	Departmental Secretary
Education Bureau	Principal Education Officer (Education Commission and Planning)
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	Chief Engineer/Gas Standards A
Environment Bureau/	Principal Environmental Protection Officer

Environmental Protection Department	(Corporate Affairs)
Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (General)/Treasury Branch
	Principal Assistant Secretary (Financial Services) 3/Financial Service Branch
Fire Services Department	Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Headquarters)
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Assistant Director (Administration)
Food and Health Bureau	Head, Resource Management and Administration
Government Flying Service	Chief Aircraft Engineer
Government Laboratory	Departmental Secretary
Government Property Agency	Deputy Government Property Administrator
Government Logistics Department	Departmental Secretary
Highways Department	Departmental Administrative Secretary
Home Affairs Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (Civic Affairs) 3
Home Affairs Department	Assistant Director (Administration)
Hong Kong Observatory	Assistant Director (Development, Research and Administration)
Hong Kong Police Force	Assistant Commissioner of Police (Support)
Hongkong Post	Assistant Postmaster General (Corporate Development)
Immigration Department	Assistant Director (Management and Support)
Independent Commission Against Corruption	Assistant Director/Administration
Information Services Department	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)
Inland Revenue Department	Chief Assessor (Special Duties)
Innovation and Technology Bureau	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)/Administration Division
	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)/ Innovation and Technology Commission
	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)/Office of the Government Chief Information Officer
	Principal Management Services Officer 4/ Efficiency Office
Intellectual Property Department	Assistant Director (Hearings)
Invest Hong Kong	Associate Director-General 3
Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service	Assistant Secretary General (2)
Labour and Welfare Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (Welfare) 2
Labour Department	Assistant Commissioner (Policy Support)
Land Registry	Departmental Secretary
Lands Department	Senior Estate Surveyor/Training

Legal Aid Department	Assistant Principal Legal Aid Counsel/Legal and Management Support
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Chief Executive Officer (Administration)
Marine Department	Departmental Secretary
Official Receiver's Office	Departmental Secretary
Office of the Communications Authority	Deputy Departmental Secretary 1
Planning Department	Chief Town Planner/Technical Services
Radio Television Hong Kong	Departmental Secretary
Rating and Valuation Department	Assistant Technical Secretary (2)
Registration and Electoral Office	Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (Committee & Research)
Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	Senior Assistant Secretary (3)
Security Bureau	Principal Management Services Officer (Security)
Social Welfare Department	Chief Social Work Officer (Corporate Planning and Coordination)
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	Chief Executive Officer/Continuing Education Fund
Trade and Industry Department	Departmental Secretary
Transport and Housing Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (Housing)(Policy Support)/Assistant Director (Policy Support)
Transport Department	Assistant Commissioner/Management and Paratransit
Treasury	Assistant Director of Accounting Services (Planning and Development)
University Grants Committee Secretariat	Deputy Secretary-General (1)
Water Supplies Department	Departmental Secretary

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1499)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21, the Bureau will keep under review policies and services related to women. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please list in detail various support measures to facilitate women's employment under this Programme, in particular, how to support those homemakers with young children who intend to rejoin the labour market.
2. With the support of various measures, what is the number of women who have secured employment again and the effectiveness of these measures?
3. Will the Bureau adjust the relevant policies in 2020-21? What are the resources to be allocated for support measures to facilitate women's employment?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been making provision for the Women's Commission (WoC) under the Programme of Women's Interests to implement the Funding Scheme for Women's Development (Funding Scheme) on the theme of "Women's Employment". Under the Funding Scheme, 18 District Councils and women's groups may implement various programmes relating to women's employment. Apart from "Women's Employment", two more themes, namely "Women's Health" and "Women's Empowerment", were added in 2018-19. In 2020-21, the LWB will continue to implement the Funding Scheme with an estimated expenditure of $4 million.

Furthermore, the WoC's terms of reference include initiating and undertaking independent surveys and research studies on women's issues. The WoC will conduct a study in 2020 on the considerations and difficulties of different groups of women in choosing whether or not to work. The expenditure and manpower involved have been included in the estimates of this Programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2318)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the local residential care services for the elderly in the past 5 years, please inform this Committee of:

a. the annual number of subsidised care and attention (C&A) and subsidised nursing home (NH) places provided by the Government, the manpower and expenditure involved;

b. the number of practitioners currently engaged in elderly services, and the estimated number of such practitioners in the coming 5 years;

c. the current number of local training courses on elderly services;

d. the annual number of applications for subsidised C&A and subsidised NH places;

e. the annual number of places successfully allocated;

f. the number of elderly persons currently waitlisted, the average duration of waiting for the above residential care places in years, and the longest waiting time in years; and

g. whether the Government has plans to increase the residential care places in the coming 5 years; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a. The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the total expenditure from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

b. As services for the elderly involve various aspects and different operational models, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not collected statistics on the overall number of practitioners currently engaged in elderly services. The information sought is therefore unavailable.

c. As at 31 December 2019, a total of 29 training organisations were approved by the Director of Social Welfare under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons)

Regulation to organise 38 health worker training courses applicable to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Currently, there are different organisations offering other training courses of services for the elderly. Since these courses are not provided nor approved by SWD, the relevant information is unavailable.

d. The number of new elderly applicants for subsidised C&A and that for subsidised NH places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
C&A places	15 577	16 607	16 547	17 494	13 084
NH places	2 712	2 660	2 634	2 760	2 026

e. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of elderly persons allocated with subsidised residential care places is as follows:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
5 632	5 607	5 219	5 366	4 419

f. The waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is affected by various factors, for example, whether the applicants have special preferences for a particular home and the location, diet and religious background of RCHEs, whether they accept subsidised residential care places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS), whether they have requested joining family members and/or relatives in a particular home, the turnover rate of individual homes, etc. SWD does not have information on the longest waiting time.

The waiting time and number of people waitlisted for subsidised C&A places and NH places as at end-December 2019 are provided as follows:

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of people waitlisted
C&A places		33 843 [Note 2]
- Subvented/contract RCHEs	41	
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	8	
Overall	20	
NH places [Note 3]	22	7 168 [Note 4]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC) in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes the elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes the elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

g. The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase elderly service places. It has taken forward 51 development projects from 2019-20 to construct new contract homes and day care centres/units for the elderly, with about 7 100 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 1 800 day care service places for the elderly expected to come on stream. In addition, the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly has been implemented since March 2017. A maximum of 3 000 RCSVs will be issued in batches, offering elderly persons in need of residential care service with an additional choice. Besides, SWD will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20 (1 000 additional places each year) to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. SWD has already started the work in relation to the purchase of around 2 000 places in total for 2019-20 and 2020-21. Among the first batch of additional EA1 places, around 320 places commenced service at the end of 2019 and the remainder of around 1 600 additional places will commence service in 2020-21.

Apart from the aforesaid measures, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) with a view to encouraging non-governmental organisations to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services in particular to increase the provision of elderly, rehabilitation and child care service places. According to the latest proposals from applicant organisations in Phase 1 of the Special Scheme, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services, a total of about 9 000 additional elderly service places could be provided, including about 7 500 residential care places and about 1 500 day care service places. To further increase welfare facilities in keen demand, including elderly services, the Government launched a new phase of the Special Scheme in April 2019.

Annex 1

Number of places under subsidised residential care services for the elderly

Year	Number of subsidised places			
	H/A places [Note 1]	**C&A places** [Note 2]	**NH places** [Note 3]	**Total**
2015-16	67	23 237	3 609	**26 913**
2016-17	67	23 381	3 806	**27 254**
2017-18	67	23 460	3 962	**27 489**
2018-19	67	23 521	4 016	**27 604**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	67	24 450	4 088	**28 605**

[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for H/A places since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. Starting from 2005-06, H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places providing a CoC.

[Note 2] C&A places include places provided by contract homes and subvented C&A homes and those under the EBPS. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with CoC under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing NHs participating in the NHPPS.

Annex 2

Expenditure on subsidised residential care services for the elderly

Year	**Expenditure ($ billion)** [Note]
2015-16 (Actual)	4.2437
2016-17 (Actual)	4.5388
2017-18 (Actual)	4.7939
2018-19 (Actual)	5.4222
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	6.5070

[Note] Including various types of residential places for the elderly and residential places under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0971)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched an enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) under this Programme to encourage more young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

a) the current achievements of the Navigation Scheme;

b) the enhancements of the Navigation Scheme in terms of the objectives, details and timetable.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 445 trainees graduated, while 222 trainees are still in the Navigation Scheme. Based on the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units.

b) The Government will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0800)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the number of cases receiving the Normal Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the Higher OALA respectively; and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA cases from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by district is set out in the Annex. The expenditure of OALA from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)	
	Normal OALA	Higher OALA
2017-18 (Actual)	15,331	N.A.
2018-19 (Actual)	4,040	25,897
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	1,787	25,291

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, whereas the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the disbursement of a one-off grant to eligible Higher OALA recipients which takes retrospective effect from May 2017 and the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for 2018-19. The revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex

Number of OALA [Note] recipients by district from 2017-18 to 2019-20

District	2017-18	2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	OALA	Normal OALA	Higher OALA	Normal OALA	Higher OALA
Central & Western	7 940	1 234	7 745	1 126	7 929
Eastern	37 982	4 681	37 233	4 286	38 314
Islands	7 022	723	7 408	686	8 052
Kowloon City	23 257	2 618	22 968	2 376	23 846
Kwai Tsing	47 634	4 484	48 256	4 174	50 330
Kwun Tong	62 039	5 543	63 613	5 104	66 606
North	18 275	2 189	18 570	1 988	19 984
Sai Kung	25 214	2 829	25 463	2 673	26 898
Sha Tin	47 930	5 640	48 852	5 446	51 649
Sham Shui Po	27 019	2 689	27 482	2 566	29 115
Southern	18 832	2 017	18 740	1 867	19 267
Tai Po	18 515	2 193	18 991	2 027	20 394
Tsuen Wan	18 035	1 947	18 279	1 825	18 939
Tuen Mun	34 855	3 742	36 048	3 713	38 664
Wan Chai	3 933	651	3 887	580	3 947
Wong Tai Sin	41 447	4 073	41 448	3 716	42 819
Yau Tsim Mong	13 550	1 976	13 126	1 788	13 562
Yuen Long	30 121	3 148	31 368	2 971	33 572
Total	**483 600**	**52 377**	**489 477**	**48 912**	**513 887**

[Note] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon the implementation of the Higher OALA in June 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3176)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out for the past 5 years:

1. the number of various Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services for the elderly, the average waiting time, the median waiting time, the number of persons who applied for a freeze on service allocation, with a breakdown by gender, age and district;
2. the average per capita cost, service fee and total amount of subsidy for the various BPS and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services for the elderly; and
3. the total number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away or withdrawn their applications for subsidised care and attention (C&A) homes and subsidised nursing homes (NHs), and the percentage share of the number of waitlisted elderly persons broken down by age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 101)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The actual number of subsidised places offered by various types of residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) in different districts each year for the period from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Annexes 1 to 5. The average waiting time for various types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the number of elderly persons waitlisted for such places with a breakdown by age group and gender are set out in Annexes 6 and 7 respectively. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the median waiting time.

   Elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care services (RCS) are not required to update regularly their personal particulars (including address), therefore SWD does not have the breakdown figures of the elderly persons by district of residence.

   To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either RCS or community care services (CCS) (the so-called "dual option" cases) or those

solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as "inactive" and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise according to their original application dates subject to valid assessment results. As SWD is not required to update personal particulars of the elderly persons treated as "inactive" cases, it does not have the breakdown figures on the district of residence of these elderly persons. The total number of elderly persons treated as "inactive" cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
9 167	10 988	12 667	13 856	16 237

2. The average cost, service fee and the expenditure involved per place per month of various subsidised RCS for the period from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out in Annexes 8 to 10.

3. As for subsidised C&A places, the number of elderly applicants having passed away and those having withdrawn their applications and their percentages of the number of elderly applicants having been waitlisted for subsidised C&A places are set out as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
No. of elderly applicants having passed away	3 882	4 290	4 388	4 878	4 963
Percentage of elderly applicants having passed away out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	9.5%	9.9%	9.5%	9.9%	9.8%
No. of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications	1 890	1 856	1 668	2 276	1 398
Percentage of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	4.6%	4.3%	3.6%	4.6%	2.8%

As for subsidised NH places, the number of elderly applicants having passed away and those having withdrawn their applications and their percentages of the number of elderly applicants having been waitlisted for subsidised NH places are set out as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
No. of elderly applicants having passed away	1 999	1 814	1 871	1 988	2 082
Percentage of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	19.4%	18.4%	18.3%	18.0%	18.5%

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
No. of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications	354	335	293	330	242
Percentage of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	3.4%	3.4%	2.9%	3.0%	2.2%

SWD does not have information on the number of elderly applicants having passed away or withdrawn their applications while being waitlisted for various subsidised RCS with a breakdown by age of elderly applicants.

Annex 1

Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by District Council district in 2015-16

District	Number of places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes [Note 1]	**Private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)**	**Contract RCHEs [Note 2]**	**Total**
Eastern	444	303	148	**895**
Wan Chai	462	54	-	**516**
Central & Western	236	531	209	**976**
Islands	382	-	70	**452**
Southern	1 420	497	-	**1 917**
Sham Shui Po	759	320	287	**1 366**
Kowloon City	648	1 429	100	**2 177**
Yau Tsim Mong	98	747	265	**1 110**
Wong Tai Sin	1 324	177	204	**1 705**
Sai Kung	1 275	-	-	**1 275**
Kwun Tong	1 381	619	193	**2 193**
Sha Tin	1 267	-	60	**1 327**
Tai Po	1 200	98	-	**1 298**
North	1 210	306	-	**1 516**
Yuen Long	932	675	73	**1 680**
Tuen Mun	1 177	479	-	**1 656**
Tsuen Wan	829	889	79	**1 797**
Kwai Tsing	1 737	924	303	**2 964**
Total	**16 781**	**8 048**	**1 991**	**26 820**

[Note 1] Including homes for the aged (H/A) places, C&A places, C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC), NH places and places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS).

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

Annex 2

Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by District Council district in 2016-17

District	Number of places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes [Note 1]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Contract RCHEs [Note 2]**	**Total**
Eastern	444	302	149	**895**
Wan Chai	462	54	56	**572**
Central & Western	236	531	210	**977**
Islands	382	-	75	**457**
Southern	1 436	497	-	**1 933**
Sham Shui Po	798	320	372	**1 490**
Kowloon City	648	1 452	100	**2 200**
Yau Tsim Mong	98	747	265	**1 110**
Wong Tai Sin	1 331	177	204	**1 712**
Sai Kung	1 282	-	-	**1 282**
Kwun Tong	1 361	650	203	**2 214**
Sha Tin	1 288	-	60	**1 348**
Tai Po	1 214	98	-	**1 312**
North	1 218	306	-	**1 524**
Yuen Long	934	675	73	**1 682**
Tuen Mun	1 198	479	-	**1 677**
Tsuen Wan	831	881	79	**1 791**
Kwai Tsing	1 738	918	304	**2 960**
Total	**16 899**	**8 087**	**2 150**	**27 136**

[Note 1] Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing a CoC, NH places and places purchased under the NHPPS.

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

Annex 3

Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by District Council district in 2017-18

District	Number of places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes [Note 1]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Contract RCHEs [Note 2]**	**Total**
Eastern	444	300	149	**893**
Wan Chai	462	54	56	**572**
Central & Western	236	531	210	**977**
Islands	352	-	75	**427**
Southern	1 453	497	-	**1 950**
Sham Shui Po	813	315	372	**1 500**
Kowloon City	648	1 433	110	**2 191**
Yau Tsim Mong	98	732	267	**1 097**
Wong Tai Sin	1 331	177	208	**1 716**
Sai Kung	1 284	-	-	**1 284**
Kwun Tong	1 366	647	204	**2 217**
Sha Tin	1 314	-	120	**1 434**
Tai Po	1 214	98	-	**1 312**
North	1 219	306	-	**1 525**
Yuen Long	934	674	74	**1 682**
Tuen Mun	1 198	470	-	**1 668**
Tsuen Wan	922	956	175	**2 053**
Kwai Tsing	1 739	819	304	**2 862**
Total	**17 027**	**8 009**	**2 324**	**27 360**

[Note 1] Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing a CoC, NH places and places purchased under the NHPPS.

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

Annex 4

Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by District Council district in 2018-19

District	Number of places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes [Note 1]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Contract RCHEs [Note 2]**	**Total**
Eastern	444	300	150	**894**
Wan Chai	462	54	56	**572**
Central & Western	236	531	212	**979**
Islands	352	-	75	**427**
Southern	1 456	497	-	**1 953**
Sham Shui Po	825	311	433	**1 569**
Kowloon City	648	1 433	110	**2 191**
Yau Tsim Mong	98	728	268	**1 094**
Wong Tai Sin	1 331	177	208	**1 716**
Sai Kung	1 282	-	-	**1 282**
Kwun Tong	1 366	639	204	**2 209**
Sha Tin	1 331	-	120	**1 451**
Tai Po	1 224	98	-	**1 322**
North	1 222	306	-	**1 528**
Yuen Long	935	673	74	**1 682**
Tuen Mun	1 202	489	-	**1 691**
Tsuen Wan	922	936	175	**2 033**
Kwai Tsing	1 740	819	305	**2 864**
Total	**17 076**	**7 991**	**2 390**	**27 457**

[Note 1] Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing a CoC, NH places and places purchased under the NHPPS.

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

Annex 5

Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by District Council district in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

District	Number of places			
	Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes [Note 1]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Contract RCHEs [Note 2]**	**Total**
Eastern	444	320	150	**914**
Wan Chai	462	95	56	**613**
Central & Western	236	607	212	**1055**
Islands	352	-	75	**427**
Southern	1 465	515	-	**1 980**
Sham Shui Po	825	341	433	**1 539**
Kowloon City	648	1 575	110	**2 333**
Yau Tsim Mong	98	774	268	**1 140**
Wong Tai Sin	1 331	212	208	**1 751**
Sai Kung	1 282	-	-	**1 282**
Kwun Tong	1 375	653	284	**2 232**
Sha Tin	1 344	-	121	**1 465**
Tai Po	1 226	219	-	**1 445**
North	1 222	319	-	**1 528**
Yuen Long	936	725	74	**1 735**
Tuen Mun	1 204	639	-	**1 843**
Tsuen Wan	922	951	175	**2 048**
Kwai Tsing	1 741	914	305	**2 960**
Total	**17 113**	**8 859**	**2 471**	**28 443**

[Note 1] Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing a CoC, NH places and places purchased under the NHPPS.

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

Annex 6

Average waiting time for various types of subsidised RCHE places

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
C&A places					
- Subvented/contract RCHEs	36	36	36	40	41
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	9	11	11	10	8
Overall	22	24	24	24	20
NH places [Note 2]	27	25	24	25	22

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

Annex 7

Number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly by age group and gender

Table 1: 2015-16

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 557	1 271	2 828
70 to 79	3 395	3 761	7 156
80 to 89	6 004	10 563	16 567
90 or above	1 864	4 953	6 817
Total	12 820	20 548	33 368

Table 2: 2016-17

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 771	1 404	3 175
70 to 79	3 589	3 759	7 348
80 to 89	6 572	11 191	17 763
90 or above	2 075	5 570	7 645
Total	14 007	21 924	35 931

Table 3: 2017-18

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 899	1 471	3 370
70 to 79	3 775	3 828	7 603
80 to 89	6 931	11 512	18 443
90 or above	2 359	6 136	8 495
Total	14 964	22 947	37 911

Table 4: 2018-19

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	2 145	1 618	3 763
70 to 79	4 036	4 105	8 141
80 to 89	7 421	12 135	19 556
90 or above	2 662	6 656	9 318
Total	16 264	24 514	40 778

Table 5: 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	2 217	1 641	3 858
70 to 79	4 323	4 321	8 644
80 to 89	7 476	12 263	19 739
90 or above	2 528	6 242	8 770
Total	16 544	24 467	41 011

Annex 8

Average cost per place per month for various subsidised RCS for the elderly (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	Average cost per place per month				
	2015-16 ($)	2016-17 ($)	2017-18 ($)	2018-19 ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
C&A homes providing a CoC	14,243	14,822	15,265	16,393	17,499
NHs [Note]	21,411	22,273	22,331	23,788	24,993
Private homes participating in the EBPS	10,618	10,813	11,326	12,121	14,328
Contract homes	13,831	16,010	17,306	17,972	20,390

[Note] NHs include subvented NHs and subsidised NH places purchased under the NHPPS.

Annex 9

Service fees for various subsidised RCS for the elderly (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	Monthly Fee				
	2015-16 ($)	**2016-17 ($)**	**2017-18 ($)**	**2018-19 ($) [Note 2]**	**2019-20 (as at end-Decmber 2019) ($)**
C&A homes providing a CoC	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 060	2 060
NHs [Note 1]					
- Subvented NHs	1 994	1 994	1 994	2 054	2 054
- NHPPS	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 060	2 060
Private homes participating in the EBPS					
- EA1 places	1 707	1 707	1 707	1 763	1 763
- EA2 places	1 603	1 603	1 603	1 656	1 656
Contract homes	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 060	2 060

[Note 1] NHs include subvented NHs and subsidised NH places purchased under the NHPPS.

[Note 2] Service fees for various subsidised RCS for the elderly have been adjusted since 1 October 2018.

Annex 10

Expenditure involved in subsidised RCS for the elderly

(2015-16 to 2019-20)

Year	**Expenditure ($ billion)** [Note]
2015-16 (Actual)	4.2437
2016-17 (Actual)	4.5388
2017-18 (Actual)	4.7939
2018-19 (Actual)	5.4222
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	6.5070

[Note] Including various types of residential places for the elderly and residential places under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong implemented since 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3177)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information regarding hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs), supported hostels (SHOSs), private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)s) for mentally handicapped persons:

1. Please set out the number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of service places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of service places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted persons have been affected and their service allocation delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 142)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places of HSMHs, HMMHs, C&A/SDs, SHOSs, private RCHDs participating in the BPS, and SGH(MMHC)s in each of the past 5 years are set out in Annex 1, while the planned and actual number of additional service places are set out in Annex 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the longest and shortest waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list), whereas the average waiting time for the above residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 3.

2. The average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 4. In view of the diversity of residential places serving persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of all residential rehabilitation places for reference.

3. The number of applicants for the above residential rehabilitation services with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD and age group and the number of service users in each of the past 5 years are set out in Annexes 5 and 6 respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of service users of the above residential rehabilitation services for the past 5 years with a breakdown by district and age and hence, the information sought cannot be provided. SWD does not have information on the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation. As applications will be allocated according to the applicant's sequential order in the central waiting list of the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab) of SWD without taking into account the gender of the applicant, SWD does not have statistics on the applicant's gender.

4. SWD does not have relevant information on the number of persons having refused the service with a breakdown by length of their waiting time and reasons of refusal in the past 5 years and therefore cannot provide the information sought.

5. The age distribution of service users of the above residential rehabilitation services is set out in Annex 7.

6. Currently, there is no additional SGH(MMHC) place having been planned by SWD; the locations of the 300 planned additional places under the BPS in 2020-21 are to be determined. The number of additional HSMH, HMMH, C&A/SD and SHOS service places having been planned by SWD in geographical distribution are set out in Annex 8.

7. During the COVID-19 epidemic, the CRSRehab of SWD has been matching services for applicants as usual. Yet, if certain service units or applicants encounter difficulties in arranging interviews/assessments regarding service matching, SWD will study the situation concerned and handle with flexibility.

Annex 1

Number of service places for various residential rehabilitation services

Type of Service	Number of service places				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)**
HSMH	3 611	3 611	3 611	3 879	3 929
HMMH	2 405	2 505	2 505	2 558	2 658
C&A/SD	991	991	991	991	1 042
SHOS	616	677	708	708	708
Private RCHD participating in the BPS	450	600	600	860	860
SGH(MMHC) [Note]	64	64	80	128	128

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Annex 2

Planned and actual number of additional places of residential rehabilitation services in each year

Year	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	
	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places
HSMH	50	50	-	-	-	-	280	280	102	52
HMMH	21	21	100	100	-	-	50	50	242	100
C&A/SD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141	51
SHOS	20	20	60	60	30	31	-	-	60	20
Private RCHD participating in the BPS	-	-	150	150	-	-	260	260	300	-
SGH(MMHC)	-	-	-	-	16	16	48	48	-	-

Annex 3

Average waiting time for residential rehabilitation services

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19
HSMH	126.0	93.3	178.0	185.6	Not yet available [Note 2]
HMMH	102.7	137.7	123.3	114.1	Not yet available [Note 2]
C&A/SD	52.7	59.2	60.4	68.1	Not yet available [Note 2]
SHOS	26.1	42.2	56.4	39.0	Not yet available [Note 2]
Private RCHD participating in the BPS	N.A. [Note 3]	N.A. [Note 3]	N.A. [Note 3]	N.A. [Note 3]	N.A. [Note 3]
SGH(MMHC) [Note 4]	21.8	15.6	36.5	15.0	Not yet available [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 2] The figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 3] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for long stay care homes and HMMHs under the CRSRehab, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

[Note 4] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Annex 4

Average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Average cost per place per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	14,033
2016-17 (Actual)	14,855
2017-18 (Actual)	15,370
2018-19 (Actual)	16,336
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	17,708

Annex 5

Table 1: Number of applicants for HSMH in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	20	62	19	14	14	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	74	29	22	24	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	29	96	42	24	22	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	62	103	46	17	34	14	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	29	68	33	25	27	11	-	-
Sham Shui Po	24	61	24	21	16	9	1	-
Sha Tin	31	78	26	24	13	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	55	98	30	15	11	7	-	-
Yuen Long	36	92	23	23	20	8	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	28	101	44	44	21	8	-	-
Tuen Mun	22	75	43	41	33	21	1	-
Total	**363**	**908**	**359**	**270**	**235**	**98**	**5**	**-**

Table 2: Number of applicants for HSMH in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	64	26	13	16	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	28	79	34	23	26	5	1	-
Kwun Tong	32	91	49	24	27	7	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	67	114	47	21	33	16	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	35	70	35	20	33	13	-	-
Sham Shui Po	30	60	28	16	20	6	1	-
Sha Tin	30	81	35	24	12	11	-	-
Tai Po/North	55	103	34	14	15	6	1	-
Yuen Long	34	101	20	26	25	11	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	98	48	44	22	12	1	-
Tuen Mun	23	73	51	39	38	23	2	-
Total	**388**	**934**	**407**	**264**	**267**	**112**	**12**	**-**

Table 3: Number of applicants for HSMH in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	74	30	13	16	4	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	84	38	27	29	8	2	-
Kwun Tong	49	95	54	26	27	10	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	58	119	57	23	30	16	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	35	74	43	23	28	14	-	-
Sham Shui Po	24	65	34	15	23	6	1	-
Sha Tin	32	82	38	18	14	13	1	-
Tai Po/North	48	110	40	14	13	6	1	-
Yuen Long	37	106	27	24	23	12	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	38	102	54	45	20	12	2	-
Tuen Mun	19	74	54	39	37	28	2	-
Total	**396**	**985**	**469**	**267**	**260**	**129**	**15**	**-**

Table 4: Number of applicants for HSMH in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	31	76	34	16	18	5	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	84	44	22	24	13	2	-
Kwun Tong	46	100	57	30	24	13	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	52	126	65	27	26	20	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	42	75	47	25	26	10	1	-
Sham Shui Po	27	58	39	15	24	8	1	-
Sha Tin	27	79	51	17	13	13	2	-
Tai Po/North	37	114	48	13	9	4	3	-
Yuen Long	32	110	39	29	24	13	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	37	99	65	43	22	16	2	-
Tuen Mun	23	71	65	33	35	29	3	-
Total	**384**	**992**	**554**	**270**	**245**	**144**	**20**	**-**

Table 5: Number of applicants for HSMH in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	29	69	40	13	20	4	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	88	44	21	24	15	5	-
Kwun Tong	45	87	58	17	20	15	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	47	130	57	21	20	20	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	46	85	42	24	16	5	3	-
Sham Shui Po	29	55	36	12	20	7	1	-
Sha Tin	25	69	36	15	12	10	3	-
Tai Po/North	35	99	28	9	6	5	4	-
Yuen Long	40	103	34	24	23	11	2	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	41	95	62	35	24	18	2	-
Tuen Mun	24	60	64	29	30	22	1	-
Total	**391**	**940**	**501**	**220**	**215**	**132**	**26**	**-**

Table 6: Number of applicants for HMMH in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	28	49	32	27	22	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	12	77	49	37	16	12	-	-
Kwun Tong	27	64	45	43	26	6	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	44	78	41	31	26	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	21	37	33	31	11	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	13	58	30	15	16	4	-	-
Sha Tin	18	47	51	32	9	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	25	84	31	19	16	5	-	-
Yuen Long	18	55	32	20	18	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	93	51	38	24	8	-	-
Tuen Mun	21	64	38	15	8	1	-	-
Total	**257**	**706**	**433**	**308**	**192**	**65**	**-**	**-**

Table 7: Number of applicants for HMMH in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	34	55	33	25	22	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	18	76	54	37	17	11	1	-
Kwun Tong	32	79	45	45	34	9	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	57	96	48	30	26	5	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	21	43	36	37	15	12	-	-
Sham Shui Po	21	57	37	16	17	3	-	-
Sha Tin	21	59	52	30	10	5	1	-
Tai Po/North	28	73	41	21	18	5	-	-
Yuen Long	24	59	37	17	22	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	38	97	47	50	27	6	-	-
Tuen Mun	27	66	50	16	8	1	-	-
Total	**321**	**760**	**480**	**324**	**216**	**69**	**2**	**-**

Table 8: Number of applicants for HMMH in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	37	56	34	23	17	9	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	20	69	55	36	16	11	1	-
Kwun Tong	34	86	51	44	30	14	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	67	101	56	30	34	8	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	35	46	37	37	20	13	1	-
Sham Shui Po	24	53	45	18	20	4	1	-
Sha Tin	27	61	55	34	15	5	1	-
Tai Po/North	32	69	36	20	17	5	-	-
Yuen Long	31	61	36	13	23	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	37	100	52	42	28	11	-	-
Tuen Mun	35	76	53	19	9	2	-	-
Total	**379**	**778**	**510**	**316**	**229**	**88**	**5**	**-**

Table 9: Number of applicants for HMMH in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	32	67	35	24	16	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	71	65	42	14	14	2	-
Kwun Tong	31	92	50	47	33	16	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	61	110	61	33	38	10	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	43	51	39	38	19	12	1	-
Sham Shui Po	31	56	40	24	20	6	1	-
Sha Tin	28	75	63	35	20	4	2	-
Tai Po/North	35	74	39	23	19	6	-	-
Yuen Long	42	70	43	11	24	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	41	94	62	38	29	14	-	-
Tuen Mun	38	80	51	26	9	2	-	-
Total	**403**	**840**	**548**	**341**	**241**	**95**	**7**	**-**

Table 10: Number of applicants for HMMH in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	32	71	38	22	18	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	25	68	70	42	14	11	1	-
Kwun Tong	35	91	51	45	32	14	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	65	118	62	32	30	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	53	49	45	32	19	9	1	-
Sham Shui Po	33	58	37	24	21	4	1	-
Sha Tin	21	75	62	33	21	4	2	-
Tai Po/North	30	76	44	25	20	6	-	-
Yuen Long	44	83	44	12	22	5	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	101	69	34	33	13	1	-
Tuen Mun	40	80	56	27	9	2	-	-
Total	**413**	**870**	**578**	**328**	**239**	**86**	**8**	**-**

Table 11: Number of applicants for C&A/SD in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	9	6	4	8	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	4	4	4	14	2	2	-
Kwun Tong	5	6	6	5	8	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	6	4	7	16	4	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	7	3	3	5	15	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	14	4	1	3	14	1	1	-
Sha Tin	4	6	6	4	13	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	11	4	2	8	10	4	3	-
Yuen Long	21	6	2	3	11	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	14	4	5	4	23	2	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	6	5	3	10	4	-	-
Total	**117**	**55**	**42**	**54**	**149**	**29**	**7**	**-**

Table 12: Number of applicants for C&A/SD in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	8	6	12	18	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	3	6	4	14	5	2	-
Kwun Tong	5	5	5	3	9	2	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	16	6	3	9	21	7	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	7	3	9	20	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	13	6	1	6	15	-	-	-
Sha Tin	3	4	5	8	17	3	-	-
Tai Po/North	10	5	4	8	10	9	4	-
Yuen Long	18	11	1	4	11	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	15	8	3	8	23	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	9	4	3	4	6	7	1	-
Total	**107**	**67**	**40**	**75**	**164**	**43**	**9**	**-**

Table 13: Number of applicants for C&A/SD in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	7	7	8	24	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	5	3	6	14	5	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	6	3	4	11	4	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	20	5	6	8	21	5	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	8	2	13	18	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	7	11	3	5	15	1	-	-
Sha Tin	4	4	6	7	18	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	11	11	2	8	15	6	5	-
Yuen Long	13	14	1	7	11	1	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	8	2	8	23	3	1	-
Tuen Mun	8	6	2	4	9	7	1	-
Total	**108**	**85**	**37**	**78**	**179**	**43**	**13**	**-**

Table 14: Number of applicants for C&A/SD in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	7	7	9	26	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	6	3	9	16	6	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	8	2	5	17	4	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	21	9	3	9	23	5	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	7	3	9	28	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	6	8	3	9	14	1	-	-
Sha Tin	7	5	4	7	20	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	16	8	6	9	16	9	6	-
Yuen Long	11	17	2	6	9	2	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	18	11	3	12	24	6	1	-
Tuen Mun	6	8	3	5	13	8	1	-
Total	**106**	**94**	**39**	**89**	**206**	**54**	**14**	**-**

Table 15: Number of applicants for C&A/SD in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	8	9	8	28	3	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	2	10	15	5	2	-
Kwun Tong	7	5	-	9	15	2	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	20	10	2	9	21	5	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	5	5	12	26	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	8	4	2	6	13	4	1	-
Sha Tin	8	2	4	8	21	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	19	8	7	6	20	7	5	1
Yuen Long	10	17	2	11	10	1	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	14	11	4	9	17	8	2	-
Tuen Mun	8	8	-	3	14	9	2	-
Total	**113**	**86**	**37**	**91**	**200**	**57**	**17**	**1**

Table 16: Number of applicants for SHOS in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	33	27	23	26	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	23	26	35	28	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	16	31	48	45	29	7	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	12	62	45	59	58	10	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	19	17	29	24	6	1	-
Sham Shui Po	4	18	31	35	31	4	-	-
Sha Tin	5	30	53	28	15	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	21	51	56	24	20	6	-	-
Yuen Long	8	53	34	32	24	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	44	39	44	34	2	1	-
Tuen Mun	11	46	46	22	19	3	1	-
Total	**100**	**410**	**422**	**376**	**308**	**55**	**3**	**-**

Table 17: Number of applicants for SHOS in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	9	34	29	31	27	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	21	27	36	29	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	18	37	53	47	33	8	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	15	70	65	71	58	12	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	15	23	26	24	8	1	-
Sham Shui Po	8	19	28	28	30	3	-	-
Sha Tin	5	34	52	42	15	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	18	55	64	24	21	2	-	-
Yuen Long	8	53	38	34	24	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	16	50	47	49	33	4	1	-
Tuen Mun	15	50	50	24	23	3	-	-
Total	**122**	**438**	**476**	**412**	**317**	**62**	**3**	**-**

Table 18: Number of applicants for SHOS in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	33	33	34	24	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	26	26	45	33	10	-	-
Kwun Tong	16	47	51	51	27	15	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	73	77	75	67	14	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	7	13	25	20	23	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	7	29	37	26	33	4	-	-
Sha Tin	4	35	48	50	22	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	17	47	64	22	24	-	-	-
Yuen Long	5	57	41	35	22	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	58	53	50	32	11	1	-
Tuen Mun	14	50	56	23	26	5	-	-
Total	**114**	**468**	**511**	**431**	**333**	**79**	**2**	**-**

Table 19: Number of applicants for SHOS in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	14	30	40	36	31	8	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	31	34	38	40	9	1	-
Kwun Tong	20	46	55	56	33	14	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	18	71	86	75	69	15	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	17	23	22	24	11	-	-
Sham Shui Po	9	27	35	32	33	4	-	-
Sha Tin	9	34	57	53	24	7	-	-
Tai Po/North	20	60	72	24	25	1	-	-
Yuen Long	7	56	49	33	24	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	61	64	57	33	11	1	-
Tuen Mun	15	54	61	29	28	6	-	-
Total	**153**	**487**	**576**	**455**	**364**	**87**	**4**	**-**

Table 20: Number of applicants for SHOS in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	33	41	35	29	8	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	32	35	39	34	10	1	-
Kwun Tong	24	54	50	50	39	11	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	22	72	92	75	64	18	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	8	19	24	20	25	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	9	26	41	29	35	8	-	-
Sha Tin	14	33	60	51	21	9	-	-
Tai Po/North	25	69	63	27	27	3	-	-
Yuen Long	11	55	49	30	26	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	60	73	51	38	10	1	-
Tuen Mun	20	51	64	36	32	7	-	-
Total	**180**	**504**	**592**	**443**	**370**	**93**	**5**	**-**

Table 21: Number of applicants for SGH(MMHC) [Note] in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	3	-	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	2	1	6	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	3	4	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	2	4	2
Sha Tin	-	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	5	3	-
Yuen Long	1	1	4	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	3	4	-
Tuen Mun	2	1	4	1
Total	**12**	**25**	**31**	**8**

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 22: Number of applicants for SGH(MMHC) [Note] in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	2	2	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	4	2
Kwun Tong	1	3	7	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	2	6	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	1	-
Sham Shui Po	1	2	2	2
Sha Tin	2	2	2	-
Tai Po/North	1	1	4	2
Yuen Long	2	2	4	3
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	1	3	3
Tuen Mun	1	1	3	-
Total	**15**	**21**	**38**	**14**

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 23: Number of applicants for SGH(MMHC) [Note] in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	-	2	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	5	-
Kwun Tong	1	3	5	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	2	3	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	1	1	-
Sham Shui Po	1	4	2	2
Sha Tin	1	1	4	-
Tai Po/North	-	4	3	1
Yuen Long	1	2	2	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	5	2
Tuen Mun	2	1	2	-
Total	**9**	**19**	**34**	**8**

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 24: Number of applicants for SGH(MMHC) [Note] in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	2	2
Kwun Tong	-	7	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	2	2	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	1	2	-
Sha Tin	1	1	1	-
Tai Po/North	1	1	1	1
Yuen Long	-	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	1	-	2	-
Total	**4**	**14**	**12**	**4**

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 25: Number of applicants for SGH(MMHC) [Note] in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	**Aged 9 to 11**	**Aged 12 to 15**	**Aged 16 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	1	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	3	2
Kwun Tong	1	2	5	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	2	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	2	1
Sha Tin	-	2	2	-
Tai Po/North	2	1	3	-
Yuen Long	-	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	-	4	-
Tuen Mun	-	-	2	-
Total	**7**	**10**	**22**	**4**

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Annex 6

Number of service users of various residential rehabilitation services from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of service/Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)**
HSMH	3 567	3 601	3 600	3 620	3 847
HMMH	2 394	2 416	2 496	2 544	2 574
C&A/SD	978	988	979	982	1 011
SHOS	590	629	687	697	696
Private RCHD participating in the BPS	442	440	593	583	782
SGH(MMHC) **[Note]**	62	64	74	124	124

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Annex 7

Table 1: Age distribution of service users of various residential rehabilitation services [Note] in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Type of Service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
HSMH	14	354	984	977	906	515	89	8
HMMH	12	150	514	670	779	385	64	-
C&A/SD	-	237	209	160	177	163	52	13
SHOS	6	66	152	202	204	62	4	-
Private RCHD participating in the BPS	-	22	70	194	276	191	28	1

[Note] The age distribution of service users of SGHs(MMHC)/ISGHs is excluded here and set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Age distribution of service users of SGHs(MMHC) [Note] in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Type of Service	Number of service users			
	Aged 6 to 8	**Aged 9 to 11**	**Aged 12 to 15**	**Aged 16 or above**
SGH(MMHC) [Note]	8	28	68	20

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Annex 8

Planned number of additional HSMH, HMMH, C&A/SD and SHOS service places in geographical distribution

District Council District	**Type of service and number of service places**			
	HSMH	**HMMH**	**C&A/SD**	**SHOS**
Kwun Tong	50	51	50	40
Sha Tin	-		-	60
Tuen Mun	400	75	200	60
Sham Shui Po	101	101	40	50
Islands	30	40	-	-
Sai Kung	11	-	-	-
Tai Po	60	-	-	-
North	50	-	40	-
Kwai Tsing	-	20	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3178)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding long stay care homes (LSCHs), halfway houses (HWHs) and supported hostels (SHOSs) for mental patients, please provide the following information:

1. Please set out the current number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (broken down by priority and normal list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal list) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence and age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted persons have been affected and their service allocation delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 143)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has information on LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs, and does not have the breakdown on the number of SHOSs for mental patients. As such, the information sought in regard to SHOSs for mental patients cannot be provided.

1. The number of LSCH and HWH places in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 1. The number of applicants for LSCH and HWH places and the average waiting time are

set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have statistics on the longest and shortest waiting time.

2. The average cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential services in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 3. In view of the diversity of residential places for persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of all residential places for reference.

3. The number of applicants for LSCH and HWH places in each of the past 5 years with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD and age group is set out in Annex 4. The number of service users of LSCHs and HWHs is set out in Annex 5. SWD does not have information on the number of service users of LSCHs and HWHs for the past 5 years with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD and age group, the information sought is not available. SWD does not have information on the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation. As applications will be considered according to the applicant's order of priority in the Central Referral System of SWD without taking into account the gender of the applicant, SWD does not have statistics on the applicant's gender.

4. As SWD does not have relevant information on the number of persons, their length of time spent on the waiting list and reasons, the information sought is not available.

5 The age distribution of service users of LSCHs and HWHs is set out in Annex 6.

6. The Government plans to provide 400 LSCH places in Tuen Mun in 2021-22.

7. During the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Central Referral System of SWD performs service allocation for applicants as usual. Nevertheless, if difficulties have been encountered by individual service units or applicants in arranging interviews/ assessments in connection with service allocation, SWD will examine the situation and handle it with flexibility.

Annex 1

Number of LSCH and HWH places from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of service/ Year	Number of places				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
LSCH	1 587	1 587	1 587	1 587	1 587
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 509	1 509	1 534

Annex 2

Average waiting time for LSCH and HWH places from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]	
	LSCH	HWH
2015-16	22.9	7.2
2016-17	48.2	7.2
2017-18	32.6	6.9
2018-19	54.3	6.0
2019-20	Not yet available [Note 2]	

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 2] The figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Annex 3

Average cost per rehabilitation residential service place per month from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Average cost per place per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	14,033
2016-17 (Actual)	14,855
2017-18 (Actual)	15,370
2018-19 (Actual)	16,336
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	17,708

Annex 4

Table 1: Number of applicants for LSCH places in 2015-16 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	15	44	78	49	7	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	7	35	70	46	13	-
Kwun Tong	-	2	15	24	48	26	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	2	12	34	62	31	4	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	5	11	32	63	40	1	2
Sham Shui Po	-	2	6	24	52	31	3	3
Sha Tin	-	3	18	51	71	51	2	2
Tai Po/North	-	6	15	32	65	38	5	1
Yuen Long	1	5	16	17	51	15	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	5	18	55	99	38	9	2
Tuen Mun	-	3	24	65	110	50	6	-
Total	**2**	**36**	**157**	**413**	**769**	**415**	**52**	**15**

Table 2: Number of applicants for LSCH places in 2016-17 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	13	53	85	44	12	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	6	28	72	57	10	2
Kwun Tong	-	2	15	26	54	38	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	2	17	36	68	32	3	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	14	45	77	45	2	3
Sham Shui Po	-	2	9	28	64	35	6	2
Sha Tin	-	3	18	47	87	59	6	2
Tai Po/North	-	6	17	31	67	51	6	-
Yuen Long	1	5	18	26	52	18	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	8	23	61	123	59	11	1
Tuen Mun	-	4	20	71	122	59	3	-
Total	**2**	**39**	**170**	**452**	**871**	**497**	**63**	**17**

Table 3: Number of applicants for LSCH places in 2017-18 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	16	57	84	53	12	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	3	27	71	64	14	3
Kwun Tong	-	3	15	30	57	37	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	2	17	37	75	48	2	1
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	6	12	47	81	44	3	3
Sham Shui Po	-	1	13	26	64	39	5	2
Sha Tin	-	7	23	48	89	55	9	1
Tai Po/North	-	4	14	33	73	51	9	-
Yuen Long	1	5	20	31	59	26	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2	5	20	53	103	67	10	-
Tuen Mun	-	6	29	63	121	59	2	1
Total	**3**	**41**	**182**	**452**	**877**	**543**	**71**	**18**

Table 4: Number of applicants for LSCH places in 2018-19 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	3	20	59	102	64	12	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	2	4	22	67	68	12	3
Kwun Tong	-	2	11	34	62	46	5	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	1	12	33	93	46	5	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	17	52	84	48	4	3
Sham Shui Po	-	2	13	30	74	43	5	-
Sha Tin	-	7	22	58	102	68	13	-
Tai Po/North	-	2	16	33	84	60	10	-
Yuen Long	2	3	17	38	59	28	4	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2	4	22	68	113	79	11	-
Tuen Mun	-	8	30	72	130	82	7	1
Total	**5**	**36**	**184**	**499**	**970**	**632**	**88**	**17**

Table 5: Number of applicants for LSCH places in 2019-20 by Administrative District of SWD and age group (As at end-December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	3	19	64	112	81	13	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	3	4	21	75	79	13	3
Kwun Tong	-	3	10	34	71	43	3	1
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	1	15	34	90	56	9	2
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	15	56	86	55	4	2
Sham Shui Po	-	2	12	34	76	40	6	-
Sha Tin	-	8	22	59	102	83	16	-
Tai Po/North	-	2	20	34	81	70	10	-
Yuen Long	1	6	16	41	54	31	5	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	5	26	76	124	81	12	1
Tuen Mun	-	10	28	62	119	102	8	2
Total	**2**	**45**	**187**	**515**	**990**	**721**	**99**	**18**

Table 6: Number of applicants for HWH places in 2015-16 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	17	18	20	21	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	15	24	33	21	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	14	15	13	12	1	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	1	20	14	19	11	1	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	10	15	24	8	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	7	15	8	3	2	-	-
Sha Tin	1	9	18	16	12	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	13	25	18	8	1	-	-
Yuen Long	-	10	12	12	9	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	6	18	28	17	10	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	10	15	14	6	-	-	-
Total	**19**	**143**	**199**	**194**	**121**	**14**	**-**	**-**

Table 7: Number of applicants for HWH places in 2016-17 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	21	20	15	19	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	14	32	36	34	4	1	-
Kwun Tong	-	10	18	20	11	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	1	20	17	7	12	-	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	12	12	21	8	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	4	11	8	7	-	-	-
Sha Tin	2	14	22	8	8	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	17	19	11	12	-	-	-
Yuen Long	3	15	7	13	7	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	1	19	25	27	17	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	15	21	17	13	-	-	-
Total	**11**	**161**	**204**	**183**	**148**	**13**	**1**	**-**

Table 8: Number of applicants for HWH places in 2017-18 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	9	15	18	14	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	15	27	22	30	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	2	13	12	10	9	3	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	5	11	13	16	13	2	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	7	16	15	12	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	4	7	7	6	-	-	-
Sha Tin	1	7	9	24	9	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	5	10	20	11	5	1	-	-
Yuen Long	1	13	6	15	3	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2	18	19	23	9	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	14	10	9	6	-	-	-
Total	**20**	**121**	**154**	**170**	**116**	**20**	**1**	**-**

Table 9: Number of applicants for HWH places in 2018-19 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	17	9	16	13	9	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	24	21	28	28	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	13	20	12	13	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	8	10	10	11	2	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	-	10	10	10	10	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	3	3	11	5	-	-	-
Sha Tin	4	20	20	8	5	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	12	17	16	9	3	-	-
Yuen Long	2	8	11	7	9	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2	18	17	18	11	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	1	7	17	12	4	1	-	-
Total	**11**	**140**	**155**	**148**	**118**	**29**	**1**	**-**

Table 10: Number of applicants for HWH places in 2019-20 by Administrative District of SWD and age group (As at end-December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	9	14	15	21	6	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	17	21	31	25	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	13	12	25	7	2	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	-	6	10	6	11	-	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	1	11	8	8	8	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	6	8	8	9	2	-	-
Sha Tin	-	8	23	17	10	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	3	7	23	12	5	5	1	-
Yuen Long	3	19	15	4	5	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	2	15	31	12	9	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	1	11	12	15	8	2	-	-
Total	**17**	**122**	**177**	**153**	**118**	**28**	**3**	**-**

Annex 5

Number of service users of LSCHs and HWHs

Type of service/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
LSCH	1 541	1 550	1 568	1 567	1 565
HWH	1 455	1 454	1 433	1 411	1 431

Annex 6

Age distribution of service users of LSCHs and HWHs in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
LSCH	-	3	26	121	401	648	278	88
HWH	3	209	360	409	361	87	2	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3179)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons with mental handicap (HSPH/MHs) and supported hostels (SHOSs) for physically handicapped persons, please provide the following information:

1. Please set out the number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of service places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of service places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted persons have been affected and their service allocation delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 144)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has information on HSPHs (including HSPH/MHs) and SHOSs with no breakdown by SHOSs for physically handicapped persons. Therefore, the information sought cannot be provided.

1. The number of service places in each year and the average waiting time for HSPHs in the past 5 years are set out at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively. SWD provided 100 additional service places for HSPHs in 2019-20. SWD does not have the statistical information on the longest and shortest waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list).

2. The average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 3. In view of the diversity of residential places serving persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of all residential rehabilitation places for reference.

3. The number of applicants for HSPH places in the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group, and the number of service users are set out at Annexes 4 and 5 respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of HSPH service users in the past 5 years broken down by district and age profile and therefore cannot provide the information sought. SWD does not have information on the number of persons who have applied for a freeze in service allocation. As applications will be allocated according to the applicant's sequential order in the central waiting list of the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab) of SWD without taking into account the gender of the applicant, SWD does not have statistics on the applicants' gender.

4. SWD does not have relevant information on the number of persons having refused the service with a breakdown by length of their waiting time and reasons of refusal in the past 5 years and therefore cannot provide the information sought.

5. The age profile of HSPH service users is set out at Annex 6.

6. The number and geographical distribution of additional HSPH service places having been planned by SWD is set out at Annex 7.

7. During the COVID-19 epidemic, the CRSRehab of SWD has been matching services for applicants as usual. Yet, if certain service units or applicants encounter difficulties in arranging interviews/assessments regarding service matching, SWD will study the situation and handle with flexibility.

Annex 1

Number of HSPH service places in each year

Type of service	Number of service places				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)
HSPH	573	573	573	582	682

Annex 2

Average waiting time for HSPH from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Average waiting time (in months)** [Note 1]
2015-16	20.4
2016-17	114.3
2017-18	168.0
2018-19	168.0
2019-20	Not yet available [Note 2]

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 2] The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Annex 3

Average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Cost per place per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	14,033
2016-17 (Actual)	14,855
2017-18 (Actual)	15,370
2018-19 (Actual)	16,336
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	17,708

Annex 4

Table 1: Number of applicants for HSPH (By administrative district of SWD and age group) in 2015-16

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	13	5	7	23	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	19	4	14	16	5	-	-
Kwun Tong	4	8	7	16	20	8	-	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	14	6	18	34	8	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	6	4	15	20	6	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	11	2	7	13	3	-	-
Sha Tin	5	9	-	11	35	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	6	10	4	7	16	5	-	-
Yuen Long	3	10	7	4	12	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	8	9	16	20	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	4	11	8	8	12	2	-	-
Total	**45**	**119**	**56**	**123**	**221**	**54**	**-**	**1**

Table 2: Number of applicants for HSPH (By administrative district of SWD and age group) in 2016-17

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	14	6	7	22	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	18	8	13	15	7	-	-
Kwun Tong	2	8	6	18	24	8	1	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	16	8	18	29	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	5	16	19	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	11	3	7	13	4	1	-
Sha Tin	5	11	-	13	26	10	-	-
Tai Po/North	4	11	5	9	18	6	-	-
Yuen Long	3	12	6	5	15	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	8	9	15	22	3	-	-
Tuen Mun	4	9	8	10	12	3	-	-
Total	**40**	**123**	**64**	**131**	**215**	**73**	**2**	**1**

Table 3: Number of applicants for HSPH (by administrative district of SWD and age group) in 2017-18

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	14	5	9	22	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	16	9	13	14	7	-	-
Kwun Tong	2	8	8	17	24	12	1	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	14	6	21	28	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	6	6	15	25	6	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	10	3	6	16	4	1	-
Sha Tin	2	13	1	9	29	10	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	9	6	7	15	11	-	-
Yuen Long	5	10	6	6	16	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	8	9	15	25	4	-	-
Tuen Mun	3	10	9	9	12	4	-	-
Total	**35**	**118**	**68**	**127**	**226**	**83**	**2**	**1**

Table 4: Number of applicants for HSPH (By administrative district of SWD and age group) in 2018-19

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	16	5	8	18	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	16	11	13	14	6	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	7	5	17	27	8	2	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	13	6	17	29	14	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	5	8	16	25	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	11	3	5	14	5	1	-
Sha Tin	3	13	2	9	31	11	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	8	4	7	15	12	-	-
Yuen Long	4	9	5	9	12	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	7	8	19	28	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	5	10	9	8	15	4	-	-
Total	**38**	**115**	**66**	**128**	**228**	**84**	**3**	**1**

Table 5: Number of applicants for HSPH (By administrative district of SWD and age group) in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	11	9	7	17	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	17	8	11	15	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	11	2	15	23	5	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	12	4	15	16	8	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	5	9	13	24	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	6	4	5	17	3	-	-
Sha Tin	2	15	1	9	19	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	3	7	5	6	11	-	-	-
Yuen Long	4	8	6	6	12	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	7	7	19	27	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	4	12	8	12	14	5	-	-
Total	**41**	**111**	**63**	**118**	**195**	**48**	**-**	**-**

Annex 5

Number of HSPH service users from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of service users
2015-16	564
2016-17	562
2017-18	566
2018-19	574
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	586

Annex 6

Age profile of HSPH service users in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Service type	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
HSPH	-	32	135	167	149	91	12	-

Annex 7

Planned number and geographical distribution of additional HSPH service places

Service type	Number of service places	District Council district
HSPH	50	Kwun Tong
	75	Tuen Mun

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3180)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day training and vocational rehabilitation services, including sheltered workshops (SWs), supported employment (SE) service, On the Job Training Programme (OJT), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs), integrated vocational training centres (day) [IVTCs(day)] and Work Extension Programme (WEP), please provide the following information:

1. Please set out the number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of service places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list, if applicable) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list, if applicable) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation, with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of waiting time and the reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of service places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted persons have been affected and their service allocation delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 145)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places for various vocational rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 1. There are no additional places for SE, OJT, Sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities (Sunnyway) and IVTC(day) in the past 5 years. Regarding SWs, IVRSCs and WEP, the planned and actual number of additional service places in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the waiting time, whereas the average waiting time for the above services in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 3.

2. SWD does not have information on the unit costs of services under SE, OJT, Sunnyway, IVRSCs, IVTC(day) and WEP. The average cost per SW place per month in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 4.

3 & 4. The number of applicants for SWs and SE service in the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group, is set out at Annex 5. The number of service users of SWs, IVRSCs and SE is set out at Annex 6. Since OJT, Sunnyway and IVTC(day) may admit service users directly or through referral, hence SWD does not have information on the number of applicants and service recipients of the relevant services, persons applying for a freeze in service allocation, persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and the reasons for their refusal, as well as the age distribution of service users of the relevant service units. As applications will be considered according to the applicant's sequential order in the central waiting list of the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab) of SWD without taking into account the gender of the applicant, SWD does not have statistics on the applicant's gender.

5. The age distribution of service users of SWs, IVRSCs and SE is set out in Annex 7. Since OJT, Sunnyway and IVTC(day) may admit service users directly or through referral, hence SWD does not have the information on the age distribution of service users of the relevant service units.

6. The number of additional IVRSC places having been planned by SWD currently in geographical distribution is set out in Annex 8.

7. During the COVID-19 epidemic, the CRSRehab of SWD has been matching services for applicants as usual. Yet, if certain service units or applicants encounter difficulties in arranging interviews/assessments regarding service matching, SWD will study the situation concerned and handle with flexibility.

Annex 1

Number of service places for various vocational rehabilitation services

Type of service	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)
SW	5 276	5 276	5 276	5 389	5 399
SE	1 633	1 633	1 633	1 633	1 633
IVRSC	4 412	4 482	4 507	4 822	5 288
OJT	432	432	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311	311	311
IVTC(day)	453	453	453	453	453
WEP	840	840	840	1 120	1 130

Annex 2

Planned and actual number of additional places for SW, IVRSC and WEP from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	SW		IVRSC		WEP	
	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places	Planned number of additional places	Actual number of additional places
2015-16	-	-	25	25	-	-
2016-17	-	-	70	70	-	-
2017-18	-	-	25	25	-	-
2018-19	120 [Note]	113 [Note]	315	315	305	280
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	-	10 [Note]	466	466	-	10

[Note] Including WEP places.

Annex 3

Average waiting time for vocational rehabilitation services

Type of service	Average waiting time in 2015-16 (in month) [Note 4]	Average waiting time in 2016-17 (in month) [Note 4]	Average waiting time in 2017-18 (in month) [Note 4]	Average waiting time in 2018-19 (in month) [Note 4]	Average waiting time in 2019-20 (in month) [Note 4]
SW	19.6	20.1	22.1	21.3	Not yet available [Note 5]
SE	3.0	1.9	2.8	3.8	Not yet available [Note 5]
IVRSC [Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
OJT [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(day) [Note2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
WEP [Note 3]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] IVRSC does not have its own central waiting list (CWL) and applicants are selected from the CWLs for SW and SE.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics in this aspect.

[Note 3] There is no CWL for WEP and applicants are selected from the CWL for SW.

[Note 4] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 5] The figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st of April of a year to the 31st of March of the next year.

Annex 4

Average cost per SW place per month from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	SW
	Average cost per place per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	5,394
2016-17 (Actual)	5,402
2017-18 (Actual)	5,432
2018-19 (Actual)	5,625
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	5,780

Annex 5

Table 1: Number of applicants for SW in 2015-16
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	41	45	20	24	44	13	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	28	40	17	41	38	15	-	-
Kwun Tong	68	61	38	61	54	15	-	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	73	96	26	59	74	16	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	31	34	16	44	32	11	-	-
Sham Shui Po	48	35	19	25	31	5	-	-
Sha Tin	46	61	40	41	58	11	-	-
Tai Po/North	77	131	53	41	49	11	-	-
Yuen Long	57	56	38	34	30	8	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	44	38	24	33	35	4	1	-
Tuen Mun	40	44	38	26	33	3	-	-
Total	**553**	**641**	**329**	**429**	**478**	**112**	**1**	**1**

Table 2: Number of applicants for SW in 2016-17
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	45	50	21	20	44	15	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	36	47	23	37	38	19	1	-
Kwun Tong	83	81	34	65	64	17	1	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	104	94	34	54	81	22	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	43	45	14	41	34	15	-	-
Sham Shui Po	50	46	21	21	29	6	1	-
Sha Tin	53	71	44	46	60	17	-	-
Tai Po/North	65	145	60	50	48	15	-	-
Yuen Long	70	68	39	37	44	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	55	45	27	42	36	6	1	-
Tuen Mun	45	53	41	35	38	5	-	-
Total	**649**	**745**	**358**	**448**	**516**	**143**	**4**	**1**

Table 3: Number of applicants for SW in 2017-18
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	46	53	26	32	42	16	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	35	41	23	36	39	18	-	-
Kwun Tong	76	80	37	58	49	25	2	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	106	92	32	52	76	19	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	44	43	19	35	40	15	-	-
Sham Shui Po	34	42	26	25	30	8	1	-
Sha Tin	51	73	46	44	59	18	-	-
Tai Po/North	68	110	54	46	41	18	-	-
Yuen Long	80	69	43	27	48	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	54	56	30	39	37	10	1	-
Tuen Mun	54	54	35	32	31	10	-	-
Total	**648**	**713**	**371**	**426**	**492**	**163**	**4**	**1**

Table 4: Number of applicants for SW in 2018-19
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	37	54	27	21	36	16	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	39	41	32	34	32	18	2	-
Kwun Tong	62	87	29	64	55	19	3	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	102	90	34	45	72	20	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	50	35	19	35	37	16	-	-
Sham Shui Po	38	37	17	17	30	8	1	-
Sha Tin	49	64	35	41	50	19	-	-
Tai Po/North	56	73	42	33	38	18	-	-
Yuen Long	59	49	24	19	37	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	52	59	29	46	43	14	1	-
Tuen Mun	50	50	33	27	29	8	-	-
Total	**594**	**639**	**321**	**382**	**459**	**159**	**7**	**1**

Table 5: Number of applicants for SW in 2019-20
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	44	51	30	19	42	15	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	42	42	30	30	30	14	1	-
Kwun Tong	60	81	25	52	49	13	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	102	91	39	43	60	16	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	55	33	24	29	36	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	40	31	16	19	33	4	-	-
Sha Tin	36	52	28	37	39	12	-	-
Tai Po/North	53	70	45	30	33	2	-	-
Yuen Long	69	48	28	15	36	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	52	61	32	46	43	13	1	-
Tuen Mun	48	44	33	34	29	10	-	-
Total	**601**	**604**	**330**	**354**	**430**	**109**	**4**	**-**

Table 6: Number of applicants for SE in 2015-16
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	3	3	2	-	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	-	2	1	3	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	1	2	5	-	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	2	3	2	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Total	**1**	**10**	**16**	**14**	**10**	**1**	**-**	**-**

Table 7: Number of applicants for SE in 2016-17
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	4	6	5	2	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	4	1	2	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	1	-	4	2	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Total	-	**11**	**19**	**16**	**7**	-	-	-

Table 8: Number of applicants for SE in 2017-18
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	3	1	1	-	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1	2	3	1	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**1**	**10**	**13**	**9**	**4**	**1**	-	-

Table 9: Number of applicants for SE in 2018-19
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	2	3	3	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**2**	**11**	**11**	**6**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Table 10: Number of applicants for SE in 2019-20
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City/YauTsim Mong	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total	**1**	**8**	**8**	**7**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Annex 6

Number of service users of vocational rehabilitation services

Type of service/year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)**
SW	5 301	5 258	5 234	5 315	5 338
IVRSC	4 615	4 642	4 746	4 944	5 090
SE	2 086	2 067	2 001	1 974	2 092

Annex 7

Age distribution of service users of vocational rehabilitation service in 2019-20
(As at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
SW	35	755	1 111	1 306	1 371	672	87	1
IVRSC	53	979	1 231	1 089	1 139	537	62	-
SE	18	395	644	557	400	76	2	-

Annex 8

Planned number of additional IVRSC service places in geographical distribution

Type of service	Number of service places	District Council District
IVRSC	244	Sham Shui Po
	25	Sai Kung
	86	Islands
	270	Tuen Mun

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3181)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCCs), occasional child care service for disabled children (OCCS for DC) and on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), please provide the following information:

1. The number of children in Hong Kong who are at pre-school stage and primary school stage respectively currently waiting for assessment of special educational needs.
2. Please set out the number of service places, actual increase in the number of places, utilisation rate, per capita service cost, median waiting time, average waiting time and the longest and shortest waiting time of each service in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in age groups of 0 to 2, 3 to 4, and 5 to 6) and gender of the applicants.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users of various service units in Hong Kong (in age groups of aged 0 to 2, aged 3 to 4, and aged 5 to 6).
6. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted children have been affected and their service allocation delayed? Will the Government consider extending the duration of service for the affected children in order to offset the negative impact of the service suspension?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 147)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Pre-school children may receive assessments of special educational needs by professionals through different channels such as the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority, the Education Bureau (EDB), the private sector or non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The Government does not have information on the number of pre-school children waiting for assessment of special educational needs in Hong Kong.

   At the primary school level, EDB has put in place the territory-wide "Early Identification and Intervention Programme for Primary One (P1) Students with Learning Difficulties" (EII Programme) in all public sector primary schools for the early identification of P1 students suspected of having learning difficulties. Schools will provide timely and appropriate learning support for those students identified with learning difficulties. They will also collaborate with the parents to monitor the students' learning progress for adjustment to intervention measures. For students showing severe or persistent learning difficulties despite the intervention rendered, schools will refer them to school-based educational psychologists (EPs) or other professionals for assessment. In the past 5 school years (2014/15 to 2018/19), on average about 80% of the cases referred to school-based EPs were assessed within 2 months and about 10% within 2 to 3 months. Some cases with a longer waiting time for assessment were due to special circumstances. For example, there were cases where parents requested to defer assessment and cases in which assessment had to be held up pending students' medical treatment. As for students who were referred to school-based speech therapists by schools, they would receive assessment and follow-up services within 1 to 2 months on average. EDB does not maintain information on the number of students with special educational needs waiting for assessment.

2. The number of service places, actual increase in the number of places and utilisation rate of various pre-school rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the annual cost per service user of individual services. The average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services is set out in Table 4 of Annex 1. The average waiting time for the various pre-school rehabilitation services is set out in Table 5 of Annex 1. SWD does not have statistics on the shortest, the longest and the median waiting time for the pre-school rehabilitation services.

3. The number of applicants for and service users of various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years broken down by SWD administrative district and age group is set out in Tables 1 to 8 of Annex 2. SWD does not have statistics on the number of applicants for and service users of pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by gender, and persons who have applied for a freeze on service allocation. Regarding OCCS for DC, instead of applying through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab), applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres. As such, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants for or users of these services.

4. The number of cases in which service allocation was refused for various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 3. SWD does not have statistics on the length of their waiting time or the reasons for refusal in such cases.

5. SWD does not have statistics on users of various pre-school rehabilitation service units broken down by age in different districts of Hong Kong.

6. The number of additional pre-school rehabilitation service places broken down by administrative district of SWD in 2020-21 is set out at Annex 4.

7. During the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic, CRSRehab performs service allocation for applicants as usual. Nevertheless, difficulties have been encountered by individual service units or applicants in arranging interviews/assessments in connection with service allocation. SWD will examine the situation and handle it with flexibility. Besides, SWD is actively exploring with NGOs operating pre-school rehabilitation services to continuously provide support for children and parents in need during class suspension through providing individual training services in various modes and levels, such as centre-based training with crowd control in force, e-learning, home training, etc. on the prerequisite that the preferences of parents will be fully considered and the health of service users and staff members ensured.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
EETC	3 102	3 124	3 454	3 520	3 708
IP	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980
SCCC	1 799	1 834	1 834	1 960	2 020
OCCS for DC	89	94	96	97	97
OPRS [Note]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	5 187	7 074

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 2: Actual increase in the number of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
EETC	111	22	330	66	188
IP	120	-	-	-	-
SCCC	24	35	-	126	60
OCCS for DC	3	5	2	1	-
OPRS [Note]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	5 187	1 887

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 3: Utilisation rate for various pre-school rehabilitation services [Note 1]

Service type	2015-16 (%)	2016-17 (%)	2017-18 (%)	2018-19 (%)	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) (%)
EETC	97.3	99.3	96.0	99.5	93.7
IP	99.6	99.2	99.8	99.1	96.1
SCCC	97.3	99.1	98.7	98	97.2
OCCS for DC [Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-
OPRS	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	93 [Note 3]	81.6 [Note 4]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is derived from the number of various service users as at 31 March divided by the number of places. The utilisation rate in 2019-20 is derived from the number of service users as at 31 December 2019 divided by the number of places.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of users.

[Note 3] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 4] Phased service allocation for additional OPRS places in the school year 2019/20 is underway.

Table 4：Average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average cost per place per month				
	2015-16 (Actual expenditure) ($)	2016-17 (Actual expenditure) ($)	2017-18 (Actual expenditure) ($)	2018-19 (Actual expenditure) ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	7,787	8,298	8,893	8,811	9,010

Table 5: Average waiting time for various pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
EETC	17.9	16.8	16.2	16.6	Not yet available [Note 1]
IP	12.3	13.5	13.1	12.6	Not yet available [Note 1]
SCCC	18.8	18.2	19.6	18.4	Not yet available [Note 1]
OCCS for DC [Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-
OPRS [Note 3]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A. [Note 4]	Not yet available [Note 1]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

[Note 3] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 4] The figure for 2018-19 is not available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Annex 2

Table 1a：Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	63	116	46	**225**
Eastern/Wan Chai	75	175	57	**307**
Kwun Tong	71	147	61	**279**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	100	214	75	**389**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	152	70	**316**
Sham Shui Po	49	94	41	**184**
Sha Tin	59	172	57	**288**
Tai Po/North	41	155	69	**265**
Yuen Long	43	92	48	**183**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	74	184	76	**334**
Tuen Mun	42	96	37	**175**
Total	**711**	**1 597**	**637**	**2 945**

Table 1b: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	95	169	84	**348**
Eastern/Wan Chai	74	180	78	**332**
Kwun Tong	76	203	87	**366**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	87	231	133	**451**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	87	184	89	**360**
Sham Shui Po	39	102	61	**202**
Sha Tin	69	238	129	**436**
Tai Po/North	55	137	75	**267**
Yuen Long	34	151	50	**235**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	91	223	108	**422**
Tuen Mun	34	113	35	**182**
Total	**741**	**1 931**	**929**	**3 601**

Table 1c: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	74	154	63	**291**
Eastern/Wan Chai	86	213	90	**389**
Kwun Tong	80	247	122	**449**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	87	260	163	**510**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	199	103	**396**
Sham Shui Po	44	95	72	**211**
Sha Tin	87	218	130	**435**
Tai Po/North	51	131	122	**304**
Yuen Long	43	169	61	**273**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	66	226	105	**397**
Tuen Mun	45	158	55	**258**
Total	**757**	**2 070**	**1 086**	**3 913**

Table 1d: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	116	121	34	**271**
Eastern/Wan Chai	102	151	44	**297**
Kwun Tong	149	182	59	**390**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	165	233	81	**479**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	126	182	48	**356**
Sham Shui Po	66	75	22	**163**
Sha Tin	127	150	47	**324**
Tai Po/North	72	154	63	**289**
Yuen Long	61	133	43	**237**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	94	140	35	**269**
Tuen Mun	54	103	37	**194**
Total	**1 132**	**1 624**	**513**	**3 269**

Table 1e: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	64	42	22	**128**
Eastern/Wan Chai	71	48	14	**133**
Kwun Tong	68	59	12	**139**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	62	57	12	**131**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	54	12	**160**
Sham Shui Po	63	32	13	**108**
Sha Tin	80	49	23	**152**
Tai Po/North	58	37	24	**119**
Yuen Long	43	49	14	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	49	45	26	**120**
Tuen Mun	32	23	13	**68**
Total	**684**	**495**	**185**	**1 364**

Table 2a: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	27	41	3	**71**
Eastern/Wan Chai	31	68	5	**104**
Kwun Tong	25	117	11	**153**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	39	135	7	**181**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	32	96	14	**142**
Sham Shui Po	15	56	7	**78**
Sha Tin	37	107	7	**151**
Tai Po/North	50	116	9	**175**
Yuen Long	37	111	7	**155**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	34	96	4	**134**
Tuen Mun	21	66	6	**93**
Total	**348**	**1 009**	**80**	**1 437**

Table 2b: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	46	2	**74**
Eastern/Wan Chai	33	56	16	**105**
Kwun Tong	26	76	14	**116**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	33	89	16	**138**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	40	79	18	**137**
Sham Shui Po	17	55	10	**82**
Sha Tin	54	89	15	**158**
Tai Po/North	40	95	11	**146**
Yuen Long	36	73	7	**116**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	87	11	**124**
Tuen Mun	20	42	5	**67**
Total	**351**	**787**	**125**	**1 263**

Table 2c: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	25	55	8	**88**
Eastern/Wan Chai	32	61	14	**107**
Kwun Tong	21	105	9	**135**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	36	92	13	**141**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	31	64	13	**108**
Sham Shui Po	16	75	5	**96**
Sha Tin	45	88	15	**148**
Tai Po/North	32	87	18	**137**
Yuen Long	42	86	10	**138**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	100	12	**144**
Tuen Mun	25	73	5	**103**
Total	**337**	**886**	**122**	**1 345**

Table 2d: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	44	28	1	**73**
Eastern/Wan Chai	33	31	3	**67**
Kwun Tong	44	61	5	**110**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	56	67	4	**127**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	57	80	5	**142**
Sham Shui Po	34	37	1	**72**
Sha Tin	43	28	4	**75**
Tai Po/North	40	73	2	**115**
Yuen Long	45	52	5	**102**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	49	51	5	**105**
Tuen Mun	29	47	1	**77**
Total	**474**	**555**	**36**	**1 065**

Table 2e: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	16	11	1	**28**
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	14	-	**35**
Kwun Tong	33	30	4	**67**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	20	27	2	**49**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	27	1	**58**
Sham Shui Po	19	25	2	**46**
Sha Tin	21	20	3	**44**
Tai Po/North	28	30	2	**60**
Yuen Long	24	19	-	**43**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	18	6	**44**
Tuen Mun	7	11	2	**20**
Total	**239**	**232**	**23**	**494**

Table 3a: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	27	42	-	**69**
Eastern/Wan Chai	34	35	1	**70**
Kwun Tong	27	61	2	**90**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	33	64	-	**97**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	38	43	4	**85**
Sham Shui Po	26	34	5	**65**
Sha Tin	26	45	6	**77**
Tai Po/North	28	43	7	**78**
Yuen Long	32	39	3	**74**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	44	47	4	**95**
Tuen Mun	20	21	2	**43**
Total	**335**	**474**	**34**	**843**

Table 3b: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	48	34	2	**84**
Eastern/Wan Chai	35	37	6	**78**
Kwun Tong	39	60	9	**108**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	48	70	8	**126**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	48	32	7	**87**
Sham Shui Po	31	29	1	**61**
Sha Tin	46	63	4	**113**
Tai Po/North	46	43	3	**92**
Yuen Long	30	40	5	**75**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	61	57	3	**121**
Tuen Mun	32	19	4	**55**
Total	**464**	**484**	**52**	**1 000**

Table 3c: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	31	5	**76**
Eastern/Wan Chai	47	37	2	**86**
Kwun Tong	44	50	7	**101**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	70	85	8	**163**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	45	54	7	**106**
Sham Shui Po	29	43	3	**75**
Sha Tin	53	76	14	**143**
Tai Po/North	34	40	3	**77**
Yuen Long	37	37	11	**85**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	50	67	8	**125**
Tuen Mun	19	25	5	**49**
Total	**468**	**545**	**73**	**1 086**

Table 3d: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	53	30	1	**84**
Eastern/Wan Chai	62	31	3	**96**
Kwun Tong	58	45	2	**105**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	79	56	9	**144**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	57	45	4	**106**
Sham Shui Po	32	19	2	**53**
Sha Tin	60	38	3	**101**
Tai Po/North	60	59	7	**126**
Yuen Long	79	43	6	**128**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	81	39	4	**124**
Tuen Mun	36	36	3	**75**
Total	**657**	**441**	**44**	**1 142**

Table 3e: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	69	23	1	**93**
Eastern/Wan Chai	55	35	2	**92**
Kwun Tong	39	31	3	**73**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	68	34	-	**102**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	52	21	1	**74**
Sham Shui Po	38	13	1	**52**
Sha Tin	57	34	2	**93**
Tai Po/North	53	43	1	**97**
Yuen Long	60	37	9	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	67	33	6	**106**
Tuen Mun	33	18	1	**52**
Total	**591**	**322**	**27**	**940**

Table 4a：Number and age profile of applicants for OPRS [Note] in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	34	63	19	**116**
Eastern/Wan Chai	29	65	27	**121**
Kwun Tong	22	90	39	**151**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	28	132	45	**205**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	18	84	43	**145**
Sham Shui Po	14	53	20	**87**
Sha Tin	21	73	28	**122**
Tai Po/North	13	112	56	**181**
Yuen Long	13	73	19	**105**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	36	81	32	**149**
Tuen Mun	12	86	29	**127**
Total	**240**	**912**	**357**	**1 509**

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018. As NGOs operating the services admitted service users directly prior to regularisation of the services, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants before October 2018.

Table 4b：Number and age profile of applicants for OPRS in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	43	143	37	**223**
Eastern/Wan Chai	57	142	41	**240**
Kwun Tong	38	225	69	**332**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	50	243	86	**379**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	56	187	61	**304**
Sham Shui Po	31	122	35	**188**
Sha Tin	48	229	50	**327**
Tai Po/North	32	207	52	**291**
Yuen Long	29	175	44	**248**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	48	182	67	**297**
Tuen Mun	18	135	19	**172**
Total	**450**	**1 990**	**561**	**3 001**

Table 5a：Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	88	157	**252**
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	73	239	**319**
Kwun Tong	13	60	171	**244**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	27	87	305	**419**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	74	197	**283**
Sham Shui Po	8	56	119	**183**
Sha Tin	14	71	239	**324**
Tai Po/North	9	59	186	**254**
Yuen Long	14	55	109	**178**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	112	239	**371**
Tuen Mun	12	68	112	**192**
Total	**143**	**803**	**2 073**	**3 019**

Table 5b：Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	67	177	**252**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	77	236	**318**
Kwun Tong	22	57	164	**243**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	35	107	258	**400**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	24	74	222	**320**
Sham Shui Po	21	51	130	**202**
Sha Tin	18	80	209	**307**
Tai Po/North	21	42	194	**257**
Yuen Long	19	66	125	**210**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	40	92	283	**415**
Tuen Mun	14	53	110	**177**
Total	**227**	**766**	**2 108**	**3 101**

Table 5c：Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	49	146	188	**383**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	102	292	**397**
Kwun Tong	16	64	183	**263**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	25	95	294	**414**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	44	54	133	**231**
Sham Shui Po	28	65	178	**271**
Sha Tin	11	44	234	**289**
Tai Po/North	5	54	210	**269**
Yuen Long	5	52	114	**171**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	114	254	**400**
Tuen Mun	9	71	148	**228**
Total	**227**	**861**	**2 228**	**3 316**

Table 5d：Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	122	189	**334**
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	87	258	**352**
Kwun Tong	23	78	214	**315**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	104	305	**439**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	27	104	215	**346**
Sham Shui Po	16	63	123	**202**
Sha Tin	23	86	255	**364**
Tai Po/North	36	85	227	**348**
Yuen Long	7	49	161	**217**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	101	240	**376**
Tuen Mun	9	40	160	**209**
Total	**236**	**919**	**2 347**	**3 502**

Table 5e：Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	43	143	136	**322**
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	150	180	**351**
Kwun Tong	51	120	160	**331**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	68	174	202	**444**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	53	135	160	**348**
Sham Shui Po	34	86	108	**228**
Sha Tin	50	142	161	**353**
Tai Po/North	49	110	145	**304**
Yuen Long	22	70	134	**226**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	42	132	188	**362**
Tuen Mun	19	68	118	**205**
Total	**452**	**1 330**	**1 692**	**3 474**

Table 6a：Number and age profile of IP service users in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	47	74	**126**
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	68	101	**177**
Kwun Tong	3	87	139	**229**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	92	141	**234**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	85	103	**189**
Sham Shui Po	3	51	68	**122**
Sha Tin	3	41	137	**181**
Tai Po/North	-	57	123	**180**
Yuen Long	2	76	101	**179**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	73	113	**192**
Tuen Mun	2	69	92	**163**
Total	**34**	**746**	**1 192**	**1 972**

Table 6b：Number and age profile of IP service users in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	52	71	**124**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	65	100	**168**
Kwun Tong	1	78	155	**234**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	81	145	**229**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	83	129	**213**
Sham Shui Po	-	43	72	**115**
Sha Tin	-	64	107	**171**
Tai Po/North	-	42	132	**174**
Yuen Long	-	50	130	**180**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	82	115	**200**
Tuen Mun	-	45	111	**156**
Total	**12**	**685**	**1 267**	**1 964**

Table 6c：Number and age profile of IP service users in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	49	77	**128**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	63	113	**181**
Kwun Tong	3	74	151	**228**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	82	156	**241**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	71	139	**211**
Sham Shui Po	1	32	77	**110**
Sha Tin	-	59	111	**170**
Tai Po/North	-	35	133	**168**
Yuen Long	1	44	141	**186**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	57	137	**199**
Tuen Mun	2	45	107	**154**
Total	**23**	**611**	**1 342**	**1 976**

Table 6d：Number and age profile of IP service users in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	63	76	**145**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	62	95	**162**
Kwun Tong	4	73	146	**223**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	87	134	**224**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	81	135	**218**
Sham Shui Po	-	37	81	**118**
Sha Tin	-	53	114	**167**
Tai Po/North	-	51	121	**172**
Yuen Long	5	63	125	**193**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	64	138	**204**
Tuen Mun	2	56	79	**137**
Total	**29**	**690**	**1 244**	**1 963**

Table 6e：Number and age profile of IP service users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	61	60	**131**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	69	68	**142**
Kwun Tong	5	100	117	**222**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	109	106	**225**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	86	133	**224**
Sham Shui Po	1	45	73	**119**
Sha Tin	10	53	101	**164**
Tai Po/North	5	68	101	**174**
Yuen Long	11	78	92	**181**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	77	98	**178**
Tuen Mun	9	60	73	**142**
Total	**74**	**806**	**1 022**	**1 902**

Table 7a：Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	69	80	**153**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	79	93	**178**
Kwun Tong	6	54	108	**168**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	78	123	**204**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	56	118	**177**
Sham Shui Po	3	42	71	**116**
Sha Tin	5	70	93	**168**
Tai Po/North	4	63	73	**140**
Yuen Long	3	66	92	**161**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	75	105	**186**
Tuen Mun	3	29	68	**100**
Total	**46**	**681**	**1 024**	**1 751**

Table 7b：Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	13	61	78	**152**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	69	103	**175**
Kwun Tong	3	58	118	**179**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	69	132	**207**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	103	**165**
Sham Shui Po	3	37	75	**115**
Sha Tin	5	61	110	**176**
Tai Po/North	11	64	93	**168**
Yuen Long	2	57	103	**162**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	54	134	**194**
Tuen Mun	5	50	69	**124**
Total	**61**	**638**	**1 118**	**1 817**

Table 7c：Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	14	64	98	**176**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	80	139	**224**
Kwun Tong	-	16	49	**65**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	107	216	**336**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	14	13	**30**
Sham Shui Po	6	59	140	**205**
Sha Tin	1	38	99	**138**
Tai Po/North	5	68	146	**219**
Yuen Long	-	24	82	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	58	105	**167**
Tuen Mun	4	46	95	**145**
Total	**55**	**574**	**1 182**	**1 811**

Table 7d：Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	77	84	**172**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	78	99	**183**
Kwun Tong	3	57	118	**178**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	64	155	**226**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	103	**165**
Sham Shui Po	3	40	73	**116**
Sha Tin	1	57	127	**185**
Tai Po/North	3	94	117	**214**
Yuen Long	3	40	111	**154**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	57	140	**207**
Tuen Mun	2	49	69	**120**
Total	**53**	**671**	**1 196**	**1 920**

Table 7e：Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	77	76	**164**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	90	81	**177**
Kwun Tong	8	72	113	**193**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	115	120	**245**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	67	100	**177**
Sham Shui Po	4	56	68	**128**
Sha Tin	6	73	101	**180**
Tai Po/North	9	92	115	**216**
Yuen Long	5	57	92	**154**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	91	105	**206**
Tuen Mun	4	42	78	**124**
Total	**83**	**832**	**1 049**	**1 964**

Table 8a：Number and age profile of OPRS users in 2018-19 [Note]

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	9	178	157	**344**
Eastern/Wan Chai	13	197	175	**385**
Kwun Tong	7	261	264	**532**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	364	285	**657**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	218	193	**417**
Sham Shui Po	2	132	129	**263**
Sha Tin	6	248	252	**506**
Tai Po/North	3	210	232	**445**
Yuen Long	3	180	174	**357**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	291	256	**551**
Tuen Mun	3	203	163	**369**
Total	**64**	**2 482**	**2 280**	**4 826**

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 8b：Number and age profile of OPRS users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	14	230	179	**423**
Eastern/Wan Chai	25	251	205	**481**
Kwun Tong	3	332	294	**629**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	374	388	**770**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	284	239	**535**
Sham Shui Po	3	155	144	**302**
Sha Tin	4	303	267	**574**
Tai Po/North	8	263	270	**541**
Yuen Long	4	228	220	**452**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	329	342	**679**
Tuen Mun	3	195	186	**384**
Total	**92**	**2 944**	**2 734**	**5 770**

Annex 3

Number of cases of pre-school rehabilitation service allocation being refused

Service type	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
EETC	748	444	544	1 637	812
IP	224	158	176	323	70
SCCC	132	61	79	277	82
OPRS[Note]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	187	109

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018. As NGOs operating the services admitted service users directly prior to regularisation of the services, SWD does not have information on the number of cases of pre-school rehabilitation service allocation being refused before October 2018.

Annex 4

Estimated number of additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services by district in 2020-21

Service type	Estimated number of additional places in 2020-21	Administrative district of SWD
Pre-school services		
EETC	297	Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 25
		Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung: 182
		Sha Tin: 90
SCCC	134	Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung: 92
		Sha Tin: 30
		Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing: 12
OPRS	1 000	N.A. [Note]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Since OPRS is allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of service places by district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3182)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs), please provide the following information:

1. Please set out the current number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (broken down by priority and normal list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal list) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted persons have been affected and their service allocation delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 148)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of C&A/AB places has been maintained at 825 from 2015-16 to 2016-17. The Government has added 3 C&A/AB places in 2017-18 and 2018-19 through reshuffling of service resources of the operators. As at end-December 2019, the number of C&A/AB places amounts to 828. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the longest and shortest waiting time, whereas the average waiting time for C&A/AB places in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 1.

2. The average cost per place per month of rehabilitation residential care services in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2. In view of the diversity of residential places for persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of all residential places for reference.

3. The number of applicants for C&A/AB places in each of the past 5 years with a breakdown by administrative district of the SWD and age group is set out in Annex 3. The number of service users of C&A/ABs is set out in Annex 4. SWD does not have the number of service users of C&A/ABs with a breakdown by district and age for the past 5 years and so the information sought is not available. SWD does not have information on the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation. As applications will be considered according to the applicant's order of priority in the Central Referral System of SWD without taking into account the gender of the applicant, SWD does not have statistics on the applicant's gender.

4. As SWD does not have the relevant information on the number of persons, their length of time spent on the waiting list and reasons, the information sought is not available.

5. The age distribution of service users of C&A/ABs is set out in Annex 5.

6. Currently, there are no newly-planned C&A/AB places. SWD will monitor the demand for C&A/AB service on an ongoing basis and review the planning of relevant service.

7. During the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Central Referral System of SWD performs service allocation for applicants as usual. Nevertheless, if difficulties have been encountered by individual service units or applicants in arranging interviews/ assessments in connection with service allocation, SWD will examine the situation and handle it with flexibility.

Annex 1

Average waiting time for C&A/AB places from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Average waiting time (in months)** [Note 1]
2015-16	6.6
2016-17	10.6
2017-18	10.6
2018-19	10.0
2019-20	Not yet available [Note 2]

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 2] The figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Annex 2

Average cost per rehabilitation residential service place per month from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Average cost per place per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	14,033
2016-17 (Actual)	14,855
2017-18 (Actual)	15,370
2018-19 (Actual)	16,336
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	17,708

Annex 3

Table 1: Number of applicants for C&A/AB places in 2015-16 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants		
	Aged 60 to 69	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	1	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	2	9
Kwun Tong	1	4	6
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	3	10
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	5
Sham Shui Po	-	3	5
Sha Tin	2	5	8
Tai Po/North	4	-	5
Yuen Long	1	-	9
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	5	7
Tuen Mun	-	2	5
Total	**18**	**27**	**76**

Table 2: Number of applicants for C&A/AB places in 2016-17 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants		
	Aged 60 to 69	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	2	12
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	-	11
Kwun Tong	-	2	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	5	10
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	1	5
Sham Shui Po	1	5	12
Sha Tin	2	3	5
Tai Po/North	6	-	5
Yuen Long	2	2	13
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	10	5
Tuen Mun	3	1	6
Total	**24**	**31**	**92**

Table 3: Number of applicants for C&A/AB places in 2017-18 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants		
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	3	9
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	2	9
Kwun Tong	2	6	7
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	-	12
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	2	7
Sham Shui Po	3	2	12
Sha Tin	1	2	6
Tai Po/North	1	1	8
Yuen Long	3	2	7
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	9	5
Tuen Mun	1	4	9
Total	**19**	**33**	**91**

Table 4: Number of applicants for C&A/AB places in 2018-19 by Administrative District of SWD and age group

District	Number of applicants		
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	7	14
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	3	12
Kwun Tong	3	4	10
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	2	5
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	11
Sham Shui Po	2	3	10
Sha Tin	1	2	11
Tai Po/North	6	2	3
Yuen Long	2	4	8
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	6	10
Tuen Mun	3	1	4
Total	**33**	**36**	**98**

Table 5: Number of applicants for C&A/AB places in 2019-20 by Administrative District of the SWD and age group (As at end-December 2019)

District	Number of applicants		
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	6	13
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	2	11
Kwun Tong	4	4	5
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	5	8
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	2	11
Sham Shui Po	2	1	11
Sha Tin	3	2	10
Tai Po/North	2	2	5
Yuen Long	2	4	11
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	7	14
Tuen Mun	4	4	3
Total	**30**	**39**	**102**

Annex 4

Number of service users of C&A/ABs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of service/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
C&A/AB	747	742	749	788	797

Annex 5

Age distribution of service users of C&A/ABs in 2019-20
(As at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users		
	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
C&A/AB	62	110	625

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3183)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated vocational training centres (residential service) [IVTC(Res)], please provide the following information:

1. Please set out the number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of service places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) and the median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
7. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many waitlisted persons have been affected and their service allocation delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 152)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 5. There were no estimated or actual increase in the number of service places of IVTC(Res) in the past 5 years. As IVTC can admit service users directly or through referrals, there is no priority or normal waiting list. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the longest, shortest, average and median waiting time, per capita service cost, number of applicants, number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation, number of persons having

accepted or refused service allocation and the age of service users of various service units across the territory, etc.

6. The total number of 170 residential service places of IVTC(Res) is currently provided by Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre in Tai Po District.

7. During the COVID-19 epidemic, the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of SWD has been matching services for applicants as usual. Yet, if certain service units or applicants encounter difficulties in arranging interviews/ assessments regarding service matching, SWD will study the situation concerned and handle with flexibility.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3184)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), please provide the following information:

1. the staffing establishment, the manpower shortage, the number of service places and the actual number of service users of the 60 service teams in Hong Kong;
2. the number of persons waitlisted, the average and median waiting time and the actual number of service users under ordinary cases (OC) over the past 5 years, broken down by type of service targets, age (ten-year band for persons below age 60 and five-year band for persons above age 60), service type, District Council (DC) district, and service team;
3. the annual expenditure and the service cost per person under OC over the past 5 years;
4. the number of persons waitlisted, the average and median waiting time and the actual number of service users under frail cases (FC) over the past 5 years, broken down by type of disabilities of the service targets, age (ten-year band for persons below age 60 and five-year band for persons above age 60), service type, DC district, and service team;
5. the annual expenditure and the service cost per person under FC over the past 5 years;
6. the number of persons waitlisted, the average and median waiting time and the actual number of service users under EHCCS over the past 5 years, broken down by type of disabilities of the service targets, age (ten-year band for persons below age 60 and five-year band for persons above age 60), service type, DC district, and service team;
7. the annual expenditure and the service cost per person under EHCCS; and
8. As services are affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many service users have been affected by the reduction of services and to what extent have they been affected?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 160)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations providing IHCS have the flexibility to deploy the subvention and arrange suitable staffing, subject to their ensuring service quality and achieving the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The current number of places provided by all the 60 IHCS (OC and FC) teams in Hong Kong is set out at Annex 1.

The number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year and the number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) by DC district between 2015-16 and 2019-20 are set out at Annexes 2 and 3 respectively.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only keeps the statistical information on the number of persons waitlisted and the number of service users throughout the year for IHCS(OC) by DC district without a breakdown by type and age of service targets, service type and individual IHCS team. In addition, the waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs currently operating the services. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for IHCS(OC).

The number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year by DC district between 2015-16 and 2019-20 is at Annex 4.

The number of EHCCS users throughout the year by DC district between 2015-16 and 2019-20 is at Annex 5.

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the number of service users throughout the year for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS by DC district without a breakdown by disability type and age of service targets, service type and individual service team.

SWD does not have information on the total annual expenditure and the average monthly cost of handling each case under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The total annual expenditure and the average monthly cost of handling each case under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) between 2015-16 and 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Total annual expenditure ($ million)	Average monthly cost of handling each case ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	592.9	1,838
2016-17 (Actual)	621.9	1,904
2017-18 (Actual)	635.8	1,968
2018-19 (Actual)	696.6	2,215
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	736.6	2,346

The total annual expenditure and the average monthly cost for handling each case under EHCCS between 2015-16 and 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Total annual expenditure ($ million)	Average monthly cost of handling each case ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	376.0	4,471
2016-17 (Actual)	389.2	4,533
2017-18 (Actual)	398.1	4,635
2018-19 (Actual)	419.0	4,853
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	680.0	6,912

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the number of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time across the territory for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS without a breakdown

by DC district, disability type and age of service targets, and individual service team. The number of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS between 2015-16 and 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the past 3 months)
2015-16	2 839	7
2016-17	4 504	11
2017-18	5 819	15
2018-19	7 930	18
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 961	15

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The figures do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

All along the Government has timely announced the special arrangements of subvented welfare services in response to the latest developments of the epidemic. It keeps members of the public informed of the availability of services at subvented service units, and ensures the normal operation of emergency and essential services (including meal delivery, escort services, nursing care and administration of medicine services) so as to minimise the impact on those in need of services. Moreover, NGOs operating the relevant services will closely liaise with the elderly and their families/carers by telephone to keep abreast of the condition of the elderly and provide timely services in response to their needs. During the period of prevention and control of the epidemic, the relevant NGOs can flexibly deploy the funding, resources and manpower they get to facilitate the access to services by service users.

Annex 1

Number of service places for IHCS (OC & FC)
(2019-20)

District	Name of organisation	Number of places (As at end-December 2019)	
		OC [Note]	FC
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	143	20
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	125	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	269	10
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	214	20
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	324	20
	Methodist Centre	92	10
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for Aged	477	30
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	384	20
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre	255	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	193	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	106	10
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	476	50
	Caritas-Hong Kong	433	30
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	83	20
	Caritas-Hong Kong	259	10
	Christian Family Service Centre	213	10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	142	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	510	30
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	271	20
Sai Kung	Caritas-Hong Kong	236	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	165	10
	Salvation Army	39	10
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	693	60
	Hong Kong Christian Service	132	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	700	40
	Salvation Army	244	40
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	149	10
	Salvation Army	452	20
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited	306	10
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	133	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui	950	10

	Welfare Council Limited		
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	201	10
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	127	10
	Hong Kong Christian Service	425	15
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	271	10
	Caritas-Hong Kong	319	15
	Sik Sik Yuen	186	10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	109	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	99	20
Sha Tin	Caritas-Hong Kong	434	20
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong	237	20
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	283	40
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	380	40
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	175	10
	Salvation Army	275	10
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	114	10
North	Caritas-Hong Kong	206	10
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	771	10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	190	10
Yuen Long	Caritas-Hong Kong	313	30
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	182	10
	Pok Oi Hospital	255	20
	Yan Oi Tong	330	30
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	148	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	237	30
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	547	50
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	290	20
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	269	20
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	441	15
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	605	15
Total		17 587	1 120

[Note] Individual service providers of IHCS(OC) set their own service capacity.

Annex 2

Number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year
(between 2015-16 and 2019-20)

District	Number of service users throughout the year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	777	768	758	741	697
Eastern	2 012	2 019	2 016	2 047	1 852
Wan Chai	666	664	597	557	548
Southern	1 407	1 380	1 357	1 281	1 167
Islands	335	337	337	323	299
Kwun Tong	2 509	2 441	2 447	2 270	2 211
Wong Tai Sin	1 934	1 983	1 962	1 981	1 783
Sai Kung	551	560	551	547	554
Kowloon City	1 666	1 713	1 763	1 716	1 587
Yau Tsim Mong	1 228	1 289	1 241	1 220	1 176
Sham Shui Po	2 215	2 337	2 267	2 074	1 919
Sha Tin	1 835	1 859	1 728	1 737	1 650
Tai Po	950	938	892	801	731
North	1 563	1 515	1 637	1 643	1 484
Yuen Long	1 684	1 654	1 602	1 566	1 374
Tuen Mun	1 724	1 632	1 602	1 479	1 299
Tsuen Wan	565	602	593	595	550
Kwai Tsing	1 653	1 668	1 729	1 774	1 675
Total	**25 274**	**25 359**	**25 079**	**24 352**	**22 556**

Annex 3

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(between 2015-16 and 2019-20)

District	Number of persons waitlisted				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	61	46	34	28	44
Eastern	179	180	242	106	117
Wan Chai	88	27	39	56	51
Southern	187	214	147	84	71
Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	780	835	889	761	724
Wong Tai Sin	552	546	685	577	518
Sai Kung	63	63	67	87	90
Kowloon City	288	217	150	110	98
Yau Tsim Mong	70	61	144	82	62
Sham Shui Po	254	232	290	251	267
Sha Tin	460	575	646	416	469
Tai Po	274	218	221	103	117
North	86	111	120	55	44
Yuen Long	268	257	224	122	130
Tuen Mun	126	184	230	302	312
Tsuen Wan	53	45	34	9	5
Kwai Tsing	164	187	161	112	69
Total	**3 953**	**3 998**	**4 323**	**3 261**	**3 188**

Annex 4

Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year
(between 2015-16 and 2019-20)

District	Number of service users throughout the year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	56	49	54	61	48
Eastern	108	114	105	113	100
Wan Chai	47	40	39	43	34
Southern	106	112	113	104	97
Islands	26	30	24	26	23
Kwun Tong	208	192	199	184	180
Wong Tai Sin	134	129	120	132	108
Sai Kung	38	43	35	34	38
Kowloon City	35	36	42	41	33
Yau Tsim Mong	52	51	54	56	47
Sham Shui Po	114	109	109	130	114
Sha Tin	158	160	153	155	143
Tai Po	46	41	37	40	37
North	40	45	39	35	40
Yuen Long	106	124	124	117	111
Tuen Mun	32	34	36	32	32
Tsuen Wan	50	48	50	46	41
Kwai Tsing	110	104	103	109	99
Total	**1 466**	**1 461**	**1 436**	**1 458**	**1 325**

Annex 5

Number of EHCCS users throughout the year (between 2015-16 and 2019-20)

Year	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)		
District	**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**	
Central & Western	232	245	238	218	222	245	219	249	228	221	238	224	242	278	317
Eastern	283			267			282			268			292		
Wan Chai	199			202			195			208			220		
Southern	201			214			221			209			234		
Islands	108	N.A.		122	N.A.		117	N.A.		118	N.A.		137	N.A.	
Kwun Tong	548	457	239	551	436	224	568	458	197	566	440	203	655	494	286
Wong Tai Sin	545	1 049 [Note 1]		523	1 013 [Note 1]		531	1 021 [Note 1]		528	1 012 [Note 1]		586	1 154 [Note 1]	
Sai Kung	310			289			292			308			325		
Kowloon City	377	533 [Note 2]		364	541 [Note2]		395	537 [Note 2]		376	524 [Note 2]		394	576 [Note 2]	
Yau Tsim Mong	254			248			249			256			251		
Sham Shui Po	342		204	341		176	347		194	319		195	365		230
Sha Tin	279	305	249	251	286	242	264	278	234	244	280	237	302	306	314
Tai Po	175			165			194			181			206		
North	181			180			186			186			215		
Yuen Long	247	1 050 [Note 3]		248	1 036 [Note 3]		245	1 033 [Note 3]		240	1 041 [Note 3]		268	1 199 [Note 3]	
Tuen Mun	219			210			225			205			257		
Tsuen Wan	302			301			304			306			321		
Kwai Tsing	435			447			458			439			536		
Total	**9 806**			**9 562**			**9 721**			**9 572**			**10 960**		

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3185)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information on care-and-attention (C&A) places at subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), C&A places at private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), and all C&A places in overall terms, as well as the following information on subvented/contract RCHEs among nursing homes (NHs), private RCHEs among NHs, and all NHs in overall terms:

1. Please set out the current number of places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (with a breakdown by priority and normal queues), and the median waiting time (with a breakdown by priority and normal queues) in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants for service, the number of service recipients and the number of people having applied for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by applicants' district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused admission, the duration of their waiting time and the reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).
6. Please set out the number of people who passed away while waitlisting in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age.
7. Please set out the number of people who withdrew from residential care services for the elderly and the reasons for withdrawal in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the types of homes.
8. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.
9. As services have been affected by the COVID-19 epidemic, how many people on the waiting list have been affected, with their service allocation being delayed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 165)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. There is an actual increase of 2 118 places in subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs for the period from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019). The number of service places provided by various types of RCHEs and the average waiting time for such places with a breakdown by year are set out in Annexes 1 and 2. Priority placement caters for applicants with urgent needs for long-term care services, with their approved applications processed with priority. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the time required for priority placement and the median waiting time.

2. The average cost per place per month of various types of RCHEs for the period from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out at Annex 3.

3. The number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly by age group and gender for the period from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out at Annex 4. Elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care services (RCS) do not have to update regularly their personal particulars (including residential address), and therefore SWD does not have the breakdown of these elderly persons by district of residence. As various types of subsidised RCHEs are not required to submit to SWD the personal particulars (including age and gender) of the elderly persons admitted, SWD does not have the information sought.

   To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either RCS or community care services (CCS) (the so-called "dual option" cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as "inactive". SWD does not have a breakdown of the elderly persons treated as "inactive" cases by their district of residence. The total number of elderly persons treated as "inactive" cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
9 167	10 988	12 667	13 856	16 237

4. From 2015 to 2019, the number of waitlisted elderly persons for subsidised residential care places for the elderly who had refused C&A places and NH places offered is as follows:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 283	2 221	1 988	3 355	2 333

   SWD does not have information on the number of years spent waitlisting by the elderly persons who refused the service offered and their reasons for refusal, etc.

5. SWD does not have information on the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in ten-year bands).

6. From 2015 to 2019, the number of elderly persons having passed away while being waitlisted for subsidised C&A places is set out as follows:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
3 882	4 290	4 388	4 878	4 963

During the same period, the number of elderly persons having passed away while being waitlisted for subsidised NH places is set out as follows:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 999	1 814	1 871	1 988	2 082

SWD does not have information on the number of elderly persons having passed away while being waitlisted for various subsidised RCS with a breakdown by age of elderly applicants.

7. The number of elderly persons who withdrew from the services of subsidised C&A homes and the reasons for withdrawal from 2015 to 2019 are provided as follows:

Reason for withdrawal from the services of subsidised C&A homes	Number of elderly persons				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Admission to other residential care homes/services [Note]	467	330	498	350	120
Withdrawal from the services of their own accord	196	218	179	269	309
Health improved without need for services	4	1	1	2	13
Deceased	3 660	3 587	3 503	3 538	3 659
Total	4 327	4 136	4 181	4 159	4 101

[Note] Including residential care services and community care and support services. SWD does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

The number of elderly persons who ceased to receive the services of subsidised NHs and the reasons for cessation from 2015 to 2019 are provided as follows:

Reason for withdrawal from the services of subsidised NHs	Number of elderly persons				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Admission to other residential care homes/services [Note]	7	18	17	3	19
Withdrawal from the services of their own accord	15	20	19	19	19
Health improved without need for services	-	-	-	-	1
Deceased	870	890	879	973	1 019
Total	892	928	915	995	1 058

[Note] Including residential care services and community care and support services. SWD does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

8. The Government has been taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, and will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme). Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will be encouraged to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services in particular to increase the provision of elderly, rehabilitation and child care service places. According to the latest proposals from applicant organisations in Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services, a total of about 9 000 additional elderly service places could be provided, including about 7 500 residential care places and about 1 500 day care service places. The some 7 500 additional residential care places for the elderly are to be distributed in various districts, the detail of which is set out at Annex 5. The Government launched Phase

Two of the Special Sites Scheme in April 2019 to further increase the provision of welfare facilities in keen demand, including elderly services.

Moreover, as at end-December 2019, the Government has earmarked sites for constructing new contract RCHEs under 38 development projects, with about 7 100 C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC) and NH places (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) expected to come on stream progressively starting from 2019-20. Information on these projects is set out at Annex 6.

Besides, the Government will, in the next 5 years starting from 2019-20, purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places in private residential care homes for the elderly under EBPS to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

9. In view of the development of the COVID-19 epidemic and for the sake of infection control, SWD has adjusted the operating arrangements of subsidised welfare services by reducing the scale of or suspending certain services in order to reduce the risk of infection arising from the gatherings of people, while ensuring that essential and urgent services are maintained. The Long Term Care Services Delivery System Office of SWD will maintain its operation during the epidemic to process applications on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services. It will handle the applications for long-term care services with flexibility with regard to the actual operation of the relevant referral offices as well as the situation of the applicants.

Annex 1

Number of places of various elderly services (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	Service places				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Subvented homes	14 992	15 080	15 221	15 293	15 346
Subvented NHs	1 574	1 574	1 574	1 574	1 574
Self-financing NHs participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	241	296	294	289	288
Contract homes [Note]	1 991	2 150	2 324	2 390	2 471
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	8 048	8 087	8 009	7 991	8 859

[Note] Excluding the number of non-subsidised residential places.

Annex 2

Average waiting time for various types of subsidised RCHE places

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
C&A places					
- Subvented/ contract RCHEs	36	36	36	40	41
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	9	11	11	10	8
Overall	22	24	24	24	20
NH places [Note 2]	27	25	24	25	22

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with an inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from home for the aged places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded from the above calculations because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

Annex 3

Average cost per place per month for various subsidised RCS for the elderly (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	Average cost per place per month				
	2015-16 (Actual) ($)	**2016-17 (Actual) ($)**	**2017-18 (Actual) ($)**	**2018-19 (Actual) ($)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)**
C&A homes providing a CoC	14,243	14,822	15,265	16,393	17,499
NHs [Note]	21,411	22,273	22,331	23,788	24,993
Private homes participating in the EBPS	10,618	10,813	11,326	12,121	14,328
Contract homes	13,831	16,010	17,306	17,972	20,390

[Note] NHs include subvented NHs and subsidised NH places purchased under the NHPPS.

Annex 4

Number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly by age group and gender

Table 1: 2015-16

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Aged 60 to 69	1 557	1 271	**2 828**
Aged 70 to 79	3 395	3 761	**7 156**
Aged 80 to 89	6 004	10 563	**16 567**
Aged 90 or above	1 864	4 953	**6 817**
Total	**12 820**	**20 548**	**33 368**

Table 2: 2016-17

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Aged 60 to 69	1 771	1 404	**3 175**
Aged 70 to 79	3 589	3 759	**7 348**
Aged 80 to 89	6 572	11 191	**17 763**
Aged 90 or above	2 075	5 570	**7 645**
Total	**14 007**	**21 924**	**35 931**

Table 3: 2017-18

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Aged 60 to 69	1 899	1 471	**3 370**
Aged 70 to 79	3 775	3 828	**7 603**
Aged 80 to 89	6 931	11 512	**18 443**
Aged 90 or above	2 359	6 136	**8 495**
Total	**14 964**	**22 947**	**37 911**

Table 4: 2018-19

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Aged 60 to 69	2 145	1 618	**3 763**
Aged 70 to 79	4 036	4 105	**8 141**
Aged 80 to 89	7 421	12 135	**19 556**
Aged 90 or above	2 662	6 656	**9 318**
Total	**16 264**	**24 514**	**40 778**

Table 5: 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Aged 60 to 69	2 217	1 641	**3 858**
Aged 70 to 79	4 323	4 321	**8 644**
Aged 80 to 89	7 476	12 263	**19 739**
Aged 90 or above	2 528	6 242	**8 770**
Total	**16 544**	**24 467**	**41 011**

Annex 5

Proposed Projects received under Phase One of the Special Scheme
Distribution of additional residential care places for the elderly by district

District	**Number of additional residential care places for the elderly**	
	C&A homes providing a CoC	**NH**
Central & Western	-	-
Eastern	410	-
Southern	643	300
Wan Chai	-	-
Kowloon City	239	203
Kwun Tong	895	-
Sham Shui Po	218	-
Wong Tai Sin	101	120
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-
Islands	-	-
Kwai Tsing	120	-
North	662	-
Sai Kung	353	200
Sha Tin	-	-
Tai Po	495	-
Tsuen Wan	507	-
Tuen Mun	1 170	604
Yuen Long	304	-
Total	**6 117**	**1 427**

Annex 6

Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs (as at end-December 2019)

District	Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs	Estimated number of additional C&A places providing a CoC and NH places [Note]
Eastern	Joint User Complex at Lei King Road	200
	Joint User Complex at Siu Sai Wan Road, Siu Sai Wan	100
Islands	Public housing development at Tung Chung Area 56	100
Kwun Tong	On Tai Estate Ancillary Facilities Block, Kwun Tong	100
	Public housing development at Wang Chiu Road, Kwun Tong	100
	Public housing development at Hiu Ming Street, Kwun Tong	100
	Public housing development at Yan Wing Street (Lei Yue Mun Estate Phase 4), Kwun Tong	250
	Public housing development at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong	250
Sai Kung	Conversion of Ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School	100
	Public housing development at Pak Shing Kok Road, Tseung Kwan O (East of Hong Kong Movie City)	150
Kowloon City	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 1F Site 1, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects)	200 200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 1, Kowloon City	200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 2, Kowloon City	200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4B Site 5, Kowloon City	200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 4, Area 2A Site 5(B) and Area 2A Site 10, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects)	150 150
Sham Shui Po	Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 6	100
	Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 1	100
Sha Tin	Public housing development at Shek Mun Estate Phase II, Sha Tin	150
	Public housing development at Sha Tin Areas 16 & 58D, Fo Tan	100
	Public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan (Yan On Estate Extension)	100
Tai Po	Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School, Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po	130
	Public housing development at Chung Nga Road East and Tai Po Area 9	100
	Private residential development in a land sale site at the Junction of Yau King Lane and Pok Yin Road, Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po	100
	Private residential development at Sai Sha Shap Sz Heung, Tai Po	100

District	**Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs**	**Estimated number of additional C&A places providing a CoC and NH places [Note]**
North	Public housing development at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui	100
	Public housing development at Queen's Hill, Fanling	150
	Mixed housing development programme at Pak Wo Road, Fanling	150
	Kwu Tung North New Development Area 29 Multi-welfare Services Complex	1 750
	Public housing development at Sheung Shui Areas 4 and 30 Site 1	100
	Subsidised housing development programme at Jockey Club Road, Fanling	100
Yuen Long	Private residential development at MTRCL West Rail (Long Ping Station North), Yuen Long	125
Tuen Mun	Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun	100
	Private residential development at ex-Kwong Choi Market, Tuen Mun	100
	Public housing development at Tuen Mun Area 29 West	100
	Public housing development at Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun	150
	Re-development of Tuen Mun Clinic	200
Kwai Tsing	Public housing development at ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters	100
	Public housing development at Ching Hong Road North, Tsing Yi	150
Total	**38**	**7 105**

[Note] Figures include both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3186)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise, by organisation and the use of subvention, the total amount of subsidy disbursed to subvented organisations for anti-epidemic purposes during the COVID-19 epidemic.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 195)

Reply:

In response to the COVID-19 epidemic, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has disbursed the following allowances to welfare service units for the purpose of epidemic prevention as at end-March 2020:

(1) In order to assist welfare service units to strengthen their anti-epidemic measures, SWD has provided relevant service units under subventions or contracts, as well as all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) with 3 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of $5,000 or $3,000 for each of the first 2 rounds; at a rate of $10,000 or $6,000 for the third round) for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. The allowance covers about 3 500 service units, involving an expenditure of around $62 million. In addition, SWD has informed 8 organisations running short-term food assistance service projects across the territory to purchase protective equipment and sanitising items on an actual reimbursement basis. The estimated expenditure involved will be about $1 million.

(2) In view that some residential care homes and home care service teams have their regular staff being put under quarantine arrangements and thus face manpower shortage, SWD-subsidised residential care homes and home-based care service units as well as the RCHEs, RCHDs, Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres licensed under SWD and the residential Child Care Centres (CCCs) registered under SWD may receive a one-off special allowance for manpower support. In the event of their staff being unable to return to work due to their going into self-isolation, staying at home or being put under quarantine arrangements at home or other venues as a result of their return to Hong Kong from the Mainland during the period from 27 January to 29 February 2020, the allowance ensures that relevant homes/units/centres may make additional manpower arrangements (including hiring of temporary staff/relief workers or internal deployment of manpower to work overtime, etc.) and maintain daily operations.

(3) Staff of subvented and subsidised residential care homes have stayed committed to work during the epidemic, providing comprehensive residential care service for the frail elderly, persons with disabilities, as well as children and youth in need of residential care service, while assisting residential care homes in ramping up preventive measures and stepping up cleansing and sterilisation of the premises. SWD provides a special allowance for the staff of subvented and subsidised residential care homes to show recognition of and appreciation to their efforts in maintaining residential care services. The special allowance amounts to 10% of the monthly salary of an employee with a cap at $4,000 for no less than 4 months (i.e. the period from February to May, and the expenses incurred in April and May shall be disbursed following the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2020), involving an expenditure of around $208 million. The special allowance is expected to benefit 745 subvented and subsidised residential care homes with around 20 000 employees.

(4) To subsidise foster parents in the light of the additional expenses incurred on the procurement of face masks and other sanitising items for their foster children during the epidemic period, SWD provides an additional living allowance of $300 per month for each foster child from February to May 2020 (a total of 4 months), involving an expenditure of around $1.3 million.

(5) In response to the epidemic, SWD also provides a one-off special allowance to a total of 136 recognised service providers providing day care services by the co-payment mode under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly so as to relieve the financial difficulties caused by a suspension or reduction of their services, involving an expenditure of around $17 million.

(6) The Government provides a one-off special allowance to more than 550 aided and non-aided CCCs (including CCCs attached to kindergartens) across the territory for the four-month period from February to May 2020 to assist them to tide over the financial difficulties arising from the suspension of their services in the light of the epidemic. Under the newly established Anti-epidemic Fund, SWD provides a special allowance for CCCs for no less than 4 months, involving an expenditure of up to $55 million per month or $220 million in total. SWD disbursed the first round of the special allowance to CCCs in March 2020.

(7) SWD has provided 2 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of $5,000 and $6,000 respectively) to the beneficiaries under the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses from 2018-19 and 2019-20 and Community-based Support Projects or Services for Persons with Disabilities with time-limited subsidies from SWD on a project basis. The allowance is for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. It is projected to cover about 110 beneficiary organisations and service projects, involving an expenditure of around $1.2 million.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)042

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3187)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential homes for children, please provide the following information:

1. The average figure of the ratio of qualified child care worker to child for residential homes for children aged under 3 for daytime and evening time over the past 5 years:

   Average figure of ratio of qualified child care worker to child

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Daytime					
Evening time					

2. The number of children confirmed as having special needs and the number of children waitlisted for assessment at the child assessment centres of the Department of Health (DH) among the children admitted to residential homes for children aged under 3 over the past 5 years:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of children confirmed as having special needs					
Number of children waitlisted for assessment at the child assessment centres of the DH					
Total number of children residing at residential homes for children aged under 3					

3. What measures are taken by the Government to assist such residential homes in supporting children with special needs?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A), the manning ratios of residential child care centres (RCCCs) serving children aged under 6 are 1 to 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 1 to 12 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the average figure on the ratio of qualified child care worker to child of RCCCs for children aged under 3 for daytime and evening time from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

2. SWD does not have the statistical figure on the number of children confirmed as having special needs and children waitlisted for assessment at the child assessment centres of the DH among the children admitted to RCCCs for children aged under 3 from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

   The number of children admitted to RCCCs for children aged under 3 from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided below:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of children admitted to RCCCs	177	195	197	185	185

3. To better meet the care needs of children currently receiving residential care service, including those with special needs, and to alleviate the pressure of frontline workers on child care, SWD has provided an additional recurrent provision of about $92 million from 2018-19 onwards to residential child care service units, including RCCCs, to strengthen the manpower and enhance care and support for children receiving residential care services. With effect from September 2019, the Government has also enhanced the existing manning ratios for qualified child care workers (CCWs) serving in aided day CCCs to improve service quality. The manning ratio for CCWs in aided day CCCs have been enhanced to 1 to 6 for children aged 0 to under 2; and 1 to 11 for children aged 2 to under 3. With reference to the manning ratios for aided day CCCs, the ratio for RCCCs has also been adjusted accordingly in September 2019.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)043

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3188)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the support for single-parent families, please advise the following:

1. Please provide details of the distribution and number of places for child care service, occasional child care service (OCCS) and foster care service by district in the past 5 years;
2. Please provide details of the utilisation rates of child care service, OCCS and foster care service in the past 5 years. Did users have to wait for such services? If yes, how long did they have to wait?
3. What are the age range and number of children in single-parent families in each of the District Council (DC) districts? How many of these families are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)? How many of them are living below the poverty line? What is the ratio of male to female parents? What is their median income? How many of these single-parent families involve domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places of child care centres (CCCs) (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) and OCCS by district in the past 5 financial years is set out in Annex 1.

   Foster care service is not district-based and is delivered at foster homes across the territory. The number of foster care places is listed below:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of foster care places	1 070	1 070	1 130	1 130	1 130

2. The average utilisation rate of CCCs (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs) and OCCS in the past 5 financial years is provided in the table below:

Type of service	Average Utilisation Rate (%)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Standalone CCCs	79	73	74	70	64
CCCs attached to KGs	77	72	67	63	63
OCCS	65	58	57	56	57

At present, application arrangements for CCCs and OCCS are made directly by individual service operators. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the waiting time for the above services.

For foster care service, the utilisation rate and average waiting time for admission are provided in the table below:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Utilisation rate (%)	87	86	83	79	81
Average waiting time for admission (in months)	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.8

3. The number of CSSA single parent cases as at end-December 2019 is set out in Annex 2. According to the results of the 2016 Population By-census, statistics on the number and proportion of single parents by DC district and gender in 2016, and statistics on the number of single parents and the median monthly domestic household income of single parents by DC district in 2016 are shown in Annexes 3 and 4 respectively. SWD does not have statistical information on the age and number of children in single parent families, the number of families living below the poverty line and the number of single parent families involved in domestic violence in each district.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CCC Places

District	CCCs									
	Standalone CCC [Note 1]					CCCs attached to KGs [Note 2]				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Central & Western	210	210	210	210	210	1 359	1 407	2 092	2 237	2 198
Southern	-	-	-	-	-	1 494	1 482	1 241	1 190	1 270
Islands	-	46	46	46	46	956	1 000	874	1 033	1 041
Eastern	447	427	417	417	260	2 817	3 276	3 540	3 796	3 684
Wan Chai	48	68	68	68	68	773	743	848	872	840
Kwun Tong	216	216	322	322	322	1 436	1 505	1 573	1 319	1 403
Wong Tai Sin	42	42	-	-	-	807	825	828	813	737
Sai Kung	-	-	-	238	-	2 296	2 643	3 058	3 603	2 934
Kowloon City	1 144	1 144	1 231	1409	1409	3 911	3 843	4 481	4 825	4 308
Yau Tsim Mong	128	128	131	131	215	1 177	1 101	1 229	1 196	1 352
Sham Shui Po	62	62	62	62	62	915	921	973	1 208	1 310
Sha Tin	70	72	72	72	72	2 012	2 142	2 187	2 132	2 063
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	858	876	777	874	966
North	48	48	48	51	51	681	673	778	1 058	934
Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	166	1 119	1 272	1 163	1 462	1 396
Tsuen Wan	412	412	412	412	412	1 269	1 176	1 169	1 195	1 228
Kwai Tsing	60	60	60	60	60	1 123	1 175	1 203	1 168	1 388
Tuen Mun	64	64	64	64	64	1 460	1 550	1 770	1 873	1 914
Total	**3 015**	**3 063**	**3 207**	**3 626**	**3 417**	**26 463**	**27 610**	**29 784**	**31 854**	**30 966**

[Note 1] Standalone CCCs comprise aided standalone CCCs and non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs.

[Note 2] Information provided by the Education Bureau as at September in each school year.

Table 2: Number of OCCS Places

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Central & Western	13	13	13	13	13
Southern	18	18	17	17	17
Islands	13	13	12	12	12
Eastern	22	22	21	24	24
Wan Chai	10	10	11	17	17
Kwun Tong	50	50	52	52	52
Wong Tai Sin	34	34	33	36	36
Sai Kung	20	20	21	21	21
Kowloon City	22	22	22	22	22
Yau Tsim Mong	22	22	22	22	22
Sham Shui Po	26	26	28	28	28
Sha Tin	30	30	29	29	29
Tai Po	17	17	17	17	17
North	16	16	16	16	16
Yuen Long	34	34	33	33	33
Tsuen Wan	20	20	16	16	19
Kwai Tsing	34	34	35	35	35
Tuen Mun	33	33	36	36	36
Total	**434**	**434**	**434**	**446**	**449**

Annex 2

Number of CSSA Single Parent Family Cases by District as at end-December 2019

District	**Number of CSSA single parent cases**
Central & Western	145
Eastern	868
Islands	691
Kowloon City	1 377
Kwai Tsing	1 790
Kwun Tong	3 388
North	1 455
Sai Kung	552
Sha Tin	2 057
Sham Shui Po	2 465
Southern	437
Tai Po	823
Tsuen Wan	717
Tuen Mun	1 565
Wan Chai	67
Wong Tai Sin	1 526
Yau Tsim Mong	997
Yuen Long	2 757
Total	**23 677**

Annex 3

Single parents by DC district and gender, 2016 (2016 Population By-census)

Gender / DC district	Male		Female		Total
	Number	Percentage (%)	Number	Percentage (%)	
Central & Western	279	23.7	896	76.3	**1 175**
Southern	483	21.2	1 790	78.8	**2 273**
Islands	387	27.7	1 008	72.3	**1 395**
Eastern	1 013	24.2	3 170	75.8	**4 183**
Wan Chai	219	20.1	873	79.9	**1 092**
Kwun Tong	1 659	21.0	6 251	79.0	**7 910**
Wong Tai Sin	1 057	21.6	3 844	78.4	**4 901**
Sai Kung	738	24.0	2 343	76.0	**3 081**
Kowloon City	792	20.9	2 992	79.1	**3 784**
Yau Tsim Mong	1 009	27.1	2 713	72.9	**3 722**
Sham Shui Po	1 245	21.9	4 442	78.1	**5 687**
Sha Tin	1 533	25.1	4 580	74.9	**6 113**
Tai Po	564	21.7	2 033	78.3	**2 597**
North	855	22.0	3 024	78.0	**3 879**
Yuen Long	1 374	20.5	5 323	79.5	**6 697**
Tsuen Wan	818	27.3	2 174	72.7	**2 992**
Kwai Tsing	1 506	25.0	4 518	75.0	**6 024**
Tuen Mun	1 352	22.8	4 571	77.2	**5 923**

Annex 4

Single parents and median monthly domestic household income of single parents by DC district, 2016
(2016 Population By-census)

DC district	Number of single parents	Median monthly domestic household income [Note] ($)
Central & Western	1 175	29 210
Southern	2 273	18 190
Islands	1 395	15 000
Eastern	4 183	16 820
Wan Chai	1 092	22 000
Kwun Tong	7 910	13 290
Wong Tai Sin	4 901	14 740
Sai Kung	3 081	20 000
Kowloon City	3 784	14 600
Yau Tsim Mong	3 722	15 290
Sham Shui Po	5 687	12 790
Sha Tin	6 113	16 000
Tai Po	2 597	14 810
North	3 879	13 450
Yuen Long	6 697	14 200
Tsuen Wan	2 992	16 600
Kwai Tsing	6 024	14 780
Tuen Mun	5 923	13 500

[Note] Figures only include single parents living in domestic households.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3189)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1) Please provide in table form the number of children who were in need of foster care and residential care homes respectively due to child abuse or parents having been abused in the past 5 years.

2) What was the average waiting time for these children to be admitted to foster care service and residential care homes? What was the average period of stay? How many of them required psychiatric or other services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The number of child abuse/suspected child abuse victims [Note 1] admitted to residential child care services (RCCS) (including foster care service, small group homes (SGHs) and residential homes for children (RHCs)) in the past 5 years is provided as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of children admitted to emergency placement of RCCS [Note 2]	116	146	126	149	147
Number of children admitted to placement of RCCS [Note 2]	128	169	155	167	198

[Note 1] As the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not need to collect information on the reasons for children receiving RCCS for service matching purpose, there is no statistical information on the number of children admitted to RCCS on account of spouse/cohabitant battering of their parents.

[Note 2] Child victims may be admitted to emergency placement of RCCS and/or placement of RCCS.

2) SWD does not have a breakdown of the average waiting time for the above-mentioned child victims admitted to foster care service, SGHs and RHCs. The average waiting

time for child victims admitted to RCCS (including foster care service, SGHs and RHCs) in the past 5 years is set out as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Average waiting time for admission (in months)	2.8	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.1

For children with urgent needs, the referring social worker may arrange emergency residential child care placement for the child on the same day or within a few days, depending on the circumstances of each case.

As SWD does not need to collect the information concerned for service matching, there is no information on the number of children admitted to RCCS on account of child abuse or suspected child abuse requiring psychiatric or other services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3190)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list the number of serving and newly employed clinical psychologists (CPs) in the government sector over the past 5 years.
2. What is the caseload of each CP at present in the government sector and the subvented sector respectively?
3. Based on this caseload, and the Government's plan to strengthen psychological support services for vulnerable children and adolescents who present signs of psychological problems, who are affected by abusive and violence incidents, or having suicidal acts, what is the estimated waiting time of a case for clinical psychology service?
4. As at 1 March this year, how many cases are on the waiting list?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

CPs in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) support family, rehabilitation and other casework services.

1. The number of CPs employed by SWD in the past 5 years is set out as follows:

Year	Number of CPs
2015-16	52
2016-17	53
2017-18	53
2018-19	53
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	58

2. As at 1 March 2020, each CP under SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) subvented by SWD had an active caseload of 54 and 46 respectively.
3. The waiting time for clinical psychological service under SWD was around 49 days for non-urgent cases. For urgent cases such as those displaying trauma symptoms and developing suicide risks after experiencing severe abuse or other critical incidents, the earliest appointments available are given and the waiting time ranges from a couple of days to less than 2 weeks. All non-urgent new referrals for SWD's clinical psychological service are given the first appointment within 2 months after the receipt of referrals.

4. As at 1 March this year, there were 54 cases of children and youth on the waiting list for SWD's clinical psychological service. SWD does not have information on the waiting time and number of cases on the waiting list for the service provided by subvented NGOs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3191)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCCs), residential special child care centres (RSCCC), occasional child care service for disabled children (OCCS for DC) and the pilot scheme on on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), please provide the following information:

1. The number of children in Hong Kong who are at pre-school stage and primary school stage respectively currently waiting for assessment of special educational needs;
2. Please set out the per capita service cost of each service in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (in age groups of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) and gender of the applicants.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users and their age upon the allocation of service of various service units in Hong Kong (in age groups of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6).
6. Please set out the number of years of service utilised by all the users upon service completion or withdrawal over the past 5 years in Hong Kong (with a breakdown by groups of less than 1 year, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years).
7. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Pre-school children may receive assessments of special educational needs by professionals through different channels, such as the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority, the Education Bureau (EDB), the private sector or non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The Government does not have information on the number of pre-school children waiting for assessment of special educational needs in Hong Kong.

At the primary school level, EDB has put in place the territory-wide "Early Identification and Intervention Programme for Primary One (P1) Students with Learning Difficulties" (EII Programme) in all public sector primary schools for the early identification of P1 students suspected of having learning difficulties. Schools will provide timely and appropriate learning support for those students identified with learning difficulties. They will also collaborate with the parents to monitor the students' learning progress for adjustment to intervention measures. For students showing severe or persistent learning difficulties despite the intervention rendered, schools will refer them to school-based educational psychologists (EPs) or other professionals for assessment. In the past 5 school years (2014/15 to 2018/19), on average about 80% of the cases referred to school-based EPs were assessed within 2 months and about 10% within 2 to 3 months. Some cases with a longer waiting time for assessment were due to special circumstances. For example, there were cases where parents requested to defer assessment and cases in which assessment had to be held up pending students' medical treatment. As for students who were referred to school-based speech therapists by schools, they would receive assessment and follow-up services within 1 to 2 months on average. EDB does not maintain information on the number of students with special educational needs waiting for assessment.

2. The average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the annual cost per service user of individual services.

3. The number of applicants for and service users of various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years broken down by SWD administrative district and age group is set out in Tables 2 to 11 of the Annex. SWD does not have statistics on the number of applicants for and service users of pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by gender, and persons who have applied for a freeze on service allocation. Regarding OCCS for DC, instead of applying through Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres. As such, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants for or users of these services.

4. The number of cases in which service allocation was refused for various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out in Table 12 of the Annex. SWD does not have statistics on the length of their waiting time or the reasons for refusal in such cases.

5. SWD does not have statistics on users of various pre-school rehabilitation service units broken down by age in Hong Kong.

6. SWD does not have statistics on the number of years of utilisation of service by OPRS users upon service completion or withdrawal.

7. The number of additional pre-school rehabilitation service places broken down by administrative district of SWD in 2020-21 is set out in Table 13.

Annex

Table 1: Average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average cost per place per month				
	2015-16 (Actual) ($)	2016-17 (Actual) ($)	2017-18 (Actual) ($)	2018-19 (Actual) ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	7,787	8,298	8,893	8,811	9,010

Table 2a: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	63	116	46	**225**
Eastern/Wan Chai	75	175	57	**307**
Kwun Tong	71	147	61	**279**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	100	214	75	**389**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	152	70	**316**
Sham Shui Po	49	94	41	**184**
Sha Tin	59	172	57	**288**
Tai Po/North	41	155	69	**265**
Yuen Long	43	92	48	**183**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	74	184	76	**334**
Tuen Mun	42	96	37	**175**
Total	**711**	**1 597**	**637**	**2 945**

Table 2b: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	95	169	84	**348**
Eastern/Wan Chai	74	180	78	**332**
Kwun Tong	76	203	87	**366**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	87	231	133	**451**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	87	184	89	**360**
Sham Shui Po	39	102	61	**202**
Sha Tin	69	238	129	**436**
Tai Po/North	55	137	75	**267**
Yuen Long	34	151	50	**235**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	91	223	108	**422**
Tuen Mun	34	113	35	**182**
Total	**741**	**1 931**	**929**	**3 601**

Table 2c: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	74	154	63	**291**
Eastern/Wan Chai	86	213	90	**389**
Kwun Tong	80	247	122	**449**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	87	260	163	**510**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	199	103	**396**
Sham Shui Po	44	95	72	**211**
Sha Tin	87	218	130	**435**
Tai Po/North	51	131	122	**304**
Yuen Long	43	169	61	**273**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	66	226	105	**397**
Tuen Mun	45	158	55	**258**
Total	**757**	**2 070**	**1 086**	**3 913**

Table 2d: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	116	121	34	**271**
Eastern/Wan Chai	102	151	44	**297**
Kwun Tong	149	182	59	**390**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	165	233	81	**479**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	126	182	48	**356**
Sham Shui Po	66	75	22	**163**
Sha Tin	127	150	47	**324**
Tai Po/North	72	154	63	**289**
Yuen Long	61	133	43	**237**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	94	140	35	**269**
Tuen Mun	54	103	37	**194**
Total	**1 132**	**1 624**	**513**	**3 269**

Table 2e: Number and age profile of applicants for EETCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	64	42	22	**128**
Eastern/Wan Chai	71	48	14	**133**
Kwun Tong	68	59	12	**139**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	62	57	12	**131**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	94	54	12	**160**
Sham Shui Po	63	32	13	**108**
Sha Tin	80	49	23	**152**
Tai Po/North	58	37	24	**119**
Yuen Long	43	49	14	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	49	45	26	**120**
Tuen Mun	32	23	13	**68**
Total	**684**	**495**	**185**	**1 364**

Table 3a: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	27	41	3	**71**
Eastern/Wan Chai	31	68	5	**104**
Kwun Tong	25	117	11	**153**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	39	135	7	**181**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	32	96	14	**142**
Sham Shui Po	15	56	7	**78**
Sha Tin	37	107	7	**151**
Tai Po/North	50	116	9	**175**
Yuen Long	37	111	7	**155**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	34	96	4	**134**
Tuen Mun	21	66	6	**93**
Total	**348**	**1 009**	**80**	**1 437**

Table 3b: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	46	2	**74**
Eastern/Wan Chai	33	56	16	**105**
Kwun Tong	26	76	14	**116**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	33	89	16	**138**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	40	79	18	**137**
Sham Shui Po	17	55	10	**82**
Sha Tin	54	89	15	**158**
Tai Po/North	40	95	11	**146**
Yuen Long	36	73	7	**116**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	87	11	**124**
Tuen Mun	20	42	5	**67**
Total	**351**	**787**	**125**	**1 263**

Table 3c: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	25	55	8	**88**
Eastern/Wan Chai	32	61	14	**107**
Kwun Tong	21	105	9	**135**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	36	92	13	**141**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	31	64	13	**108**
Sham Shui Po	16	75	5	**96**
Sha Tin	45	88	15	**148**
Tai Po/North	32	87	18	**137**
Yuen Long	42	86	10	**138**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	100	12	**144**
Tuen Mun	25	73	5	**103**
Total	**337**	**886**	**122**	**1 345**

Table 3d: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	44	28	1	**73**
Eastern/Wan Chai	33	31	3	**67**
Kwun Tong	44	61	5	**110**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	56	67	4	**127**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	57	80	5	**142**
Sham Shui Po	34	37	1	**72**
Sha Tin	43	28	4	**75**
Tai Po/North	40	73	2	**115**
Yuen Long	45	52	5	**102**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	49	51	5	**105**
Tuen Mun	29	47	1	**77**
Total	**474**	**555**	**36**	**1 065**

Table 3e: Number and age profile of applicants for IP in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	16	11	1	**28**
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	14	-	**35**
Kwun Tong	33	30	4	**67**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	20	27	2	**49**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	27	1	**58**
Sham Shui Po	19	25	2	**46**
Sha Tin	21	20	3	**44**
Tai Po/North	28	30	2	**60**
Yuen Long	24	19	-	**43**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	18	6	**44**
Tuen Mun	7	11	2	**20**
Total	**239**	**232**	**23**	**494**

Table 4a: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	27	42	-	**69**
Eastern/Wan Chai	34	35	1	**70**
Kwun Tong	27	61	2	**90**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	33	64	-	**97**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	38	43	4	**85**
Sham Shui Po	26	34	5	**65**
Sha Tin	26	45	6	**77**
Tai Po/North	28	43	7	**78**
Yuen Long	32	39	3	**74**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	44	47	4	**95**
Tuen Mun	20	21	2	**43**
Total	**335**	**474**	**34**	**843**

Table 4b: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	48	34	2	**84**
Eastern/Wan Chai	35	37	6	**78**
Kwun Tong	39	60	9	**108**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	48	70	8	**126**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	48	32	7	**87**
Sham Shui Po	31	29	1	**61**
Sha Tin	46	63	4	**113**
Tai Po/North	46	43	3	**92**
Yuen Long	30	40	5	**75**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	61	57	3	**121**
Tuen Mun	32	19	4	**55**
Total	**464**	**484**	**52**	**1 000**

Table 4c: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	40	31	5	**76**
Eastern/Wan Chai	47	37	2	**86**
Kwun Tong	44	50	7	**101**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	70	85	8	**163**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	45	54	7	**106**
Sham Shui Po	29	43	3	**75**
Sha Tin	53	76	14	**143**
Tai Po/North	34	40	3	**77**
Yuen Long	37	37	11	**85**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	50	67	8	**125**
Tuen Mun	19	25	5	**49**
Total	**468**	**545**	**73**	**1 086**

Table 4d: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	53	30	1	**84**
Eastern/Wan Chai	62	31	3	**96**
Kwun Tong	58	45	2	**105**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	79	56	9	**144**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	57	45	4	**106**
Sham Shui Po	32	19	2	**53**
Sha Tin	60	38	3	**101**
Tai Po/North	60	59	7	**126**
Yuen Long	79	43	6	**128**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	81	39	4	**124**
Tuen Mun	36	36	3	**75**
Total	**657**	**441**	**44**	**1 142**

Table 4e: Number and age profile of applicants for SCCCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	69	23	1	**93**
Eastern/Wan Chai	55	35	2	**92**
Kwun Tong	39	31	3	**73**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	68	34	-	**102**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	52	21	1	**74**
Sham Shui Po	38	13	1	**52**
Sha Tin	57	34	2	**93**
Tai Po/North	53	43	1	**97**
Yuen Long	60	37	9	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	67	33	6	**106**
Tuen Mun	33	18	1	**52**
Total	**591**	**322**	**27**	**940**

Table 5a: Number and age profile of applicants for RSCCCs in 2015-16

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	2	-	**6**
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	-	**2**
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	**-**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	-	**-**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	-	**2**
Sham Shui Po	2	1	-	**3**
Sha Tin	-	-	-	**-**
Tai Po/North	1	-	-	**1**
Yuen Long	-	1	-	**1**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	-	1	**1**
Tuen Mun	1	-	-	**1**
Total	**9**	**7**	**1**	**17**

Table 5b: Number and age profile of applicants for RSCCCs in 2016-17

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	4	-	**7**
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	1	2	**5**
Kwun Tong	2	-	1	**3**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	-	-	**1**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	1	-	**6**
Sham Shui Po	2	-	1	**3**
Sha Tin	-	1	1	**2**
Tai Po/North	-	1	-	**1**
Yuen Long	1	-	-	**1**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	-	-	**2**
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	**-**
Total	**18**	**8**	**5**	**31**

Table 5c: Number and age profile of applicants for RSCCCs in 2017-18

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	1	-	**2**
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	-	-	**2**
Kwun Tong	-	-	1	**1**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	-	-	**1**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	1	-	**1**
Sham Shui Po	3	1	-	**4**
Sha Tin	-	-	-	**-**
Tai Po/North	1	-	-	**1**
Yuen Long	-	-	-	**-**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	-	-	**2**
Tuen Mun	1	-	-	**1**
Total	**11**	**3**	**1**	**15**

Table 5d: Number and age profile of applicants for RSCCCs in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	-	-	**-**
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	1	-	**2**
Kwun Tong	1	-	-	**1**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	-	-	**1**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	**-**
Sham Shui Po	1	-	-	**1**
Sha Tin	1	-	-	**1**
Tai Po/North	-	-	-	**-**
Yuen Long	-	-	-	**-**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	-	-	**2**
Tuen Mun	1	-	-	**1**
Total	**8**	**1**	**-**	**9**

Table 5e: Number and age profile of applicants for RSCCCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	2	-	**3**
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	-	-	**-**
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	**-**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	-	-	**-**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	-	1	**2**
Sham Shui Po	1	-	-	**1**
Sha Tin	-	2	-	**2**
Tai Po/North	-	-	-	**-**
Yuen Long	1	-	-	**1**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	-	-	**2**
Tuen Mun	2	-	-	**2**
Total	**8**	**4**	**1**	**13**

Table 6a: Number and age profile of applicants for OPRS [Note] in 2018-19

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	34	63	19	**116**
Eastern/Wan Chai	29	65	27	**121**
Kwun Tong	22	90	39	**151**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	28	132	45	**205**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	18	84	43	**145**
Sham Shui Po	14	53	20	**87**
Sha Tin	21	73	28	**122**
Tai Po/North	13	112	56	**181**
Yuen Long	13	73	19	**105**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	36	81	32	**149**
Tuen Mun	12	86	29	**127**
Total	**240**	**912**	**357**	**1 509**

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018. As NGOs operating the services admitted service users directly prior to regularisation of the services, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants before October 2018.

Table 6b: Number and age profile of applicants for OPRS in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	43	143	37	**223**
Eastern/Wan Chai	57	142	41	**240**
Kwun Tong	38	225	69	**332**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	50	243	86	**379**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	56	187	61	**304**
Sham Shui Po	31	122	35	**188**
Sha Tin	48	229	50	**327**
Tai Po/North	32	207	52	**291**
Yuen Long	29	175	44	**248**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	48	182	67	**297**
Tuen Mun	18	135	19	**172**
Total	**450**	**1 990**	**561**	**3 001**

Table 7a: Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	88	157	**252**
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	73	239	**319**
Kwun Tong	13	60	171	**244**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	27	87	305	**419**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	74	197	**283**
Sham Shui Po	8	56	119	**183**
Sha Tin	14	71	239	**324**
Tai Po/North	9	59	186	**254**
Yuen Long	14	55	109	**178**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	112	239	**371**
Tuen Mun	12	68	112	**192**
Total	**143**	**803**	**2 073**	**3 019**

Table 7b: Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	67	177	**252**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	77	236	**318**
Kwun Tong	22	57	164	**243**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	35	107	258	**400**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	24	74	222	**320**
Sham Shui Po	21	51	130	**202**
Sha Tin	18	80	209	**307**
Tai Po/North	21	42	194	**257**
Yuen Long	19	66	125	**210**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	40	92	283	**415**
Tuen Mun	14	53	110	**177**
Total	**227**	**766**	**2 108**	**3 101**

Table 7c: Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	49	146	188	**383**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	102	292	**397**
Kwun Tong	16	64	183	**263**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	25	95	294	**414**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	44	54	133	**231**
Sham Shui Po	28	65	178	**271**
Sha Tin	11	44	234	**289**
Tai Po/North	5	54	210	**269**
Yuen Long	5	52	114	**171**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	114	254	**400**
Tuen Mun	9	71	148	**228**
Total	**227**	**861**	**2 228**	**3 316**

Table 7d: Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	122	189	**334**
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	87	258	**352**
Kwun Tong	23	78	214	**315**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	104	305	**439**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	27	104	215	**346**
Sham Shui Po	16	63	123	**202**
Sha Tin	23	86	255	**364**
Tai Po/North	36	85	227	**348**
Yuen Long	7	49	161	**217**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	101	240	**376**
Tuen Mun	9	40	160	**209**
Total	**236**	**919**	**2 347**	**3 502**

Table 7e: Number and age profile of service users of EETCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	43	143	136	**322**
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	150	180	**351**
Kwun Tong	51	120	160	**331**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	68	174	202	**444**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	53	135	160	**348**
Sham Shui Po	34	86	108	**228**
Sha Tin	50	142	161	**353**
Tai Po/North	49	110	145	**304**
Yuen Long	22	70	134	**226**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	42	132	188	**362**
Tuen Mun	19	68	118	**205**
Total	**452**	**1 330**	**1 692**	**3 474**

Table 8a: Number and age profile of IP service users in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	47	74	**126**
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	68	101	**177**
Kwun Tong	3	87	139	**229**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	92	141	**234**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	85	103	**189**
Sham Shui Po	3	51	68	**122**
Sha Tin	3	41	137	**181**
Tai Po/North	-	57	123	**180**
Yuen Long	2	76	101	**179**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	73	113	**192**
Tuen Mun	2	69	92	**163**
Total	**34**	**746**	**1 192**	**1 972**

Table 8b: Number and age profile of IP service users in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	52	71	**124**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	65	100	**168**
Kwun Tong	1	78	155	**234**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	81	145	**229**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	83	129	**213**
Sham Shui Po	-	43	72	**115**
Sha Tin	-	64	107	**171**
Tai Po/North	-	42	132	**174**
Yuen Long	-	50	130	**180**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	82	115	**200**
Tuen Mun	-	45	111	**156**
Total	**12**	**685**	**1 267**	**1 964**

Table 8c: Number and age profile of IP service users in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	49	77	**128**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	63	113	**181**
Kwun Tong	3	74	151	**228**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	82	156	**241**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	71	139	**211**
Sham Shui Po	1	32	77	**110**
Sha Tin	-	59	111	**170**
Tai Po/North	-	35	133	**168**
Yuen Long	1	44	141	**186**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	57	137	**199**
Tuen Mun	2	45	107	**154**
Total	**23**	**611**	**1 342**	**1 976**

Table 8d: Number and age profile of IP service users in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	63	76	**145**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	62	95	**162**
Kwun Tong	4	73	146	**223**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	87	134	**224**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	81	135	**218**
Sham Shui Po	-	37	81	**118**
Sha Tin	-	53	114	**167**
Tai Po/North	-	51	121	**172**
Yuen Long	5	63	125	**193**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	64	138	**204**
Tuen Mun	2	56	79	**137**
Total	**29**	**690**	**1 244**	**1 963**

Table 8e: Number and age profile of IP service users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	61	60	**131**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	69	68	**142**
Kwun Tong	5	100	117	**222**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	109	106	**225**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	86	133	**224**
Sham Shui Po	1	45	73	**119**
Sha Tin	10	53	101	**164**
Tai Po/North	5	68	101	**174**
Yuen Long	11	78	92	**181**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	77	98	**178**
Tuen Mun	9	60	73	**142**
Total	**74**	**806**	**1 022**	**1 902**

Table 9a: Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	69	80	**153**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	79	93	**178**
Kwun Tong	6	54	108	**168**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	78	123	**204**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	56	118	**177**
Sham Shui Po	3	42	71	**116**
Sha Tin	5	70	93	**168**
Tai Po/North	4	63	73	**140**
Yuen Long	3	66	92	**161**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	75	105	**186**
Tuen Mun	3	29	68	**100**
Total	**46**	**681**	**1 024**	**1 751**

Table 9b: Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	13	61	78	**152**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	69	103	**175**
Kwun Tong	3	58	118	**179**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	69	132	**207**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	103	**165**
Sham Shui Po	3	37	75	**115**
Sha Tin	5	61	110	**176**
Tai Po/North	11	64	93	**168**
Yuen Long	2	57	103	**162**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	54	134	**194**
Tuen Mun	5	50	69	**124**
Total	**61**	**638**	**1 118**	**1 817**

Table 9c: Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	14	64	98	**176**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	80	139	**224**
Kwun Tong	-	16	49	**65**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	107	216	**336**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	14	13	**30**
Sham Shui Po	6	59	140	**205**
Sha Tin	1	38	99	**138**
Tai Po/North	5	68	146	**219**
Yuen Long	-	24	82	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	58	105	**167**
Tuen Mun	4	46	95	**145**
Total	**55**	**574**	**1 182**	**1 811**

Table 9d: Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	77	84	**172**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	78	99	**183**
Kwun Tong	3	57	118	**178**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	64	155	**226**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	103	**165**
Sham Shui Po	3	40	73	**116**
Sha Tin	1	57	127	**185**
Tai Po/North	3	94	117	**214**
Yuen Long	3	40	111	**154**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	57	140	**207**
Tuen Mun	2	49	69	**120**
Total	**53**	**671**	**1 196**	**1 920**

Table 9e: Number and age profile of SCCC service users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	77	76	**164**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	90	81	**177**
Kwun Tong	8	72	113	**193**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	115	120	**245**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	67	100	**177**
Sham Shui Po	4	56	68	**128**
Sha Tin	6	73	101	**180**
Tai Po/North	9	92	115	**216**
Yuen Long	5	57	92	**154**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	91	105	**206**
Tuen Mun	4	42	78	**124**
Total	**83**	**832**	**1 049**	**1 964**

Table 10a: Number and age profile of RSCCC service users in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	9	9	**21**
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	7	8	**16**
Kwun Tong	2	7	5	**14**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	3	**5**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	5	7	**12**
Sham Shui Po	-	2	6	**8**
Sha Tin	-	1	2	**3**
Tai Po/North	1	2	4	**7**
Yuen Long	-	3	4	**7**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	-	6	4	**10**
Tuen Mun	1	-	1	**2**
Total	**8**	**44**	**53**	**105**

Table 10b: Number and age profile of RSCCC service users in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	6	11	**21**
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	6	10	**17**
Kwun Tong	2	1	10	**13**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	3	3	**7**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	6	**10**
Sham Shui Po	3	-	6	**9**
Sha Tin	-	3	1	**4**
Tai Po/North	3	1	2	**6**
Yuen Long	-	3	3	**6**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	3	2	**6**
Tuen Mun	2	1	-	**3**
Total	**18**	**30**	**54**	**102**

Table 10c: Number and age profile of RSCCC service users in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	9	11	**23**
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	7	7	**15**
Kwun Tong	-	3	6	**9**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	3	3	**6**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	2	5	**10**
Sham Shui Po	2	4	2	**8**
Sha Tin	-	2	2	**4**
Tai Po/North	-	3	4	**7**
Yuen Long	-	2	3	**5**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	2	3	**9**
Tuen Mun	2	2	1	**5**
Total	**15**	**39**	**47**	**101**

Table 10d: Number and age profile of RSCCC service users in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	8	12	**21**
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	5	5	**11**
Kwun Tong	-	4	3	**7**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	5	3	**9**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	4	3	**8**
Sham Shui Po	2	7	1	**10**
Sha Tin	-	1	3	**4**
Tai Po/North	1	4	3	**8**
Yuen Long	-	1	2	**3**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	5	3	**10**
Tuen Mun	1	4	1	**6**
Total	**10**	**48**	**39**	**97**

Table 10e: Number and age profile of RSCCC service users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	11	10	**23**
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	5	5	**10**
Kwun Tong	-	2	4	**6**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	2	3	**6**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	3	**7**
Sham Shui Po	1	4	5	**10**
Sha Tin	1	1	2	**4**
Tai Po/North	-	4	3	**7**
Yuen Long	-	1	3	**4**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	6	3	**12**
Tuen Mun	2	2	3	**7**
Total	**10**	**42**	**44**	**96**

Table 11a: Number and age profile of service users under the Pilot Scheme on OPRS (as at 30 September 2018)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
2015-16 (1 November 2015 to 31 March 2016) [Note]	108	1 676	445	**2 229**
2016-17	58	2 222	1 795	**4 075**
2017-18	29	1 744	2 872	**4 645**
2018-19 (as at 30 September 2018)	76	2 201	2 378	**4 655**

[Note] The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on OPRS at end-2015. As NGOs operating the services admitted service users directly, SWD does not have information on the number of service users with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD.

Table 11b: Number and age profile of OPRS users in 2018-19 [Note]

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	9	178	157	**344**
Eastern/Wan Chai	13	197	175	**385**
Kwun Tong	7	261	264	**532**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	364	285	**657**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	218	193	**417**
Sham Shui Po	2	132	129	**263**
Sha Tin	6	248	252	**506**
Tai Po/North	3	210	232	**445**
Yuen Long	3	180	174	**357**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	291	256	**551**
Tuen Mun	3	203	163	**369**
Total	**64**	**2 482**	**2 280**	**4 826**

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 11c: Number and age profile of OPRS users in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	14	230	179	**423**
Eastern/Wan Chai	25	251	205	**481**
Kwun Tong	3	332	294	**629**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	8	374	388	**770**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	284	239	**535**
Sham Shui Po	3	155	144	**302**
Sha Tin	4	303	267	**574**
Tai Po/North	8	263	270	**541**
Yuen Long	4	228	220	**452**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	329	342	**679**
Tuen Mun	3	195	186	**384**
Total	**92**	**2 944**	**2 734**	**5 770**

Table 12: Number of cases of pre-school rehabilitation service allocation being refused

Service type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
EETC	748	444	544	1 637	812
IP	224	158	176	323	70
SCCC	132	61	79	277	82
RSCCC	6	5	4	4	3
OPRS [Note]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	187	109

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] On-site pre-school rehabilitation services was regularised in October 2018. As NGOs operating the services admitted service users directly prior to regularisation of the services, SWD does not have information on the number of cases of pre-school rehabilitation service allocation being refused before October 2018.

Table 13: Estimated number of additional places for pre-school rehabilitation services by district in 2020-21

Service type	Estimated number of additional places in 2020-21	Administrative district of SWD
Pre-school services		
EETC	297	Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 25
		Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung: 182
		Sha Tin: 90
SCCC	134	Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung: 92
		Sha Tin: 30
		Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing: 12
OPRS	1 000	Not applicable [Note]

[Note] Since OPRS is allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of service places by district.

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LWB(WW)047

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3192)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of users under the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services at present and in the past 4 years:

	First quarter in 2019	Second quarter in 2019	Third quarter in 2019	Fourth quarter in 2019	At present
Number of pre-school children waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme					
Number of pre-school children waiting for assessment by the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) was launched in November 2015 and regularised in October 2018. The number of pre-school children waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services while receiving services under the on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), and those waiting for assessment by the Department of Health (DH) or the Hospital Authority (HA) while receiving services under OPRS during the implementation of the Pilot Scheme are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of Annex. The number of pre-school children waiting for OPRS, and those waiting for assessment by DH or HA while receiving OPRS, since the regularisation of OPRS in October 2018 as a subvented pre-school rehabilitation service, are set out in Table 5 of Annex.

Annex

Table 1: No. of users having received services under the Pilot Scheme in 2015

	First quarter (as at 31 March 2015)	**Second quarter (as at 30 June 2015)**	**Third quarter (as at 30 September 2015)**	**Fourth quarter (as at 31 December 2015) [Note]**
No. of pre-school children waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	124
No. of pre-school children waiting for assessment by DH or HA while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1
Total	**N.A.**	**N.A.**	**N.A.**	**125**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The Pilot Scheme was launched in November 2015.

Table 2: No. of users having received services under the Pilot Scheme in 2016

	First quarter (as at 31 March 2016)	**Second quarter (as at 30 June 2016)**	**Third quarter (as at 30 September 2016)**	**Fourth quarter (as at 31 December 2016)**
No. of pre-school children waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	2 059	2 453	2 199	2 835
No. of pre-school children waiting for assessment by DH or HA while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	143	188	143	102
Total	**2 202**	**2 641**	**2 342**	**2 937**

Table 3: No. of users having received services under the Pilot Scheme in 2017

	First quarter (as at 31 March 2017)	**Second quarter (as at 30 June 2017)**	**Third quarter (as at 30 September 2017)**	**Fourth quarter (as at 31 December 2017)**
No. of pre-school children waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	2 901	2 924	2 730	2 925
No. of pre-school children waiting for assessment by DH or HA while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	56	34	43	25
Total	**2 957**	**2 958**	**2 773**	**2 950**

Table 4: No. of users having received services under the Pilot Scheme in 2018

	First quarter (as at 31 March 2018)	Second quarter (as at 30 June 2018)	Third quarter (as at 30 September 2018)
No. of pre-school children waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	3 016	3 026	2 901
No. of pre-school children waiting for assessment by DH or HA while receiving services under the Pilot Scheme	20	9	2
Total	**3 036**	**3 035**	**2 903**

Table 5: No. of persons waiting for regularised OPRS [Note 1] and those waiting for assessment while receiving OPRS from 2018 to 2019

	Fourth quarter of 2018 (as at 31 December 2018)	First quarter of 2019 (as at 31 March 2019)	Second quarter of 2019 (as at 30 June 2019)	Third quarter of 2019 (as at 30 September 2019)	Fourth quarter of 2019 (as at 31 December 2019)
No. of pre-school children waiting for OPRS [Note 2]	871	1 096	1 870	1 555	1 771
No. of pre-school children waiting for assessment by DH or HA while receiving OPRS	2	4	16	9	9

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are receiving transitional services of early education and training centres, or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)048

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3193)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For the past 5 years, please list:

1. the service places of various types of bought-place and non-bought places of subsidised residential care services for persons with disabilities, the average waiting time and the median waiting time, with a breakdown by gender, age, and district;
2. the cost per service user, fee and charge, and the total amount of subsidies as regards various types of bought-place and non-bought places of subsidised residential care services for persons with disabilities;
3. the total number of persons on the waiting list with disabilities having passed away or withdrawn their applications, and their percentage share of the number of such persons with disabilities, with a breakdown by age;
4. the number of persons who have left residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and the reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by type of residential care homes;
5. When will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) allow the waitlisted persons with disabilities the arrangement of a freeze in service allocation? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places and average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services by administrative district of SWD in each of the past 5 years are set out in Annexes 1 and 2. SWD does not have statistical information on the number of service places by gender and age, as well as the average and median waiting time.
2. The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in each of the past 5 years is set out in Annex 3. In view of the diversity of residential places for persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of bought places and all subsidised residential places for reference. The

fee and charge and total subsidy amount for various types of subsidised residential rehabilitation services are set out in Annexes 4 and 5 respectively.

3. The number of persons on the waiting list for residential rehabilitation services having passed away or withdrawn their applications and their percentage shares of the number of such persons with disabilities are set out in Annex 6. SWD does not have the statistical information on persons on the waiting list for residential rehabilitation services having passed away or withdrawn their applications with a breakdown by age.

4. The number of persons having left various types of RCHDs and the reasons for leaving are set out in Annex 7.

5. SWD plans to enhance the current waitlisting mechanism for residential care services for persons with disabilities so as to allow those waitlisted to apply for a freeze in service allocation. As the implementation details are still under planning by SWD, the specific information cannot be provided at this stage.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2015-16 (By SWD's administrative district)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	168	170	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	8	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	17	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	29	-	-	188
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	169	200	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	1	62	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	80	104	-	100	-	32	70	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	46	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	162	525	116
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	240	-	20	180	612	54
Total	**2 405**	**3 611**	**573**	**991**	**825**	**64**	**616**	**1 509**	**1 587**	**450**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include integrated small group home (ISGH).

Legend
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Table 2: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2016-17 (By SWD's administrative district)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	168	170	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	8	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	17	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	-	-	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	169	200	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	1	62	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	180	104	-	100	-	32	101	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	240	-	20	180	612	54
Total	**2 505**	**3 611**	**573**	**991**	**825**	**64**	**677**	**1 509**	**1 587**	**600**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 3: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2017-18 (By SWD's administrative district)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	168	170	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	8	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	17	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	-	-	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	169	200	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	17	93	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	180	104	-	100	-	32	101	80	-	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	241	-	20	180	612	54
Total	**2 505**	**3 611**	**573**	**991**	**826**	**80**	**708**	**1 509**	**1 587**	**600**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 4: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2018-19 (By SWD's administrative district)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	336	652	109	200	375	-	79	168	170	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	160	58	100	-	8	40	119	-	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	33	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	-	-	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	169	200	65
Sha Tin	186	520	88	102	-	17	93	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	180	304	-	100	-	64	101	80	-	160
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	-	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	67	67	243	-	20	180	612	154
Total	**2 558**	**3 879**	**582**	**991**	**828**	**128**	**708**	**1 509**	**1 587**	**860**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 5: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20
(By SWD's administrative district)
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	336	652	109	200	375	-	79	168	170	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	-	8	40	144	-	-
Kwun Tong	358	282	115	51	-	3	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	33	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	-	-	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	169	200	65
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	-	17	93	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	180	304	-	100	-	64	101	80	-	160
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	-	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	67	67	243	-	20	180	612	154
Total	**2 658**	**3 929**	**682**	**1 042**	**828**	**128**	**708**	**1 534**	**1 587**	**860**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Annex 2

Average waiting time for residential rehabilitation services between 2015-16 and 2019-20

Service Type	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**
HMMH	102.7	137.7	123.3	114.1	Not yet available [Note 2]
HSMH	126.0	93.3	178.0	185.6	Not yet available [Note 2]
HSPH	20.4	114.3	168.0	168.0	Not yet available [Note 2]
C&A/SD	52.7	59.2	60.4	68.1	Not yet available [Note 2]
C&A/AB	6.6	10.6	10.6	10.0	Not yet available [Note 2]
SGH(MMHC) [Note 3]	21.8	15.6	36.5	15.0	Not yet available [Note 2]
SHOS	26.1	42.2	56.4	39.0	Not yet available [Note 2]
HWH	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.0	Not yet available [Note 2]
LSCH	22.9	48.2	32.6	54.3	Not yet available [Note 2]
Private RCHD under BPS [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 2] The figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 3] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

[Note 4] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Annex 3

The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services between 2015-16 and 2019-20

Year	Average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services ($)	Average cost per place per month for private RCHD under BPS ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	14,033	8,098
2016-17 (Actual)	14,855	8,331
2017-18 (Actual)	15,370	8,236
2018-19 (Actual)	16,336	8,910
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	17,708	12,002

Annex 4

Fee and Charge for various subsidised residential rehabilitation services

Service Type	Current monthly fee and charge ($)	
	adult with 50% disability	adult with 100% disability or disability allowance recipient
HMMH	1 481	1 559
HSMH	1 660	1 871
HSPH	1 660	1 871
C&A/SD	1 660	1 871
C&A/AB	1 660	1 871
SGH(MMHC) [Note]	Free	
SHOS	897	977
HWH	1 220	
LSCH	1 660	1 871
Private RCHD under BPS	1 079 (moderate level of care)/1 656 (high level of care)	

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

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HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
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LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Annex 5

Total subsidy amount for various types of residential rehabilitation services between 2015-16 and 2019-20

Service Type	Total subsidy amount ($ million)				
	2015-16 (Actual)	2016-17 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)
HMMH	259.3	288.1	308.7	327.8	354.2
HSMH	707.5	760.5	784.8	829.7	933.2
HSPH	120.4	125.9	130.6	139.4	156.2
C&A/SD	226.9	239.4	249.1	265.6	291.6
C&A/AB	144.9	152	156.5	164.8	182.3
SGH(MMHC)	7.3	7.6	7.9	23.5	34.8
SHOS	61.2	69.6	76.1	90.4	102.2
HWH	186.8	197.6	205.4	211.6	224.7
LSCH	244.5	268.6	278	297.7	311.3
Private RCHD under BPS	42.2	43.4	59.2	64.0	105.5

Legend
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Annex 6

Table 1: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2015-16

Service Type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of waitlisted persons having passed away	Percentage share of waitlisted persons having passed away
HMMH	1 961	5	0.25%
HSMH	2 238	13	0.58%
HSPH	619	8	1.29%
C&A/SD	453	27	5.96%
C&A/AB	121	19	15.70%
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	76	-	0.00%
SHOS	1 674	5	0.30%
HWH	690	2	0.29%
LSCH	1 859	5	0.27%
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Legend
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
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SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Table 2: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2016-17

Service Type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of waitlisted persons having passed away	Percentage share of waitlisted persons having passed away
HMMH	2 172	12	0.55%
HSMH	2 384	11	0.46%
HSPH	649	14	2.16%
C&A/SD	505	28	5.54%
C&A/AB	147	14	9.52%
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	88	-	0.00%
SHOS	1 830	9	0.49%
HWH	721	4	0.55%
LSCH	2 111	4	0.19%
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Table 3: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2017-18

Service Type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of waitlisted persons having passed away	Percentage share of waitlisted persons having passed away
HMMH	2 305	5	0.22%
HSMH	2 521	18	0.71%
HSPH	660	26	3.94%
C&A/SD	543	36	6.63%
C&A/AB	143	12	8.39%
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	70	-	0.00%
SHOS	1 938	5	0.26%
HWH	602	2	0.33%
LSCH	2 187	3	0.14%
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Table 4: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2018-19

Service Type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of waitlisted persons having passed away	Percentage share of waitlisted persons having passed away
HMMH	2 475	3	0.12%
HSMH	2 609	16	0.61%
HSPH	663	26	3.92%
C&A/SD	602	28	4.65%
C&A/AB	167	8	4.79%
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	34	-	0.00%
SHOS	2 126	4	0.19%
HWH	602	1	0.17%
LSCH	2 431	7	0.29%
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Table 5: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Service Type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of waitlisted persons having passed away	Percentage share of waitlisted persons having passed away
HMMH	2 522	6	0.24%
HSMH	2 425	25	1.03%
HSPH	576	22	3.82%
C&A/SD	602	30	4.98%
C&A/AB	171	14	8.19%
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	43	-	0.00%
SHOS	2 187	8	0.37%
HWH	618	4	0.65%
LSCH	2 577	4	0.16%
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Table 6: Number of waitlisted persons having withdrawn their applications for residential rehabilitation services from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of waitlisted persons having withdrawn their applications [Note]	Percentage share of waitlisted persons having withdrawn their applications
2015-16	9 691	501	5.17%
2016-17	10 607	539	5.08%
2017-18	10 969	621	5.66%
2018-19	11 709	547	4.67%
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	11 721	547	4.67%

[Note] Including those waitlisted persons having their applications withdrawn due to death.

Annex 7

Table 1: Number of persons having left various types of RCHDs and the reasons for leaving in 2015-16

Reason	Number of persons leaving RCHDs									
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH (MMHC) [Note]**	**HWH**	**LSCH**	**Private RCHD under BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	16	8	2	5	10	7	6	119	11	12
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	2	3
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	86	-	5
Family reunion	3	3	1	-	9	4	2	114	-	3
Emigration	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death	10	27	6	34	125	2	-	5	42	9
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	7	N.A.	N.A.	-
Breaching house rules or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	**32**	**38**	**9**	**39**	**144**	**24**	**15**	**386**	**55**	**35**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Legend
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Table 2: Number of persons having left various types of RCHDs and the reasons for leaving in 2016-17

Reason	Number of persons leaving RCHDs									
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH (MMHC) [Note]**	**HWH**	**LSCH**	**Private RCHD under BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	12	8	4	4	24	13	-	106	6	11
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	1	4
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	82	-	4
Family reunion	3	-	-	3	2	6	3	96	1	3
Emigration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	N.A.	-
Death	16	34	6	29	100	4	-	5	43	6
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	N.A.	N.A.	-
Breaching house rules or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Total	**32**	**42**	**11**	**36**	**127**	**31**	**6**	**339**	**51**	**35**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 3: Number of persons having left various types of RCHDs and the reasons for leaving in 2017-18

Reason	Number of persons leaving RCHDs									
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH (MMHC) [Note]**	**HWH**	**LSCH**	**Private RCHD under BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	16	7	4	8	17	8	1	153	3	16
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	56	-	8
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	98	-	8
Family reunion	4	-	-	-	10	3	1	97	-	6
Emigration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	N.A.	-
Death	19	36	5	37	112	2	-	6	46	4
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	N.A.	N.A.	-
Breaching house rules or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**40**	**44**	**9**	**45**	**140**	**18**	**7**	**411**	**49**	**48**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 4: Number of persons having left various types of RCHDs and the reasons for leaving in 2018-19

Reason	Number of persons leaving RCHDs									
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH (MMHC)** [Note]	**HWH**	**LSCH**	**Private RCHD under BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	28	21	-	1	17	21	2	109	9	18
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	75	2	14
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	85	-	2
Family reunion	6	1	1	1	8	2	5	101	2	10
Emigration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N.A.	-
Death	14	34	8	25	121	3	-	11	46	17
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	4	N.A.	N.A.	-
Breaching house rules or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Total	**52**	**65**	**9**	**27**	**146**	**33**	**11**	**381**	**59**	**69**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 5: Number of persons having left various types of RCHDs and the reasons for leaving in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Reason	Number of persons leaving RCHDs									
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH (MMHC)** [Note]	**HWH**	**LSCH**	**Private RCHD under BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	30	16	2	4	24	6	-	76	2	18
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	6	-	2	-	2	1	38	2	1
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	58	-	-
Family reunion	3	2	1	-	2	11	6	80	1	5
Emigration	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Death	17	22	8	34	84	3	-	8	39	6
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	N.A.	N.A.	-
Breaching house rules or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Total	**50**	**53**	**11**	**40**	**110**	**29**	**10**	**262**	**45**	**37**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

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LWB(WW)049

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3194)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the following in respect of the past 5 years:

1. the number of cases of adult probationers requiring residential service;
2. the types of residential homes/hostels the adult probationers had been admitted into and the reasons for such arrangements;
3. whether the adult probationers had to wait for admission into residential homes/hostels; if yes, how long they had to wait, and the arrangements made during the waiting period;
4. whether any probationers had been found missing while awaiting admission; if yes, the number of such cases; and
5. the nature and the male-to-female ratio of these cases, and the follow-up actions taken.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

Probation service is a community-based counselling and supervision programme for offenders. The Social Welfare Department does not provide residential service for adult probationers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3195)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of children receiving training subsidy while on the waiting list of pre-school rehabilitation services with a breakdown by type of special needs, district, level of subsidy received and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 107)

Reply:

A total of 3 818 children have received subsidy from the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the Programme) in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019). The number of children having benefited from the Programme by age and administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of children having benefited from the Programme by the level of subsidy received is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the types of special needs among children receiving the training subsidy.

Annex

Table 1: Number of children having benefited from the Training Subsidy Programme by age and SWD administrative district (From 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019)

District	Number of children having benefited			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	63	155	62	**280**
Eastern/Wan Chai	55	144	54	**253**
Kwun Tong	68	231	118	**417**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	86	253	117	**456**
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	53	214	105	**372**
Sham Shui Po	35	169	72	**276**
Sha Tin	70	244	132	**446**
Tai Po/North	58	192	75	**325**
Yuen Long	70	225	105	**400**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	62	237	100	**399**
Tuen Mun	30	120	44	**194**
Total	**650**	**2 184**	**984**	**3 818**

Table 2: Number of children having benefited from the Training Subsidy Programme by level of subsidy received (From 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019)

Level of subsidy	Number of Children
Higher level subsidy (Maximum monthly subsidy amount: $6,075)	1 862
Normal level subsidy (Maximum monthly subsidy amount: $3,050)	1 956
Total	**3 818**

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LWB(WW)051

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3196)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential care services for pre-school/school-age children/small group homes (SGHs) under the purview of the Social Welfare Department (SWD):

1. Please set out the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of places, and the longest, shortest and average waiting time in each of the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of applicants, the number of service recipients and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation, with a breakdown by district of residence and age group (in six-year bands from the age of 0 onward) and gender in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of persons having refused admission, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the age of service users in the service units across the territory (in six-year bands from the age of 0 onward).
6. Please set out the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 119)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 4. The number of places and additional places, average waiting time, number and gender of new applicants, number of children in care, number of applications withdrawn and average unit cost per place per month of residential child care services in the past 5 years are set out at Annex 1. The age distribution of new applicants is set out at Annex 2.

SWD does not have the statistical information on the residential districts of applicants, the longest and shortest waiting time for service places, reasons for withdrawal of applications and the waiting time before withdrawal of applications. As residential child care services do not have a mechanism to freeze service allocation, the statistical information is unavailable.

5. The age distribution (in six-year bands from the age of 0 onward) of children in care of residential child care services as at 31 December 2019 is set out at Annex 3.

6. SWD plans to set up 4 additional SGHs providing a total of 30 SGH places, and to provide additional 9 places in residential homes for children (RHCs) in 2020-21.

Annex 1

Number of places and additional places, average waiting time, number of new applicants, number of children in care, number of applications withdrawn and average unit cost per place per month of residential child care services

Items	Year	Foster care [Note 1]	SGH	RHCs [Note 1]
Number of places	2015-16	1 070	864	1 708
	2016-17	1 070	864	1 708
	2017-18	1 130	894	1 778
	2018-19	1 130	894	1 778
	2019-20	1 130	924	1 823
Number of additional places	2015-16	-	-	-
	2016-17	-	-	-
	2017-18	60	30	70
	2018-19	-	-	-
	2019-20	-	30	45
Average waiting time (day) [Note 2]	2015-16	48	121	62
	2016-17	51	135	57
	2017-18	46	131	52
	2018-19	59	109	67
	2019-20 [Note 3]	56	138	74
Number of new applicants [Note 4]	2015-16	508	412	1 114
	2016-17	515	456	1 141
	2017-18	464	439	1 180
	2018-19	418	540	1 187
	2019-20 (male/female) [Note 3]	220/174	195/178	455/369
Number of children in care (male/female) (as at 31 December)	2015	481/437	399/357	864/555
	2016	486/424	410/354	844/550
	2017	463/418	432/385	865/560
	2018	457/435	437/388	883/576
	2019	471/445	467/425	885/607
Number of applications withdrawn	2015-16	107	297	453
	2016-17	138	268	389
	2017-18	134	265	307
	2018-19	120	139	311
	2019-20 [Note 3]	62	141	244
Average unit cost per place per month ($)	2015-16 (Actual)	13,703	20,610	16,720
	2016-17 (Actual)	13,076	20,943	17,616
	2017-18 (Actual)	15,239	22,037	18,623
	2018-19 (Actual)	19,072	23,165	20,291
	2019-20 (Revised estimate)	18,735	27,294	22,172

[Note 1] The figures include both ordinary service and emergency service.

[Note 2] The figures reflect only the average waiting time of ordinary service. Regarding emergency residential care service, caseworkers may approach the service units concerned directly for enquiries, and arrange for admission as soon as vacant places are available. SWD does not have statistics on the average waiting time for emergency placement for residential care services.

[Note 3] Statistics from April to December 2019.

[Note 4] SWD does not have the statistical information of new applicants of residential child care services by gender from 2015-16 to 2018-19.

Annex 2

Age distribution of new applicants of residential child care services (2019-20) (as at 31 December 2019)

Age of new applicants	Type of service		
	Foster care	SGH	RHCs
Newborn to 6	302	22	170
Above 6 to 12	85	226	169
Above 12 to 18	7	125	462
Above 18 to 21	N.A.	N.A.	23

N.A. - Not applicable

Annex 3

Age distribution of children in care of residential child care services (as at 31 December 2019)

Children in care	Type of service		
	Foster care [Note 1]	SGH [Note 2]	RHCs
Newborn to 6	409	12	242
Above 6 to 12	343	411	291
Above 12 to 18	160	461	835
Above 18 to 21	4	8	124

[Note 1] Foster care targets to serve children aged 0 to 18. Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving foster care service may extend their stay until after 18 years of age.

[Note 2] SGH targets to serve children aged 4 to 18. Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving service at SGH may extend their stay until after 18 years of age.

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LWB(WW)052

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3197)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the following details of "on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS)" since its commencement:

1. the overall expenditure and the cost per service user in each year;
2. the number of service users in each year, with a breakdown by age of service users and type of services;
3. the number of service users in each year, with a breakdown by type of special education needs;
4. the shortest, longest, average and median waiting time of the children.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 123)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government has regularised OPRS in October 2018 and increased the number of service places from about 3 000 to about 5 000, which was further increased to about 7 000 in October 2019. The expenditure involved was as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2018-19 (Actual)	327.2
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	628.1

2. The number of children having received services under OPRS since its regularisation with a breakdown by age is as follows:

Year	No. of children			
	Aged 0 to 2 [Note]	Aged 3 to 4 [Note]	Aged 5 to 6 [Note]	Total
2018-19	64	2 482	2 280	4 826
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	92	2 944	2 734	5 770

[Note] Age shown being the age of children on the last day of the said period in the year.

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of service users by type of special education needs.

4. SWD does not have information on the children's shortest, longest and median waiting time for OPRS. OPRS was regularised in October 2018. Since the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure of average waiting time is not yet available.

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LWB(WW)053

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3198)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the transitional care and support centre for tetraplegic patients (TCSC), please provide the following information:

1. the actual number of service places, number of additional service places, longest, shortest, average and median waiting time over the past 5 years.
2. the per capita service cost each year over the past 5 years.
3. the number of applicants, service users and persons who applied for a freeze on allocation to the service over the past 5 years, broken down by district of residence, age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and gender.
4. the number of persons who have not accepted their allocation to the service over the past 5 years, their waiting time and the reasons behind.
5. the number of places under planning with details by geographical distribution.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 146)

Reply:

TCSC provides 22 transitional residential and respite service places, 20 day training service places and the number of service places remained unchanged over the past 5 years. There were 187, 168, 208, 189 and 177 service users in TCSC from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019). As the service institution admits service users directly by doctor referrals, the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the longest, shortest, average and median waiting time, the per capita service cost, the number of applicants broken down by district of residence, age group and gender, the number of persons who applied for a freeze on allocation to the service, the number of persons who have not accepted their allocation to the service, their waiting time and the reasons behind, over the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3199)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding rehabilitation services comprising home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), please advise as to:

1. the respective total service costs, unit cost per person and service cost of each service sub-type under the 2 types of service in the past 5 years;
2. the staffing establishment of various posts, the ratio between staff and service users, and the manpower shortfall in various posts under the 2 types of service;
3. the total number of places, the number of places for each service sub-type, the total number of service users, and the average waiting time for the 2 types of service in the past 5 years;
4. for each service sub-type under the 2 types of service, the number of service sessions provided, the waitlisting situation, the number of service users (with a breakdown by type of disabilities and age group in ten-year bands from the age of over 15) and the number of people having been refused service (with a breakdown by reason for refusal) in the past 5 years;
5. for each service sub-type under the 2 types of service, the number of people who had requested household cleaning and meal delivery services and the actual number of times such services were provided in the past 5 years, and whether the Government will consider regularising the household cleaning and meal delivery services under the 2 types of service in order to provide more comprehensive support for persons with disabilities to live in the community;
6. whether, if service demand has exceeded service supply, the Government will provide more services and funding accordingly in order to meet the demands from persons with disabilities living in the community; and
7. the number of applicants and recipients regarding Special Subsidy for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment (RSME programme) and the Special Subsidy for Purchasing Medical Consumables (Consumables programme) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 149)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The expenditure on HCS and ISS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the unit cost per person and service cost of each service sub-type under the 2 services.

2. The Notional Staffing Establishment (NSE) of HCS and ISS as at December 2019 are set out in Tables 1 to 2 in Annex 2. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, in order to achieve the requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSA). NSE is only used by SWD for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services, and should not be treated as the benchmark for manpower and staffing arrangement of the subvented services. SWD does not have information on the ratio between the staff and users, or the extent of manpower shortage as regards various posts in relation to the 2 services.

3. As at 2019-20, there were 3 550 and 900 service places under HCS and ISS respectively and there was no breakdown of the service places under service sub-type of the 2 services. The number of service users of the 2 services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 3. SWD does not have information on the average waiting time of the 2 services.

4. & 5. The volume of services provided under HCS and ISS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Tables 1 to 2 in Annex 4. SWD does not have information on the waiting situation for each service sub-type under the 2 types of service, the number of service users broken down by type of disabilities and age group, the number of persons having been refused services and the number of applicants for household cleaning and meal delivery services. SWD has implemented case management service in HCS and ISS since 2014 to support persons with disabilities living in the community. For individual service users with severe physical disabilities who are in need of household cleaning or meal delivery service, case managers will conduct assessments and arrange for service provision.

6. In the past, service users of HCS and ISS include persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes. With the introduction of the Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Teams for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities and the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly in the first quarter of 2019, the support services for persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes, previously provided under HCS and ISS, will be gradually covered by the 2 pilot schemes. The 2 home-based care services have undergone resources redeployment in 2019-20, and are estimated to be able to provide home-based community care service for 1 500 persons with disabilities in the community. Apart from that, SWD has increased its allocation to 6 HCS service teams in the first quarter of 2020 to provide an additional 300 service places.

7. The RSME programme and the Consumables programme offered by the Community Care Fund were regularised under ISS in November 2014. The number of applicants and recipients of these 2 subsidies from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Annex 5.

Annex 1

The service expenditure on ISS and HCS

Service type/Year	**2015-16 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2016-17 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)**
HCS	201.0	254.1	262.8	287.0	304.7
ISS	61.6	61.9	61.6	64.9	68.7

Annex 2

Table 1: NSE of HCS
(A team serving 500 cases)

Rank/Post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer	0.4
Assistant Social Work Officer	2.0
Social Work Assistant	12.0
Physiotherapist II	6.0
Occupational Therapist II	6.0
Occupational Therapist Assistant	12.0
Registered Nurse	4.0
Health Worker	4.0
Personal Care Worker	84.0
Clerical Assistant	4.0

Table 2: NSE of ISS
(A team serving 450 cases)

Rank/Post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer	0.5
Assistant Social Work Officer	9.0
Social Work Assistant	5.0
Physiotherapist I	1.0
Physiotherapist II	5.5
Occupational Therapist II	5.5
Occupational Therapist Assistant	11.0
Registered Nurse	4.0
Clerical Assistant	3.5
Health Worker	3.5
Personal Care Worker	20.0
Motor Driver	2.0

Annex 3

Number of users of the HCS and the ISS

Service Type/Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
HCS	2 942	3 929	4 507	4 730	4 342
ISS	721	982	1 148	1 193	1 128

Annex 4

Table 1: Volume of various services utilised by HCS users

Service/Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Nursing care (number of sessions/ hours [Note 1])	14 414 sessions	24 149 sessions	32 482 hours	39 502 hours	32 766 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/ hours [Note 1])	29 686 sessions	48 541 sessions	63 279 hours	73 552 hours	57 069 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	37 984	53 901	65 850	84 730	65 869
Escort service (number of hours)	31 622	44 077	48 453	61 629	51 448
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	107	106	149	162	109
Home respite service (headcount of users)	4 158	6 173	7 995	11 666	10 490
Social work service (number of users)	2 942	3 929	4 507	4 730	4 342
Meal support service (number of users)	10	11	21	76	155 [Note 2]
Household cleaning service (number of users)	1	2	2	16	24

[Note 1] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the FSA that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standard for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours.

[Note 2] 80 of the users have only used the service once.

Table 2: Volume of various services utilised by ISS users

Service/Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)
Nursing care (number of sessions/ hours [Note])	5 758 sessions	17 603 sessions	16 637 hours	20 672 hours	12 662 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/hours [Note])	7 691 sessions	15 309 sessions	20 810 hours	26 338 hours	19 482 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	12 539	28 625	37 786	42 168	33 236
Escort service (number of hours)	1 438	4 705	6 456	8 143	5 700
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	42	43	54	51	49
Home respite service (headcount of users)	869	1 581	4 941	7 995	6 370
Social work service (number of users)	721	982	1 148	1 193	1 128
Meal support service (number of users)	1	10	18	13	13
Household cleaning service (number of users)	32	62	59	55	49

[Note] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the FSA that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standard for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours. For statistical purposes, the full-year service output of these nursing care and rehabilitation services in 2017-18 has been standardised into hours.

Annex 5

Number of applicants and recipients of the RSME programme and the Consumables programme

Type of Subsidies/ Year	**2015-16**		**2016-17**		**2017-18**		**2018-19**		**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**	
	Number of applicants [Note 1]	**No. of recipients**	**Number of applicants [Note 1]**	**No. of recipients**	**Number of applicants [Note 1]**	**No. of recipients**	**Number of applicants [Note 1]**	**No. of recipients**	**Number of applicants [Note 1]**	**No. of recipients**
RSME programme	81	282	102	300	111	326	83	281	72	250
Consumables programme		296		319		344		302		274
Total	**81**	**312 [Note 2]**	**102**	**325 [Note 2]**	**111**	**349 [Note 2]**	**83**	**304 [Note 2]**	**72**	**274 [Note 2]**

[Note 1] SWD does not have a breakdown of applicants of the 2 programmes.

[Note 2] The total number includes applicants for only the RSME programme, applicants for only the Consumables programme, and applicants for both programmes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3200)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the services of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), please provide the following information:

1. the overall number of members of each unit over the past 5 years, broken down by type of disabilities, gender and age (age group in ten-year bands for persons above age 15).
2. the number of persons who have refused service allocation (broken down by reason for refusal) of each unit over the past 5 years.
3. the average waiting time of each service unit over the past 5 years.
4. the expenditure of the entire scheme, per capita cost of each service unit, per capita cost of each type of service over the past 5 years.
5. the locations of the 5 additional DSCs to be set up as planned.
6. the staffing establishment of various posts of the services, the ratio of staff to service users and the manpower shortage of various posts.
7. the number of DSCs occupying a total floor area below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) and their respective districts.
8. Please set out the DSCs which have permanent accommodation for operation and those which do not.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 150)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of members of DSCs each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 broken down by unit is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of members broken down by type of disabilities, gender and age.

2. & 3. SWD does not have the information sought.

4. The expenditure on DSCs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 2 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the per capita unit cost of each service unit and each type of service.

5. SWD plans to set up 5 additional DSCs in order to enhance the support for persons with disabilities living in the community and their parents/carers. As the new DCSs are still under planning, the information on the relevant locations is not yet available.

6. The notional staffing establishment (NSE) of DSCs is set out in Table 3 of Annex. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not have information on the manning ratio and the manpower shortage of various posts.

7. SoA of DSCs was revised in December 2019, with the net operational floor area for DSC revised from the original 345m^2 to a range from 447 to 491m^2 (depending on the service places under the day care service for persons with severe disabilities provided by the DSC). Thus, more DSCs now have a total floor area below the new standard. According to the revised SoA, there are 15 DSCs with a total floor area below the standard and they are located in Central Western, Southern and Islands (1 DSC), Eastern and Wan Chai (1 DSC), Kwun Tong (2 DSCs), Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung (2 DSCs), Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong (1 DSC), Sham Shui Po (1 DSC), Sha Tin (1 DSC), Tai Po and North (2 DSCs), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (2 DSCs), Tuen Mun (1 DSC) and Yuen Long (1 DSC).

8. Among the existing 16 DSCs, 14 are in full operation in permanent accommodation and they are located in Tai Po, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong, Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong East, Kwun Tong West, Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi, Kwai Chung, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai, Tuen Mun, Sham Shui Po and North respectively. Permanent accommodation of a DSC in Eastern and Wan Chai is expected to be completed within 2 years. The remaining 1 DSC in Central Western, Southern and Islands has been given approval for renting commercial premises in Central & Western District and setting up a sub-base in Islands District to provide services. SWD will continue to proactively identify suitable premises for the DSC.

Annex

Table 1: Number of DSC service users from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

District	Number of service users (members)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Eastern and Wan Chai	326	379	305	273	247
Central Western, Southern and Islands	626	627	676	622	524
Kwun Tong	614	665	752	755	796
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	815	912	890	1 045	1 025
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	226	216	242	238	239
Sham Shui Po	414	476	351	349	313
Sha Tin	352	369	381	362	376
Tai Po and North	592	656	732	559	528
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	659	782	860	969	977
Tuen Mun	220	235	267	273	300
Yuen Long	614	670	692	744	651

Table 2: Expenditure on DSCs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	156.5
2016-17 (Actual)	172.3
2017-18 (Actual)	179.6
2018-19 (Actual)	200.3
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	209.5

Table 3: NSE [Note 1] of DSCs

Rank/Post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer (SWO) [Note 2]	1
Assistant Social Work Officer (ASWO) [Note 2]	1
Senior Social Work Assistant	1
Social Work Assistant	4
Clinical Psychologist	0.5
Physiotherapist I [Note 2]	1
Occupational Therapist I [Note 2]	1
Speech Therapist [Note 2]	1
Enrolled Nurse	1
Personal Care Worker	7.38
Welfare Worker	8
Clerical Assistant	1.5
Care Attendant	2
Workman II	1
Motor Driver	1

[Note 1] Including the provision of 10 day care service places for persons with severe disabilities.

[Note 2] To strengthen the service planning, work coordination, case management service and rehabilitation training service of DSCs, SWD has since January 2020 increased the number of SWO in the NSE of each DSC from 0.2 to 1, added 1 ASWO and 1 Speech Therapist, and upgraded the posts of Physiotherapist/Occupational Therapist from rank II to rank I.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3201)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the residential and day respite services for persons with disabilities, would the Government please provide the following information:

1. the number of places, applicants, users and persons on the waiting lists in respect of each service unit for the past 5 years;
2. the shortest, the longest and the average length of stay in days (applicable to residential respite service) for the past 5 years;
3. the estimated and actual number of additional places for the past 5 years;
4. the number of service users in each quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only), with a breakdown by district of residence, gender and age group (in ten-year bands from age 6) for the past 5 years;
5. the number of people not being served (the same person being refused in more than 1 district not counted as 1) and the cost per service user for the past 5 years; and
6. the number of planned service places, by geographical distribution and in details.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 153)

Reply:

At present, service users are not required to apply for day or residential respite services through Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Applications can be made to the relevant service units by applicants directly or through referrals by social workers of medical social services units, integrated family service centres, special schools or rehabilitation service units. As such, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants, users and waitlisted persons, the waiting time, the shortest, longest and average length of stay in days etc. for day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities.

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, SWD provided 4 and 33 additional service places for day and residential respite services respectively. The number of service places and the headcount of service users in each of the past 5 years are set out in Annex 1. The headcount of service users per quarter is set out in Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively. SWD does not have information on the district of residence, gender, age group and the per capita cost of the users of respite services. Besides, SWD has not received any cases of service not being arranged.

With regard to the need for respite services for persons with disabilities, SWD will provide additional places under residential respite services in the newly established subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). Apart from that, SWD will purchase more than 40 places from private RCHDs participating in Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities in 2020-21 for the provision of designated residential respite service, so as to increase the supply of residential respite places and alleviate the stress on the carers.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of service places of day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of places	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service
2015-16	156	285
2016-17	158	291
2017-18	158	292
2018-19	158	297
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	160	318

Table 2: Headcount of service users of day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Headcount of service users [Note]	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service
2015-16	3 105	3 294
2016-17	3 117	3 331
2017-18	2 482	3 370
2018-19	2 427	3 013
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	1 546	2 012

[Note] A service user may have multiple admissions for day or residential respite service in a year.

Annex 2

Table 1: Headcount of service users of residential respite service per quarter in 2015-16

April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	January to March 2016	Total
804	814	878	798	**3 294**

Table 2: Headcount of service users of residential respite service per quarter in 2016-17

April to June 2016	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	January to March 2017	Total
851	864	849	767	**3 331**

Table 3: Headcount of service users of residential respite service per quarter in 2017-18

April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018	Total
825	829	905	811	**3 370**

Table 4: Headcount of service users of residential respite service per quarter in 2018-19

April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019	Total
850	866	701	596	**3 013**

Table 5: Headcount of service users of residential respite service per quarter in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	Total
588	656	768	**2 012**

Annex 3

Table 1: Headcount of service users of day respite service per quarter in 2015-16

April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	January to March 2016	Total
530	1 141	683	751	**3 105**

Table 2: Headcount of service users of day respite service per quarter in 2016-17

April to June 2016	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	January to March 2017	Total
660	1 386	645	426	**3 117**

Table 3: Headcount of service users of day respite service per quarter in 2017-18

April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018	Total
432	621	578	851	**2 482**

Table 4: Headcount of service users of day respite service per quarter in 2018-19

April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019	Total
545	695	650	537	**2 427**

Table 5: Headcount of service users of day respite service per quarter in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	Total
516	588	442	**1 546**

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)057

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3202)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the overall number of beneficiaries of the "Training Subsidy for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services" since its commencement, with a breakdown by age, type of special needs, district and level of subsidy received. What are the overall expenditure and cost per service user in each year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 158)

Reply:

Under the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the Programme), a total of 8 489 children have received subsidy from 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2019. The number of children having benefited from the Programme by age and administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of children having benefited from the Programme by the level of subsidy received is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. The annual expenditure on the Programme from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the types of special needs among children receiving the training subsidy.

Annex

Table 1: Number of children having benefited from the Training Subsidy Programme by age and SWD administrative district (From 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2019)

District	Number of children having benefited			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	65	209	302	**576**
Eastern/Wan Chai	54	192	323	**569**
Kwun Tong	60	296	639	**995**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	86	308	600	**994**
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	51	266	524	**841**
Sham Shui Po	33	201	393	**627**
Sha Tin	71	303	567	**941**
Tai Po/North	61	254	550	**865**
Yuen Long	67	264	442	**773**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	58	287	486	**831**
Tuen Mun	30	142	305	**477**
Total	**636**	**2 722**	**5 131**	**8 489**

Table 2: Number of children having benefited from the Training Subsidy Programme by level of subsidy received (From 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2019)

Level of subsidy	**Number of Children**
Higher level subsidy (Maximum monthly subsidy amount: $6,075 [Note 1])	3 193
Normal level subsidy (Maximum monthly subsidy amount: $3,050 [Note 2])	5 296
Total	**8 489**

[Note 1] The maximum monthly subsidy amount for higher level subsidy has been increased from $5,995 to $6,075 since 1 October 2017.

[Note 2] The maximum monthly subsidy amount for normal level subsidy has been increased from $2,763 to $3,050 since 1 October 2017.

Table 3: Annual Expenditure on the Training Subsidy Programme

Year	**Expenditure ($ million)**
2015-16 (Actual)	31.6
2016-17 (Actual)	42.6
2017-18 (Actual)	56.8
2018-19 (Actual)	86.7
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	114.3

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)058

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3209)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Apart from Siu Lam Hospital, there is provision of other residential care or day care services for persons with intellectual disability who have stomach stomas or need to use respiratory support equipment. Please tabulate the following information in respect of such services for the past 5 years:

(1) the number of new and total applicants on the waiting list by gender and district of residence;

(2) the number of residents and their average waiting time by gender;

(3) the current longest waiting time; and

(4) the unit cost per person.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 152)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the residential or day care service for persons with intellectual disability who have stomach stomas or need to use respiratory support equipment as stated in the question.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)059

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1419)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the latest progress of the "Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Kindergartens (KGs)" (pilot scheme)? Does the Government have the figures on the existing number of KGs and child care centres (CCCs) providing school-based social work service?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has allocated $989 million from the Lotteries Fund to provide social work services in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided pre-primary institutions (PPIs) (including aided CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs) across the territory.

The pilot scheme is implemented in 3 phases. 16 social work teams will be set up in each phase giving a total of 48 teams. Phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme, which will last for 3 and 2.5 years, have commenced operation in February and August 2019 serving 246 and 239 eligible PPIs respectively. Phase 3 of the pilot scheme will commence operation in August 2020 and will last for 1.5 years.

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LWB(WW)060

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0621)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under Programme (2) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that one of the roles of SWD is to administer the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. the number of single parent families or sole family carers currently receiving standard rates or single parent supplement under the CSSA Scheme in Hong Kong.
2. the number of new applications applying for CSSA standard rates or single parent supplement for reason of single parent families or sole family carers, and among which the number of approved cases in each of the past 3 years.
3. the amount of expenditure involved in providing CSSA standard rates and single parent supplement for single parent families or sole family carers in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The number of CSSA single parent recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in the table below:

Year	Number of CSSA single parent recipients
2017-18	23 541
2018-19	22 418
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	21 620

SWD does not maintain statistics on "sole family carers" and other information sought as mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0622)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Upon implementation of the Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme) and the Fujian Scheme (FJ Scheme) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who have moved to reside in the Guangdong (GD) and Fujian (FJ) Provinces may receive a monthly Old Age Allowance (OAA) (commonly known as "fruit money") without being required to return to Hong Kong each year. Meanwhile, the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) has been extended to the 2 schemes and applications have been accepted since 1 November 2019. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. the number of eligible Hong Kong elderly persons having applied for "fruit money" under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme respectively, and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.
2. further to the above, the percentage of such number in the total number of Hong Kong elderly persons who have moved to reside in GD and FJ Provinces.
3. whether the Government knows the number of eligible Hong Kong elderly persons residing in the Mainland having applied for and those having been granted OAA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme respectively since November last year.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of cases and the expenditure on OAA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year [Note 1]	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme [Note 2]	
	Number of cases [Note 3]	Expenditure ($ million)	Number of cases [Note 3]	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	16 689	261	N.A.	N.A.
2018-19 (Actual)	16 568	336	1 656	22
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	16 108	466	1 622	107

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance and that for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 2] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

[Note 3] The number of cases in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2019-20 is the figure as at end-December 2019.

2. As at end-December 2019, the number of OAA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme are 16 108 and 1 622 respectively.

Based on the "Statistics on Hong Kong residents usually staying in the Guangdong Province" published by the Census and Statistics Department in October 2019, it is estimated that there were around 84 400 Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above usually staying in the GD Province as at the end of 2018. The Government does not have information on the number of Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above residing in the FJ Province in recent years.

3. SWD has implemented OALA under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme to provide the eligible elderly persons with the monthly payment of the allowance starting from 1 January 2020 and started to receive applications since 1 November 2019. As at end-December 2019, SWD had received 9 526 and 1 079 OALA applications under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme respectively, among which 5 091 and 650 applications had been approved as at end-December 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0623)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under Programme (4) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that one of the major work areas of SWD is to provide services for children with mild intellectual disability through small group homes (SGHs) for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated SGHs. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. the current number of children with mild intellectual disability in Hong Kong, and their percentage share of the total number of children in Hong Kong;
2. the services provided by the SGHs for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated SGHs;
3. further to the above, the expenditure involved in the services;
4. SWD's estimated expenditure on the SGHs for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated SGHs in the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

2. SGHs for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated SGHs provide residential care services in a stable, safe and family-like environment as specified by individual welfare plans for children aged 6 to 18 with mild mental handicap. Daily activities and routines including schooling and homework, supplemented with various social, recreational activities and counselling services, are organised to protect and promote the health and welfare of the children, fulfil their physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs, and nurture their overall growth and development.

3. & 4. The 2019-20 Revised Estimate and the 2020-21 Estimate of SGHs for mildly mentally handicapped children and integrated SGHs (service places for mildly mentally handicapped children) are $42.66 million and $46.15 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1072)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Child care services in Hong Kong have all along been in short supply. Not only does it pose a burden on families with working parents, it also prevents women from entering the labour force. Please advise:

1. a list of day child care centres (CCCs) newly established by the Government in 2019-20 and their locations;
2. the number of day CCCs planned to be set up.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

To further enhance day child care services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval, etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases. Among them, 56, 88, 105 and 88 places will be provided in Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, North District; Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong; Shek Mun Estate, Sha Tin; and Tin Shui Estate, Yuen Long respectively, which are expected to commence service in 2020-21. The number of additional places and implementation timetable for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing, however, has yet to be confirmed.

Apart from the additional places above, the Government will continue to identify suitable premises for setting up new aided standalone CCCs in districts with keen demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1073)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government provide this Committee with information on the percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients returning to the job market within 1 year in 2019-20? What relevant measures does the Government have in place to encourage CSSA applicants to return to the job market?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance, and commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide diversified and tailor-made employment assistance services for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients, including employment counselling and training services, assisting recipients in obtaining up-to-date labour market information, arranging job matching; and assessing the needs of recipients and providing them with tailor-made and focused employment assistance services. NGOs will also provide post-employment support services for at least 3 months to those who have secured employment.

With a view to providing stronger work incentives and support for able-bodied CSSA recipients, the 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of enhancements to the CSSA Scheme, including the enhancement of various employment support services to increase the employability of and employment opportunities for able-bodied CSSA recipients. SWD will launch enhanced employment support services starting from April 2020. NGOs will continue to provide employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients, with enhanced collaborations with the Labour Department (LD), the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs, including the installation of ERB's Training Net and LD's Vacancy Search Terminals in employment assistance service centres and establishing a mechanism to arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs operating employment assistance services. The Government will also relax the coverage of the Temporary Financial Aid for more job seeking-related activities such as purchasing mobile phone SIM cards, taking meals away from home, etc.

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1074)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications made by those who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years and the percentage in the total number of CSSA applications over the past 3 years? What is the average age of those applicants?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of CSSA cases involving persons who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases are as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases	Percentage in total number of CSSA cases (%)
2017-18	11 370	4.9
2018-19	10 527	4.7
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	10 139	4.6

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1075)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of Hong Kong residents aged 18 to 25 applying for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) on the ground of unemployment and their percentage of the total number of unemployed CSSA applications over the past 3 years? What measures does the Government have in place to encourage them to actively return to the labour market?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The number of unemployed CSSA recipients aged 18 to 25 and its percentage of the total number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Number of unemployed CSSA recipients aged 18 to 25	Percentage of the total number of unemployed CSSA recipients (%)
2017-18	749	5.7
2018-19	748	6.0
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	865	6.4

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance and commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide diversified and tailor-made employment assistance services for employable able-bodied CSSA recipients, including employment counselling and training services, assisting recipients in obtaining up-to-date labour market information, arranging job matching; and assessing the needs of recipients and providing them with tailor-made and focused employment assistance services. NGOs will also provide post-employment support services for at least 3 months to those who have secured employment.

With a view to providing stronger work incentives and support for able-bodied CSSA recipients, the 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of enhancements to the CSSA Scheme, including the enhancement of various employment support services to increase the employability of and employment opportunities for able-bodied CSSA recipients. SWD

will continue to provide enhanced employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients through NGOs, while enhancing collaboration with the Labour Department (LD), the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs, including the installation of ERB's Training Net and LD's Vacancy Search Terminals in employment assistance service centres and establishing a mechanism to arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs operating employment assistance services. The Government will also relax the coverage of the Temporary Financial Aid for more job seeking-related activities such as purchasing mobile phone SIM cards, taking meals away from home, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1078)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of places for aided long full-day child care service in respective districts across the territory, their utilisation rate, number of applicants and number of those waiting for the service over the past 3 years? What is the estimated expenditure for the above measure?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The number of places providing long full-day child care service in aided child care centres (CCCs) (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) and the average utilisation rate by 18 districts in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) are set out at Annex. The estimated expenditure for aided day CCCs in 2020-21 is $290 million.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of applicants and number of people on the waiting list for the above services.

Annex

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate in aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service (2017-18)

District	Aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service			
	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs [Note]	
	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	462	32
Southern	-	N.A.	283	58
Islands	-	N.A.	226	39
Eastern	64	100	340	69
Wan Chai	48	100	123	80
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	564	84
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	392	80
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	642	44
Kowloon City	67	99	421	58
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	215	93
Sham Shui Po	62	100	275	76
Sha Tin	72	100	374	89
Tai Po	-	N.A.	165	80
North District	48	100	245	72
Yuen Long	64	100	319	100
Tsuen Wan	76	100	188	81
Kwai Tsing	32	100	358	85
Tuen Mun	64	100	479	70
Total	**744**	**100**	**6 071**	**69**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2017 and only include aided CCC service places of aided CCCs attached to KGs which provide long full-day places for children aged below 3.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate in aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service (2018-19)

District	Aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service			
	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs [Note]	
	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	462	33
Southern	-	N.A.	294	67
Islands	-	N.A.	284	36
Eastern	64	100	356	65
Wan Chai	48	100	158	77
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	563	85
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	405	79
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	758	39
Kowloon City	67	100	517	53
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	217	95
Sham Shui Po	62	100	307	70
Sha Tin	72	100	425	85
Tai Po	-	N.A.	182	76
North District	51	100	315	62
Yuen Long	64	100	367	91
Tsuen Wan	76	100	210	81
Kwai Tsing	32	100	374	81
Tuen Mun	64	100	511	70
Total	**747**	**100**	**6 705**	**66**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2018 and only include aided CCC service places of aided CCCs attached to KGs which provide long full-day places for children aged below 3.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate in aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service (April to December 2019)

District	Aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service			
	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs [Note]	
	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	459	30
Southern	-	N.A.	343	60
Islands	-	N.A.	195	35
Eastern	64	100	361	63
Wan Chai	48	100	161	76
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	582	83
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	379	78
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	609	49
Kowloon City	67	100	479	56
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	240	87
Sham Shui Po	62	100	304	69
Sha Tin	72	100	450	82
Tai Po	-	N.A.	189	65
North District	51	100	282	61
Yuen Long	64	100	340	92
Tsuen Wan	76	100	223	76
Kwai Tsing	32	100	410	64
Tuen Mun	64	100	510	67
Total	**747**	**100**	**6 516**	**66**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2019 and only include aided CCC service places of aided CCCs attached to KGs which provide long full-day places for children aged below 3.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2874)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of home-based child carers, amount of incentive payment and number of service users of respective districts in Hong Kong over the past 3 years? What is the number of home-based child carers joining and leaving the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in these 3 years? Does the Government have any specific measures in place to increase the number of home-based child carers?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

The number of home-based child carers, amount of incentive payment and number of service users (including home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group service (CCG)) under NSCCP by 18 districts in the past 3 financial years is set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only keeps the number of home-based child carers provided by operators as at December each year, the number of home-based child carers joining and leaving the service is therefore not available.

SWD has further enhanced the service quality of NSCCP from January 2020. Additional provisions are provided for service operators to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff in each service unit. To strengthen training for home-based child carers, registered nurses/midwives trained on child care are employed to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to $25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service.

Annex

Table 1: The number of home-based child carers, amount of incentive payment and number of service users under NSCCP (2017-18)

District	Number of child carers	Incentive payment for child carers per hour ($)	Number of children served
Central & Western	41	18 to 22	412
Eastern	191		495
Islands	17		396
Kowloon City	449		740
Kwun Tong	46		653
Kwai Tsing	84		863
North	64		438
Southern	27		353
Sai Kung	92		849
Sham Shui Po	101		1 143
Sha Tin	81		882
Tuen Mun	39		918
Tai Po	49		869
Tsuen Wan	70		700
Wan Chai	25		272
Wong Tai Sin	163		784
Yuen Long	70		1 499
Yau Tsim Mong	223		1 144
Total	**1 832**	**-**	**13 410**

Table 2: The number of home-based child carers, amount of incentive payment and number of service users under NSCCP (2018-19)

District	Number of child carers	Incentive payment for child carers per hour ($)	Number of children served
Central & Western	21	18 to 23	394
Eastern	124		456
Islands	31		399
Kowloon City	460		630
Kwun Tong	53		650
Kwai Tsing	80		533
North	79		382
Southern	26		269
Sai Kung	108		853
Sham Shui Po	106		1 135
Sha Tin	95		849
Tuen Mun	33		954
Tai Po	56		861
Tsuen Wan	60		675
Wan Chai	101		268
Wong Tai Sin	52		700
Yuen Long	66		1 608
Yau Tsim Mong	285		970
Total	**1 836**	**-**	**12 586**

Table 3: The number of home-based child carers, amount of incentive payment and number of service users under NSCCP (April to December 2019)

District	**Number of child carers (as at end-Dec 2019)**	**Incentive payment for child carers per hour ($)**	**Number of children served**
Central & Western	40	19 to 23	342
Eastern	176		362
Islands	16		265
Kowloon City	473		428
Kwun Tong	52		433
Kwai Tsing	88		481
North	58		232
Southern	29		154
Sai Kung	114		650
Sham Shui Po	74		610
Sha Tin	87		760
Tuen Mun	42		717
Tai Po	64		543
Tsuen Wan	56		591
Wan Chai	161		198
Wong Tai Sin	59		486
Yuen Long	58		1 093
Yau Tsim Mong	267		709
Total	**1 914**	**-**	**9 054**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3258)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of small group homes (SGHs), which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise the Committee:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1001)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of SGHs from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
112	116	120

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3259)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of family and child protection workers, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise the Committee:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21;
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1002)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of frontline social workers in Family and Child Protective Services Units under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
206	206	206

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0709)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the information required in the table below:

1. the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants paid for various items under "grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear" in the past 3 years (from 2017-18 to 2019-20);
2. the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants paid for various items under "primary producer grants" in the past 3 years (from 2017-18 to 2019-20); and
3. the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants paid for various items under "special grants" in the past 3 years (from 2017-18 to 2019-20).

	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20		
	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case ($)	Total amount of grants paid	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case ($)	Total amount of grants paid	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case ($)	Total amount of grants paid
Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear									
Primary producer grants									
Special grants									

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case ($)	Total amount of grants paid ($)	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case ($)	Total amount of grants paid ($)	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case ($)	Total amount of grants paid ($)
(i) Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear	-	-	-	104	13,055	1,357,752	3	80,183	240,549
(ii) Primary producer grants	2 910	4,467	12,999,684	3 306	5,733	18,954,634	1 222	3,500	4,277,447
(iii) Special grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0024)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

(a) Please list out the number of aided and private/non-profit-making standalone child care centres (CCCs) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) providing pre-school preparatory classes, the number of children attended, the range of fees (per month) and the median of school fees (per month) over the past 5 years (2015/16 to 2019/20 academic years) by District Council (DC) district and across the territory.

(b) In view of the 100% enrolment rate of the places provided over the past 5 years (2015/16 to 2019/20 academic years), is there any long-term plan to address the situation of short supply? If yes, what are the details of the plan and the estimated expenditure to be involved? If no, what are the reasons?

(c) Please provide the number of CCC places, the number of children applied for admission to aided CCCs and the average waiting time over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of aided standalone CCCs, private/non-profit-making standalone CCCs in each district, number of service users and monthly fees in the past 5 financial years are set out at Annexes 1, 2 and 3. SWD does not have information on the range and median of monthly fees charged by standalone CCCs.

(b) To further enhance day child care services, SWD plans to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval, etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases, which would involve a recurrent expenditure of about $16 million. Among them, 56, 88, 105 and 88 service places will be provided in Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, North District; Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong; Shek Mun Estate, Sha Tin; and Tin Shui Estate, Yuen Long respectively, which are expected to commence service in 2020-21.

The number of additional places and implementation timetable for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing, however, has yet to be confirmed.

(c) The number of places in CCCs (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) over the territory in the past 5 financial years are set out at Annex 4. At present, applications for services in aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs are directly handled by the operators. SWD does not have information on the number of applicants and waiting time for the above services.

Annex 1

Number of aided standalone CCCs and service users by district

Year	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at Dec 2019)	
	No of CCCs	No of service users	No of CCCs	No of service users	No of CCCs	No of service users	No of CCCs	No of service users	No of CCCs	No of service users
Eastern	1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64
Wan Chai	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48
Central & Western	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	48
Southern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City	1	64	1	64	1	67	1	67	1	67
Yau Tsim Mong	1	96	1	96	1	99	1	99	1	99
Sham Shui Po	1	62	1	62	1	62	1	62	1	62
Sha Tin	1	70	1	72	1	72	1	72	1	72
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North	1	48	1	48	1	48	1	51	1	51
Yuen Long	1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64
Tsuen Wan	1	76	1	76	1	76	1	76	1	76
Kwai Tsing	1	32	1	32	1	32	1	32	1	32
Tuen Mun	1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64	1	64
Total	**12**	**736**	**12**	**738**	**12**	**744**	**12**	**747**	**12**	**747**

Annex 2

Number of private/non-profit-making standalone CCCs and service users by district

Year	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at Dec 2019)	
	No of CCC	No of service users	No of CCC	No of service users	No of CCC	No of service users	No of CCC	No of service users	No of CCC	No of service users
Eastern	2	291	2	259	2	278	2	217	1	117
Wan Chai	-	-	1	19	1	18	1	18	1	15
Central & Western	1	118	1	102	1	105	1	94	1	62
Southern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islands	-	-	1	46	1	46	1	46	1	46
Kwun Tong	1	210	1	214	2	320	2	298	2	282
Wong Tai Sin	1	23	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	128	-	-
Kowloon City	5	857	5	882	6	842	7	975	7	873
Yau Tsim Mong	1	19	1	29	1	28	1	27	2	34
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12
Tsuen Wan	2	168	2	196	2	175	2	181	2	127
Kwai Tsing	-	28 [Note]	-	28 [Note]	-	28 [Note]	-	28 [Note]	-	28 [Note]
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**13**	**1 714**	**15**	**1 789**	**16**	**1 840**	**18**	**2 012**	**18**	**1 596**

[Note] The service places are provided by an aided standalone CCC.

Annex 3

Monthly fee charged by aided standalone CCCs and private/non-profit-making standalone CCCs

Year	Monthly fee	Aided standalone CCCs ($)	Private/non-profit-making standalone CCCs ($)
2015-16	Lowest	4,345	1,680
	Highest	6,100	9,200
2016-17	Lowest	4,385	1,680
	Highest	6,300	9,580
2017-18	Lowest	4,385	1,680
	Highest	6,345	9,790
2018-19	Lowest	4,385	1,680
	Highest	6,500	10,090
2019-20	Lowest	4,385	1,680
	Highest	6,538	10,390

Annex 4

Number of places in CCCs (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs) over the territory

Year	Number of places
2015-16	29 478
2016-17	30 673
2017-18	32 991
2018-19	35 480
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	34 383

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)073

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3299)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

A Dedicated Portion was set up under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2015 to encourage the business community to collaborate with organisations and schools for the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families, in order to facilitate their whole-person development.

Would the government inform this Council of:

a) a breakdown of the sum of money injected to the Dedicated Portion, by the number of target groups, organisations and schools involved, number of programmes and beneficiaries in total;

b) other funding provided by SWD in relation to the support of ethnic minority students;

c) the list of non-governmental organizations or academic institutions that receive funding from SWD to specifically provide support programmes to ethnic minorities and non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students from 2014/15 to 2019/20 school years; and the details of each batch of funding including the programme name, the funding amount, period covered, target group, and the number of NCS student attendance.

Name of programme	Institution or organisations	Expenditure	Target participants	Duration of the course	Number of NGOs participated	No. of participants enrolled	No. of participants completed the programme

d) How does SWD monitor the effectiveness of these programmes? Does SWD have a list of indicators to evaluate the programmes?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

a) To date, the Government has injected a total of $400 million into the Dedicated Portion under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD). As at March 2020, a total amount of about $206 million under the Dedicated Portion

have been approved for 51 welfare NGOs and 87 schools to implement 310 after-school learning and support programmes, benefitting more than 100 000 primary and secondary students in total.

b) & c) Apart from the Dedicated Portion, the Regular Portion under the PFD has funded 1 service project to provide support services specifically for ethnic minority (EM) and NCS students from 2014/15 to 2019/20 school years. The details are as follows:

Name of the programme	Name of the organisation	Funding amount ($)	Target number of beneficiaries	Project duration	No. of participants having completed the programme
GREAT EM Junior Academy	The Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	76,680	430 EM students and parents	1 year	424 EM students and parents

SWD does not have information on the number of participating organisations and participants who have enrolled the above programme.

d) Based on the indicators for service output and outcome in respect of the projects spelt out in the application, SWD will monitor the implementation of the approved projects through monitoring visits and examination of progress reports/final evaluation reports and interim/final audited financial statements of the projects concerned.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)074

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0348)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the 3-year Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme, please advise the following:

1. the 9 districts with higher EM population;
2. the amount involved each year since its launch; and
3. the number of EM receiving such services each year since its launch and the effectiveness.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a 3-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme in 2020-21 to enhance EM services provided by district centres/service units in 9 districts with higher EM population, i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Under the pilot scheme, additional resources will be provided to some welfare service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations to employ a total of 46 "EM District Ambassadors" so as to enhance service provision for EM communities. The pilot scheme will involve a total expenditure of about $29 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about $4.95 million.

As the pilot scheme is expected to launch in October 2020, SWD would not be able to provide figures on EMs receiving welfare services in individual districts. SWD will review the effectiveness of the pilot scheme and draw up the way forward with reference to findings of the review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0349)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In view of manpower shortage of care staff and the ageing problem, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of different ranks of care staff employed in subsidised elderly service units, their age and salary over the past 3 years;
2. the number of training places for front-line care staff and that of graduates over the past 3 years;
3. the number of new recruits of front-line care staff and their turnover rate;
4. the number of imported workers over the past 3 years; and
5. how the Government will attract young people to join the elderly service sector.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on different ranks of care staff and new recruits of front-line care staff in subsidised elderly service units.

2. As at 31 December 2019, a total of 29 training organisations were approved by the Director of Social Welfare under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation to organise 38 health worker training courses applicable to residential care homes for the elderly. Currently, there were different organisations in Hong Kong offering other elderly service training courses for different types of front-line care staff. Since these courses are not provided nor approved by SWD, SWD does not have the number of training places and graduates.

4. In 2017, 2018 and 2019, employers in elderly service sector have imported 1 510, 1 409 and 1 718 care workers respectively under the Supplementary Labour Scheme.

5. The Government has implemented the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) since July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation service units. As at end-December 2019, the Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of 1 153 trainees. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young people participating in the Navigation Scheme were also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a two-year part-time diploma course. To encourage the participation of young people in the Navigation Scheme, SWD will continue to promote to the public the positive image of working in social welfare care sector through various channels, including the production of promotional videos and radio broadcast.

SWD will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector.

The Government has allocated additional recurrent expenditure from June 2018 to subsidise welfare service units of elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services to increase the salaries of recognised posts of personal care workers, ward attendants and home helpers, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain front-line care staff more effectively.

Besides, the Government has launched the $1 billion "Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care" (I&T Fund) since December 2018. The I&T Fund aims at subsidising elderly and rehabilitation service units in the procurement/rental/trial use of technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users and reduce the burden and pressure on care staff and carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1283)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that the Government will "allocate an additional $75 million to subsidised elderly service units for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties". Please advise:

1. the number of elderly persons in Hong Kong who need soft meals due to swallowing difficulties;
2. the distribution of the allocation to the elderly service units concerned, such as residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)/day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS);
3. whether the allocation will be used to facilitate the development of soft meals by other non-governmental organisations; if no, whether additional allocation will be provided for follow-up actions;
4. in addition to subsidised elderly service units, whether the Government will include any grant for soft meals under individual-based services such as the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme) given that elderly persons ageing in place may also need such service.
5. the manpower and estimated expenditure involved in this scheme in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

To enable elderly persons with swallowing difficulties to enjoy food consumption and ensure their sufficient intake of nutrients, the Government will provide additional resources to subsidised RCHEs, DEs/day care units for the elderly, integrated home care services and EHCCS for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties, with a view to enhancing their quality of life and slowing down their deterioration rate. About 12 000 elderly persons is expected to benefit. The annual expenditure involved is about $75 million, which does not involve additional manpower expenditure. Recognised service providers under the CCSV Pilot Scheme may also provide soft meals to needy elderly persons based on the principle of "money-following-the-user".

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1284)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) under this Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of trainees recruited under the Navigation Scheme last year, and the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently participating in the Navigation Scheme;
2. the expanded age range, weekly working hours and salary of trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme;
3. as pointed out by some members of the industry, there is some discrepancy in the working conditions and remuneration packages between the sector and the Navigation Scheme despite the enhancements, making it difficult for graduates to stay in the sector. In this connection, does the Government have any measure to improve the overall conditions and remuneration packages of the sector?
4. whether similar schemes will be provided to the middle-aged/the unemployed in addition to young persons so as to attract them to the sector and alleviate the shortage?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. The Government will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The respective salaries of trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme as care worker (entry level) and health worker (after promotion) are $14,150 and $17,090 in 2020-21. There are 5 operating agencies in total.

3. To address the difficulty of subvented welfare service units in recruiting and retaining frontline care workers, the Government, starting from June 2018, has been providing additional resources for subvented elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salary provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively. The measure involves a recurrent expenditure of about $352 million, benefiting about 14 500 posts.

To dovetail with the development of the Qualifications Framework (QF) in the sector, SWD consults the sector through an Industry Training Advisory Committee and develops a series of training courses for different types of home staff to improve their skills and service quality. A Recognition of Prior Learning mechanism under the QF has also been implemented by the elderly service sector to enable practitioners to obtain QF-recognised qualifications through experience, knowledge and competencies acquired at the workplace. These measures help improve the career prospects of workers in the elderly service sector and facilitate the building of a career ladder for workers at various levels.

The Government launched the $1 billion "Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care" (I&T Fund) in December 2018. The I&T Fund subsidises elderly and rehabilitation service units in the procurement/rental/trial use of technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users and reduce the burden and pressure on care staff and carers.

4. The Employees Retraining Board has implemented the "First-Hire-Then-Train" Scheme for health care industry since 2015-16, mainly to assist middle-aged women and homemakers to land on jobs in elderly homes as care worker trainees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1285)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General Non-recurrent

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Account 813 "Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund)", please advise:

1. on which items the provision of the Fund has been spent in the past year, the details of the items, whether they have been applied on elderly services and the number of beneficiaries;
2. the number of items with applications submitted to the Fund pending approval in the past year, and the area of elderly services on which the technology involved is to be applied;
3. ways to enhance the interest of the society and organisations in developing local gerontechnology and the willingness of elderly persons to use such products; whether the Government has purchased relevant products or equipment for application and promotion in the past year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1&2. The Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) was launched in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and/or try out technology products. The scope of application includes device, equipment and tools that help enhance the effectiveness and quality of care, mobile applications and high-end hardware and software (e.g. systems that can effectively and accurately record the activities, health condition and medical records, etc. of elderly persons and persons with disabilities). The amount of subsidy covers the cost of staff training on how to use the technology products and the cost of warranty/maintenance of the products for a maximum of 5 years.

The I&T Fund was open for application in 2 tranches in 2019. For the first tranche, a total grant of some $37 million was approved for more than 210 elderly and rehabilitation services units to procure/rent over 870 items of

technology products. Among these applicants, there were a total of 169 elderly service units. The I&T Fund does not have data on the number of beneficiaries. For the second tranche of application, a total of about 2 300 items of technology products from over 650 service units were received. As at February 2020, the Assessment Panel had approved 1 248 items of technology products while the remaining applications were still under vetting. The types of products that got more applications by the elderly service units included electric climber, smart hospital bed with extra low position, occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy equipment and assessment tools, etc.

3. The Social Welfare Department has commissioned the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) to promote the use of innovative technology in long-term care services and co-ordinate the collaboration among various stakeholders. In addition, the Government, HKCSS and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation jointly organised the Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to showcase local and overseas innovative products and concepts, and provided a collaborative platform for various stakeholders to continue to promote the development of Gerontech.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1286)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding "the launch of a five-year scheme to provide full subsidies for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to join accreditation schemes" mentioned under the Programme, please advise:

1. the current number of private RCHEs with accreditation and its percentage of all private RCHEs;
2. the effectiveness of the scheme over the past year, and how the Government will encourage accredited homes to remain accredited;
3. whether objectives will be set for the scheme; and
4. whether accreditation status will be one of the selection criteria when the Government continue to purchase additional EA1 places in the coming year. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1 to 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining the approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service. The subsidy scheme aims at encouraging private RCHEs to improve their service quality on a continuous basis and join independent accreditation schemes for an objective assessment of their services by certification bodies.

Over 500 private RCHEs in the territory can participate in the subsidy scheme. As at end-February 2020, there were 57 private RCHEs registered for joining accreditation schemes included under the Accreditation Subsidy Scheme, namely the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Accreditation Division and the Residential Care

Home for the Elderly Certification Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency.

4. The Government has all along encouraged the sector to actively join independent accreditation schemes. Upon selection of RCHEs for participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), SWD will consider whether the RCHE concerned has participated in any accreditation scheme and has been accredited as one of the selection criteria. Starting from April 2020, SWD will also include a condition in the service agreement of EBPS, requiring operators of private RCHEs participating in the EBPS to join and to receive accreditation under approved accreditation schemes provided by approved certification bodies in the three-year contract period. Besides, accreditation information of RCHEs will be uploaded to SWD Elderly Information Website with a view to enhancing the transparency of service information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1288)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the item to "provide additional resources to strengthen support for cross-boundary social service" under the Programme, please advise on the following:

1. the current position and details of the support for cross-boundary social service, and the manpower and expenditure involved;
2. the number of cases of Hong Kong people seeking assistance handled and followed up by cross-boundary offices and service units over the past 3 years;
3. details of providing additional resources to strengthen support for cross-boundary social service, new services added, expenditure and timetable involved;
4. given the support for cross-boundary service provided by existing cross-boundary offices mainly involves economic and trade affairs, will the Government step up co-operation with these offices in parallel with strengthening support for cross-boundary social service and enhance their functions so as to provide a comprehensive and timely support for local Hong Kong people seeking assistance?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

A non-governmental organisation is subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide support services for cross-boundary families, so as to assist individuals and families in tackling and resolving issues arising from separation of family members (in the Mainland/other countries). Services include intake enquiries, counselling, various groups and activities as well as referrals so as to identify and guard against family problems at an early stage. The service agency also operates an enquiry hotline to offer professional advice, counselling and referral services for new arrivals of Hong Kong so that social workers can tender suitable assistance and follow-up on their service needs.

SWD does not have statistics on cases involving Hong Kong people seeking assistance handled and followed up by cross-boundary offices. The service agency tasked to handle cross-boundary families has provided the services below in 2019-20 (as at the end of December 2019):

Cases handled	293
Hotline	4 053 calls
Groups/activities	32
Number of referrals made for new arrivals to appropriate service units at the Lo Wu Checkpoint	580

The revised estimates for 2019-20 and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 for the above services are $7.9 million and $8.9 million respectively. To enhance cross-boundary support service, SWD will provide additional manpower support to the service agency tasked to handle cross-boundary family service in 2020-21, which would involve a recurrent expenditure of about $1.86 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1289)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that "to enhance the service quality of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated an additional provision of about $24 million to service operators under the Project since January this year, enabling them to increase manpower to strengthen training for home-based child carers". Please advise on the following:

1. the number of places, number of child carers, number of service users and utilisation rate under NSCCP in each of the 18 districts over the past 3 years;
2. the specific details of strengthening training for child carers, and whether the level of incentive payments for child carers will be enhanced;
3. many service operators, child carers and participants request for more venues to be set up in the community for temporary child care, making use of community centres and school premises after school, etc. to provide more alternatives for parents in addition to home-based child care service. The venues for temporary child care could also provide more facilities for child care. What are the enhanced measures of the Government in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places, number of child carers and number of service users (including home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group (CCG)) by the 18 districts in the past 3 financial years is set out at Annex.
2. To enhance the service quality of NSCCP, SWD has provided additional provisions to service operators from January 2020 onwards to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff in each service unit. To strengthen training for home-based child carers, registered nurses/midwives trained on child care are employed to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to $25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join

as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service. The additional recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about $24 million each year.

3. NSCCP provides flexible child care services, including the 2 service components of CCG and HCCS. CCG is operated at premises provided by service operators and approved by SWD, whereas HCCS is provided at home-based child carers' own residence or a suitable place as approved by the service operator. Such an arrangement allows flexibility in serving service users living at various locations.

Annex

Number of places, home-based child carers and children served under NSCCP by 18 districts
(2017-18 to 2019-20)

District	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (as at December 2019)		
	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of child carers (December 2017)	Number of children served	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of child carers (December 2018)	Number of children served	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of child carers (December 2019)	Number of children served
Central & Western	53	41	412	53	21	394	53	40	342
Eastern	53	191	495	53	124	456	53	176	362
Wan Chai	53	25	272	53	101	268	53	161	198
Southern	53	27	353	53	26	269	53	29	154
Islands	53	17	396	53	31	399	53	16	265
Kwun Tong	53	46	653	53	53	650	53	52	433
Wong Tai Sin	53	163	784	53	52	700	53	59	486
Sai Kung	53	92	849	53	108	853	53	114	650
Kowloon City	53	449	740	53	460	630	53	473	428
Sham Shui Po	53	101	1 143	53	106	1 135	53	74	610
Yau Tsim Mong	53	223	1 144	53	285	970	53	267	709
Sha Tin	53	81	882	53	95	849	53	87	760
Tai Po	53	49	869	53	56	861	53	64	543
North	53	64	438	53	79	382	53	58	232
Yuen Long	53	70	1 499	53	66	1 608	53	58	1 093
Tsuen Wan	53	70	700	53	60	675	53	56	591
Kwai Tsing	53	84	863	53	80	533	53	88	481
Tuen Mun	53	39	918	53	33	954	53	42	717
Total	**954**	**1 832**	**13 410**	**954**	**1 836**	**12 586**	**954**	**1 914**	**9 054**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of service places in all 18 districts should not be less than 954). Service operators can flexibly increase the number of child carers on top of SWD's requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1291)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In view of the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on elderly service units in Hong Kong since January, please advise the following:

1. What enhancements have been made to the protective items and cleanliness in elderly service units? How many service units have expressed the need of government assistance due to difficulties in procurement and shortage of protective items such as face masks and antiseptic products? What support has the Government provided to those service units?
2. As Hong Kong is densely populated, a major outbreak is anticipated in the event of an infection in elderly service units or residential care homes. Has the Department prepared a relevant contingency plan and issued relevant guidelines to relevant units?
3. Many elderly services in the community such as meal delivery, escort service, and visiting physiotherapy service are affected by the epidemic. Does the Government have any measures to minimise the impact on elderly persons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In order to assist welfare service units to strengthen their anti-epidemic measures, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided relevant service units under subventions or contracts, as well as all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities with 3 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of $5,000 or $3,000 for each of the first 2 rounds; at a rate of $10,000 or $6,000 for the third round) for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. The allowance covers about 3 500 service units, including elderly service units. Besides, the Government has committed to providing 2 million face masks per month for residential service units (including SWD-licensed RCHEs), regardless of whether they are under subvention or contract or self-financing or private, for the use of their staff in support of their continued provision of services. In addition, the Government has received donations of face masks and sanitising items

from some generous organisations and individuals. We will assist these donors to distribute the donated items to elderly service units according to their wishes. SWD does not have information on the procurement of anti-epidemic items by the relevant elderly service units.

2. For non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and subsidised service units to grasp the development of the COVID-19 epidemic and the latest information and guidelines related to infection control as soon as practicable, SWD has forwarded a total of 10 letters from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health since January 2020, and reminded them to refer to the guidelines of the CHP to take timely and appropriate preventive measures.

   On residential care services, RCHEs are to comply with various provisions set out in the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons), which include the implementation of effective infection control measures and the provision of suitable quarantine facilities. SWD has again reminded residential care homes earlier to refer to the Guidelines for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities for the Prevention of COVID-19 and to continue to step up various measures regarding infection control and personal and environmental hygiene. They should also manage in a targeted manner their visit arrangements and residents or staff returning to Hong Kong from abroad according to the Guidelines.

   Where any resident or staff has become the contact of any confirmed case, or where there is any suspected or confirmed case at residential care homes, the CHP will make a risk assessment in response to the situation and instruct the residential care homes to take follow-up action as the actual situation warrants, taking into account the setting of the residential care homes and the health of the persons considered.

3. All along the Government has timely announced the special arrangements of subvented welfare services in response to the latest developments of the epidemic. It keeps members of the public informed of the availability of services at subvented service units, and ensures the normal operation of emergency and essential services (including meal delivery, escorting services, nursing care and administration of medicine services) so as to minimise the impact on those in need of services. Moreover, NGOs operating the relevant services will closely liaise with the elderly and their family/carers by telephone to keep abreast of the condition of the elderly and provide timely services in response to their needs. During the period of prevention and control of the epidemic, the relevant NGOs can also flexibly deploy the funding, resources and manpower allocated to facilitate the access to services by service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1292)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the ethnic minorities (EM) social service mentioned under the Programme, please advise:

(1) In respect of commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up 3 outreaching teams with employment of EM staff, what is the work involved and the effectiveness of work since its launch?

(2) In respect of launching a 3-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme in 9 districts with higher EM population to enhance EM services provided by centres/service units, what are the specific work, staff employed and service units to be involved? What is the estimated expenditure for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) To address the social and welfare needs of EM communities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned NGOs to set up 3 outreaching teams with employment of EM staff on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories to proactively reach out to EMs and connect those in need to mainstream welfare services. The outreaching teams will also provide case counselling, groups and activities for EMs, and the services have just started in March 2020. As the outreaching teams have been set up for a short time, SWD does not have information on the effectiveness of work for the time being.

(2) SWD will launch a 3-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme in 2020-21 to enhance EM services provided by district centres/service units in 9 districts with higher EM population, i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Under the pilot scheme, additional resources will be provided to some welfare service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations, including medical social services units, integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, parent/relatives resource centres, district elderly community centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated service centres for ex-offenders and their families. A total of 46 "EM District Ambassadors" will be employed so as to enhance service provision for EM communities. The pilot scheme will involve a total expenditure of about $29 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about $4.95 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2721)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding various residential care services under this Programme, please advise the number of applicants, the number of new cases, the number of frozen cases, the average waiting time, and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The average waiting time, the number of waitlisted persons and the number of new applicants for various types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 to 3.

To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or community care services (CCS) (the so-called "dual option" cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as "inactive" and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise according to their original application dates subject to valid assessment results. The total number of elderly persons treated as "inactive" cases from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is as follows:

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
12 667	13 856	16 237

The number of elderly persons waitlisted for places of subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) having passed away from 2016-17 to 2018-19 are provided as follows:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No. of elderly persons having passed away	6 611	6 773	5 212

Annex 1

Average waiting time, number of persons waitlisted and number of new applicants for places of various subsidised residential care services for the elderly 2017-18

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of new applicants
Care-and-attention (C&A) places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) Overall	36 11 24	31 358 [Note 2]	16 547
Nursing home (NH) places [Note 3]	24	6 553 [Note 4]	2 634

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the central waiting list (CWL).

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 480 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 2

Average waiting time, number of persons waitlisted and number of new applicants for laces of various subsidised residential care services for the elderly 2018-19

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of new applicants
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	40 10 24	33 716 [Note 2]	17 494
NH places [Note 3]	25	7 062 [Note 4]	2 760

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 510 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 3

Average waiting time, number of persons waitlisted and number of new applicants for places of various subsidised residential care services for the elderly 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of new applicants
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	41 8 20	33 843 [Note 2]	13 084
NH places [Note 3]	22	7 168 [Note 4]	2 026

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2723)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that additional home care service quotas will be provided for frail elderly persons and additional community care service vouchers (CCSVs) will be issued to elderly persons with moderate or severe impairment. Please advise on the following:

1. the existing number of service places and the number of elderly persons currently participating in the two aforementioned services respectively, and among whom, the number of singleton elders and couple elders family involved;
2. the average waiting time for home care services for frail elderly persons at present;
3. the recognised service providers (RSPs) currently participating in the Pilot Scheme on CCSV for the elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme), with a breakdown by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), non-profit-making organisations/social enterprises and private organisations, and their distribution in 18 districts; and
4. in respect of community-based elderly care services, what measures the Government has in the coming year, such as increasing manpower, training opportunity and service type, to cope with future service demand? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at end-December 2019, the total number of service places for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) is 1 120, and the number of cases receiving services is 1 109. There were a total of 2 986 day care service places and 5 191 home care service places under the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme, with 5 935 elderly participants at present. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of singleton elders and couple elders family in the aforesaid services.
2. Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or enhanced home and community care services. As at end-December 2019, the average waiting time is 15 months.

3. The RSPs currently participating in the CCSV Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by operating agencies in 18 districts are set out in the Annex.

4. The Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for IHCS(FC) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021, involving a full-year expenditure of $303 million. In 2020-21, the Government will issue 1 000 additional CCSVs to a total of 8 000 under the CCSV Pilot Scheme, and an additional 320 places for subsidised day care services for elderly, involving an estimated additional annual expenditure of about $62 million and $38 million respectively. Besides, the Government will also provide additional resources to subsidised elderly service units (including subsidised residential care homes for the elderly and community care service units for the elderly) for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties. About 12 000 elderly persons is expected to benefit. The annual expenditure involved is about $75 million, and relevant arrangements will be made under the CCSV Pilot Scheme so that RSPs may provide relevant services to needy elders.

Annex

Second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme (as at end-December 2019)

District		No. of RSPs		
		Operated by subvented NGOs	**Operated by NGOs/social enterprises**	**Operated by private organisations**
1.	Eastern	12	2	-
2.	Wan Chai	2	1	-
3.	Central & Western	6	-	-
4.	Southern	7	-	-
5.	Islands	1	-	-
6.	Kwun Tong	17	2	-
7.	Wong Tai Sin	9	1	2
8.	Sai Kung	3	1	-
9.	Sham Shui Po	11	-	2
10.	Kowloon City	8	-	1
11.	Yau Tsim Mong	5	-	-
12.	Sha Tin	9	1	-
13.	Tai Po	4	2	-
14.	North	5	-	-
15.	Kwai Tsing	11	2	3
16.	Tswun Wan	7	1	2
17.	Tuen Mun	7	1	-
18.	Yuen Long	4	1	-
Total：		**128**	**15**	**10**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1010)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As it takes time to wait for the pre-school rehabilitation services, the Government has introduced the "Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services" (Training Subsidy) to subsidise students confirmed as having special needs to receive self-financing services provided by recognised service providers in order to help with their learning and development. Please advise this Committee:

1) the annual expenditure on the Training Subsidy, number of applicants, number of rejected applicants and number of beneficiaries set out with a breakdown of Normal Level Subsidy and Higher Level Subsidy in each of the past 5 years;

2) the number of children confirmed as having special needs receiving neither pre-school rehabilitation services nor the Training Subsidy in each of the past 5 years; and

3) what measures the Government has in place to support the above children.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 117)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The expenditure on the Training Subsidy over the past 5 years is set out in Table 1 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the annual expenditure by level of subsidy. The number of applicants, number of approved applicants and number of beneficiaries by level of subsidy are set out in Table 2 of Annex 1.

2) The number of children waitlisted for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services without using the Training Subsidy over the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2.

3) To enable pre-school children with special needs to receive support as soon as possible, the Government has planned to provide over 1 200 additional service places in special child care centres (SCCCs) and early education and training centres (EETCs) from 2019-20 to 2021-22, and a total of 3 000 additional places for on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) in the 2020/21 to 2022/23 school years.

Annex 1

Table 1: Annual expenditure on Training Subsidy

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	31.6
2016-17 (Actual)	42.6
2017-18 (Actual)	56.8
2018-19 (Actual)	86.7
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	114.3

Table 2: Number of applicants, approved applicants and beneficiaries of Training Subsidy broken down by level of subsidy

Year	Higher level subsidy			Normal level subsidy		
	No. of applicants	No. of approved applicants	No. of beneficiaries [Note]	No. of applicants	No. of approved applicants	No. of beneficiaries [Note]
From April 2015 to March 2016	317	240	578	1 052	867	1 712
From April 2016 to March 2017	357	249	572	1 134	767	1 504
From April 2017 to March 2018	975	810	1 194	1 299	846	1 682
From April 2018 to March 2019	1 154	941	1 998	1 494	1 011	2 091
From April to December 2019	791	542	1 862	1 261	846	1 956
Total	**3 594**	**2 782**	**6 204**	**6 240**	**4 337**	**8 945**

[Note] The number of beneficiaries includes those having been approved in previous years but are still receiving the Training Subsidy.

Annex 2

Number of children waitlisted for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services without using the Training Subsidy [Note 1]

Number of children				
2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18 [Note 2]**	**2018-19 [Note 3]**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
6 729	7 580	7 232	4 351	3 505

[Note 1] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional service of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 2] With effect from 1 October 2017, children waitlisted for SCCCs can receive non-means-tested Training Subsidy.

[Note 3] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2089)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2019 Policy Address that the Government "will strengthen the after school care programme (ASCP) with a host of new measures, including adding 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxing application eligibility, increasing subsidy level, providing extra subsidy for students with special education needs, streamlining means-test procedures, etc.", while "Enhanced ASCP" is also mentioned under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in the Estimates of the current Budget. Regarding this, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of places under the ASCP, the number of school children of suitable age and the number of full fee-waiving places in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the 18 administrative districts;
2. the application eligibility for different fee-waiving/reduction categories, the number of beneficiaries and the total expenditure in the past 3 years;
3. the specific measures for the provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, expected number of beneficiaries and the additional expenditure to be incurred;
4. the measures available to the Government to increase the number of places under the ASCP to meet the service demand in the society;
5. whether the Government would incorporate ASCP into subvented services as the service is operating on a self-financing basis; if no, what the reasons are and if yes, please disclose the specific plan.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 113)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of places under the ASCP, full fee-waiving places under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS) under the ASCP and beneficiaries in the 18 districts in Hong Kong, as well as the total expenditure involved in the past 3 years are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of school children of suitable age.

The target beneficiaries of the FWSS are children aged 6 to 12 receiving ASCP services whose parents/guardians are unable to take care of them after school for reasons of attending work, seeking open employment, participating in employment training or due to other reasons. As for the fee-waiving subsidy, families with monthly income at or below 55% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) are entitled to full fee-waiving, whereas those with monthly income above 55% but not exceeding 75% of MMDHI are entitled to half fee-reduction. ASCP operators can split 1 full fee-waiving place into 2 half fee-reduction places according to actual service needs, so as to benefit more children.

3. To further support families which have children with special educational needs, the Government will provide double monthly subsidy amount for eligible students with special educational needs (SENs) under the FWSS and adjust the subsidy amount annually according to the inflation rate so as to enhance the provision of services to these students by ASCP centres. The number of beneficiaries and the additional expenditure will depend on the number of eligible children with SENs upon implementation of the measures.

4. SWD will review the demand for the ASCP in each district and redeploy the fee-waiving places among districts on a regular basis. Moreover, SWD will, in consultation with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services, provide additional service places as necessary. The Government will regularise the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under the Community Care Fund and introduce a host of enhancement measures to strengthen the services and further support the needy families. These include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places.

   Besides, SWD will actively encourage NGOs in various districts to provide ASCP services and increase service places, in addition to considering joining hands with schools in various districts to, where practicable, make good use of school premises to provide ASCP services to address the needs of local residents.

5. NGOs operate ASCP services on a self-financing basis. They may set such service details as volume of service and fees flexibly having regard to the circumstances of their ASCP centres and district demand to provide children aged 6 to 12 with supportive ASCP services. SWD, on the other hand, provides subsidy through the FWSS under the ASCP for children from low-income families to receive ASCP service in the centres, so as to render assistance to their parents who are engaged in open employment or receiving vocational training so that they can be more self-reliant. The existing services and funding mode are effective. SWD has no plan to change them at this stage.

Annex

The respective number of ASCP places, full fee-waiving places under the FWSS and beneficiaries in various districts, and the total expenditure involved in the past 3 years

District	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (As at December 2019)		
	Service places	Full fee-waiving places	No. of beneficiaries	Service places	Full fee-waiving places	No. of beneficiaries	Service places	full Fee-waiving places	No. of beneficiaries
Central & Western	98	32.0	47	93	32.0	37	90	31.5	33
Southern	295	102.0	139	295	95.0	111	286	97.5	103
Islands	258	46.5	55	227	52.5	58	248	58.0	59
Eastern	504	183.0	240	423	177.5	226	365	162.5	181
Wan Chai	163	30.0	40	183	31.0	39	174	26.0	30
Kowloon City	212	56.5	71	215	55.5	73	211	52.5	62
Yau Tsim Mong	171	68.5	93	164	69.0	79	171	62.0	68
Sham Shui Po	281	111.5	133	271	106.5	124	262	106.5	121
Kwun Tong	478	140.0	181	456	137.0	160	485	133.0	140
Wong Tai Sin	416	115.0	144	405	108.5	137	387	97.0	115
Sai Kung	119	57.0	63	121	52.5	58	125	47.0	51
Sha Tin	634	155.5	183	626	153.5	173	623	158.5	167
Tai Po	195	58.0	67	201	54.0	63	203	55.0	66
Northern	304	76.0	86	311	83.0	91	315	67.5	75
Yuen Long	418	148.0	168	414	130.5	146	412	112.0	112
Tsuen Wan	164	36.0	42	174	34.0	40	175	29.5	34
Kwai Tsing	542	186.0	215	515	176.5	198	503	155.0	174
Tuen Mun	434	181.5	216	499	175.0	200	494	164.0	183
Total	**5 686**	**1 783.0**	**2 183**	**5 593**	**1 723.5**	**2 013**	**5 529**	**1 615.0**	**1 774**
Total Expenditure	-		**About $19 million**	-		**About $19 million**	-		**About $18 million**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2090)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is understood that the places of special child care centres (SCCC) has been falling far behind the demand. Please advise this Committee:

1) the number of places, number of persons waitlisted and the median waiting time for SCCCs over the past 3 years;

2) the number of children removed from the waiting list for reaching 6 years old over the past 3 years;

3) It is understood that children on the waiting list for SCCC can attend the integrated programmes in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), early education and training centres (EETCs) and on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) as transitional service. However, these services provide merely Tier-2 support for mildly and moderately disabled children, and are far from SCCC which provides Tier-3 support in terms of both strength and intensity, thus resulting in a service mismatch. As the waiting time for SCCC is long, this service mismatch will last for a long time. What measure does the Government have to ensure that the children in need of Tier-3 support receive appropriate support during the transition period, in order to offset the negative impact of the service mismatch?

4) the number of additional SCCCs and service places planned for the coming 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 114)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The number of places, number of waitlisted persons and the average waiting time for SCCCs are as follows. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistical information on the median waiting time for SCCCs.

SCCCs (including day and residential)	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)
Number of places	1 834	1 960	2 020
Number of waitlisted persons [Note 1]	2 007	1 550	1 294
Average waiting time (in months)	19.6	18.4	Not yet available [Note 2]

[Note 1] Not including users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional service of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 2] The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

2) The number of children removed from the waiting list for reaching 6 years old (including those proceeding to primary education) over the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of children removed from the waiting list for reaching 6 years old (including those proceeding to primary education)
2017-18	37
2018-19	50
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	42

3) Children with special needs on the SCCC waiting list may simultaneously wait for and receive EETC services and/or OPRS as transitional services until they are allocated SCCC places. Children on the SCCC waiting list not having received any transitional services may apply for training subsidy under the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services for obtaining self-financed pre-school rehabilitation services provided by recognised service providers as early as possible. The maximum subsidy amount is $6,075 per month.

To enable pre-school children with special needs to receive support as soon as possible, the Government has planned to provide over 1 200 additional service places in SCCCs and EETCs from 2019-20 to 2021-22, and a total of 3 000 additional OPRS places in the 2020/21 to 2022/23 school years.

4) The planned number of additional centres and places of SCCC to be provided in the coming 3 years are as follows:

Year	Planned number of additional centres	Planned number of additional service places
2020-21	3	134 [Note]
2021-22	3	150
2022-23	2	90

[Note] Some of the planned number of additional places are from the in-situ expansion of existing SCCCs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2092)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As the number of children with special needs increases, so do the relevant support services. Please advise this Committee:

1) the number of places, average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons and the unit cost of various pre-school rehabilitation services over the past 5 years;

2) the number of children waitlisted for assessment at the Child Assessment Centres having received support from on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) over the past 5 years; and

3) the number of children waitlisted for the Special Child Care Centre (SCCC) having received other pre-school rehabilitation services or Training Subsidy as transitional support over the past 5 years (with a breakdown by type).

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 116)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The number of places, average waiting time and number of waitlisted persons for various pre-school rehabilitation services over the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the unit cost of various pre-school rehabilitation services.

2) From 1 November 2015 to 31 December 2019, there are 403 children waitlisted for assessment by the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority having received OPRS.

3) The number of children waitlisted for SCCCs having received other support services with a breakdown by type of services over the past 5 years is set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service places of various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years

Service type	Number of service places				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Early Education and Training Centre (EETC)	3 102	3 124	3 454	3 520	3 708
Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre (IP)	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980
OPRS [Note]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	5 187	7 074
SCCC	1 799	1 834	1 834	1 960	2 020

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 2: Average waiting time for various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
EETC	17.9	16.8	16.2	16.6	Information not yet available [Note 2]
IP	12.3	13.5	13.1	12.6	
OPRS [Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
SCCC	18.8	18.2	19.6	18.4	

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Table 3: Number of waitlisted persons for various pre-school rehabilitation services over the past 5 years

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
EETC	4 455	5 217	5 533	2 867 [Note 2]	1 402 [Note 2]
IP	1 965	2 048	1 855	870 [Note 2]	477 [Note 2]
OPRS [Note 1]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1 096 [Note 2]	1 771 [Note 2]
SCCC	1 690	1 790	2 007	1 550 [Note 2]	1 294 [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional service of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 4: Number of children waitlisted for SCCCs having received other support services

Service type	Number of persons having received other support services				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
IP	68	68	56	63	29
EETC	117	151	176	165	257
OPRS [Note]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	427	524
Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	333	396	922	1 111	826

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018. SWD does not have the statistical information on applicants waitlisted for SCCC who have received OPRS under the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2093)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme), please provide the following figures:

A)

	No. of recognised service providers (RSPs)	No. of service places						Annual Subsidy for CCSVs ($ million)	Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month
		Day care			Home care	Mixed Mode	Residential respite	Dementia services	Speech therapy
2013-14									
2014-15									
2015-16									
2016-17									
2017-18									
2018-19									
2019-20									

C) the average time taken for the elderly to receive the CCSVs, counting from the time they applied for the CCSV Pilot Scheme;

D) the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they obtained the CCSVs;

E) the progress of evaluation of the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by a commissioned consultant; when and how the evaluation results will be published; and

F) the subsequent arrangement for the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 122)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

A) The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017, while its second phase commenced in October 2016. The information sought is tabulated in the Annex.

C) & D) As the statistical data collected from the Pilot Scheme does not include the waiting time taken for the elderly to receive the services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

E) & F) SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to evaluate the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, with a view to assisting the Government in considering the way forward of the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation report is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020.

Annex

Table 1: First phase of the Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	No. of places [Note]		Subsidies for CCSVs [actual expenditure] ($ million)	Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month ($)
		Day care	Home care		
2013-14	62	881	N.A.	3.1	5,123
2014-15	62	923	N.A.	41.6	5,236
2015-16	62	993	N.A.	66.9	5,019
2016-17	62	998	N.A.	55.1	5,564
2017-18	62	998	N.A.	9.1	5,044

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, residential respite services and speech therapy services were not provided. Instead, services were delivered in (i) day care services (part-time) (single mode) or (ii) day care services (part-time) and home care services. The figures in the above table indicate the maximum number of day care service places to be provided by RSPs, with no separate set of number of places for home care services. Service units may provide home care services to CCSV holders in need of day care services.

Day care service places have included service places provided to CCSV holders with dementia. Some RSPs are designated to provide services to CCSV holders with dementia.

Table 2: Second phase of the Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	Service places [Note 1]		Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)	Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month ($)
		Day care	Home care		
2016-17	124	2 081	2 944	119.9 [Note 2]	5,564
2017-18	125	2 254	3 040		5,044
2018-19	153	2 815	4 861	201.9	5,293
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	153	2 986	5 191	226.0 [Note 3]	5,499

[Note 1] RSPs can decide whether to provide residential respite services and, from July 2019, speech therapy services and set the number of service places under the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme. CCSV holders may choose either the single mode or mixed mode of day care and home care services.

Day care and home care service places have included dementia service places. CCSV holders with dementia may choose to receive services in designated RSPs or other RSPs.

[Note 2] The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016. The subsidy expenditure for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 is reflected in the 2017-18 actual expenditure.

[Note 3] The Revised Estimate for 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2094)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding respite service, please advise the following:

1) the number of places, the number of cases, the number of service users, the service volume and utilisation rate of day respite service and home respite service under district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), day care centres for the elderly, integrated home care services (IHCS), enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), with a breakdown by centre/service, over the past 5 years;

2) the average service cost per case for various services and the annual expenditure involved;

3) the number of designated places for respite service (designated places), the number of cases, the number of persons served, the number of persons waitlisted and their utilisation rate over the past 5 years with a breakdown by the 18 District Council (DC) districts in Hong Kong; and

4) the number of casual vacancies of the subsidised places for respite service (casual vacancy places) in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), subvented nursing homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the number of cases, the number of persons served, the number of persons waitlisted and their utilisation rate over the past 5 years with a breakdown by the 18 districts in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 123)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) Regarding respite service for persons with disabilities, the number of respite service users of DSCs, HCS and ISS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Annex 1. Among the above services, there are 36 designated service places

in total for centre-based respite service at DSCs and there is no designated place for the rest of the services. Besides, there is no designated place for the day respite service provided by CRDCs, and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on their number of cases and their number of service users. It does not have information on the service volume and utilisation rate of each of the above mentioned respite services either.

Regarding day respite service for the elderly, the number of places for the designated day respite service provided by all day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) are 170, 172 and 186, the headcount of service users is 23 764, 26 414 and 21 463, and the utilisation rate is about 59.2%, 55.69% and 55.26% from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) respectively. SWD does not have relevant data of DEs/DCUs from 2015-16 to 2016-17 and data of the IHCS and the EHCCS in the past 5 years. The information sought is therefore not available.

2) SWD does not have information on the service cost per case on average for day respite service for persons with disabilities and that for the elderly and the annual expenditure involved.

3) Currently, some subvented RCHEs and contract RCHEs provide designated residential respite places (designated places). Moreover, since February 2018, SWD has introduced a special measure to purchase additional residential places from private RCHEs participating in the EBPS to provide designated residential respite service for the elderly. This special measure was regularised in October 2019. The number of designated places by district, the overall service volume and the overall average utilisation rate of designated places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex 2 and 3. As service users do not have to wait for residential respite service through the Central Referral System (CRS), SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted.

4) The overall service volume of casual vacancies of the subsidised places for respite service from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in the table below. SWD does not have the information by district.

	Number of cases/persons served				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	257	262	250	237	164
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	568	528	584	448	326

As service users do not have to wait for residential respite service (including casual vacancies of subsidised residential places) through the CRS, and that casual vacancy places is not regularly available, SWD does not have information on the number of service places and persons waitlisted, and the utilisation rate.

Annex 1

Number of respite service users of DSCs, the HCS and the ISS from 2015-16 to 2018-19

Type of service	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
DSC centre-based respite service (headcount) [Note]	2 638	2 501	1 358	1 214	831
DSC home-based respite service (headcount)	2 036	1 962	1 769	1 146	644
HCS (headcount)	4 158	6 173	7 995	11 666	10 490
ISS (headcount)	869	1 581	4 941	7 995	6 370

[Note] The figure represents the headcount of respite service users at the 36 designated centres.

Annex 2

The number of designated residential respite places by district from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Subvented /Contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS
Central & Western	-	1	1	22	3	22	3	22
Southern	2	2	4	12	4	14	4	14
Islands	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
Eastern	1	2	2	17	3	20	3	20
Wan Chai	-	1	1	2	1	4	1	6
Kwun Tong	1	2	4	13	4	13	5	14
Wong Tai Sin	3	3	5	6	5	6	5	8
Sai Kung	2	2	3	-	3	-	3	-
Kowloon City	1	1	2	40	2	40	2	40
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	2	24	3	24	3	22
Sham Shui Po	1	3	4	16	5	16	6	18
Sha Tin	2	2	4	-	4	-	5	-
Tai Po	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	10
North District	2	2	2	12	2	12	2	12
Yuen Long	2	2	3	32	3	32	3	32
Tsuen Wan	2	2	4	16	4	18	4	18
Kwai Tsing	2	3	3	26	4	26	4	26
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	14	1	14	1	22
Total	**23**	**32**	**48**	**256**	**54**	**265**	**57**	**284**

Annex 3

Overall service volume and overall average utilisation rate of designated residential respite places from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Subvented/ Contract RCHEs		Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	
	Number of cases	Utilisation rate	Number of cases	Utilisation rate
2015-16	271	68%	---	--
2016-17	363	67%	---	--
2017-18	507	69%	238 [Note]	44% [Note]
2018-19	636	67%	1 576	52%
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	516	71%	1 586	63%

[Note] Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS commenced to provide designated residential respite places in February 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2095)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the expenditure on manpower, details of work, and the staffing establishment of the Discharge Support Team of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);

2. please set out the number of voucher users, the number of persons having left and the expenditure involved in the table below:

	Number of approved service providers (ASPs)	Number of service places		Number of service users	Cumulative number of persons having left	Subsidy amount ($ million)	Average subsidy per service user per month
		Transitional residential care service					Transitional community care and support service
2018-19							
2019-20							

3. the list of service providers of residential care and community care service units and the corresponding number of residential care places;

4. when will the evaluation report of the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme be completed and will it be published? If no, please explain.

5. the subsequent arrangement for the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 124)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund, the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with SWD being responsible for its implementation. SWD has set up a Discharge Support Team, consisting of 13 social workers, who work closely with the Hospital Authority (HA) to plan the post-discharge transitional support services for the elderly persons referred by the HA and arrange for them to receive services from suitable service providers. Social workers in the Discharge Support Team will formulate individual care plans for

elderly participants of the Pilot Scheme, and will contact their family members and service providers to arrange necessary transitional residential care and/or community care services in accordance with their needs, thereby enabling them to continue ageing-in-place after receiving appropriate transitional care and support services.

As at 2018-19, a cumulative total of 585 elderly persons have received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, while 351 of them have left. As at 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), a cumulative total of 1 102 elderly persons have received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, while 830 of them have left. The number of elderly persons having received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by service type is provided as follows:

Service type	No. of elderly persons 2018-19	No. of elderly persons 2019-20 (As at end-December)
Transitional residential care services	347	611
Transitional community care and support services	195	397
Using both services	43	94
Total	585	1 102

As at 2018-19, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about $20.5 million (including about $12.75 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about $6.92 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and $830,000 as the expenses for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). As at 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about $43.88 million (including about $31.51 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about $10.35 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and $2.02 million as the expenses for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs).

SWD has invited eligible subvented homes, contract homes and EA1 homes under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to participate in the Pilot Scheme as approved service providers (ASPs) to provide transitional residential care service for needy elderly persons. The list of ASPs and service units is set out in Annex 1. For transitional community care and support services, SWD has invited existing recognised service providers under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly to participate as ASPs, which are listed in Annex 2. At present, a total of 85 residential care homes and 75 community care service units under 104 organisations have joined the Pilot Scheme as ASPs.

SWD has commissioned the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in June 2018 to evaluate the Pilot Scheme, and the evaluation report is expected to be completed in due course by 2020. The Government will formulate the way forward for the Pilot Scheme with reference to the evaluation results.

Annex 1

List of ASPs for transitional residential care services and the service units

	Name of organisations		Name of units
1.	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club [Note]	1.	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged
2.	Po Leung Kuk [Note]	2.	Po Leung Kuk Tung Chung Home for the Elderly
		3.	Po Leung Kuk Merry Court for the Senior cum Sunny Green Day Care Centre for the Senior
		4.	Po Leung Kuk Eco-Home for the Senior cum Sunny Green Day Care Centre for the Senior
		5.	Po Leung Kuk Tin Yan Home for the Elderly cum Green Joy Day Care Centre for the Elderly
3.	Wai Ying Investment Limited [Note]	6.	Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre
		7.	Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home
4.	Beijing Elder Centre Limited	8.	Beijing Elder Centre Limited
5.	Care & Services Co. Ltd	9.	Care & Services Elderly Centre (North Point)
6.	Chak Oi Company Limited	10.	Yan Oi Elder Centre
7.	Charmind Limited	11.	Tung Fong Home For The Aged
		12.	Evergreen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre
8.	Cheer Hall Development Limited	13.	Tung Fong Home For The Aged
9.	Comfort Elderly Home Branch	14.	Comfort Elderly Home Branch
10.	E.T. Investment Limited [Note]	15.	Oasis Nursing Home
		16.	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly
11.	Energetic Limited	17.	Spring (Kennedy) Home For The Aged
12.	Ever Kind Asia Limited	18.	Altru Nursing Home
13.	Everbright Groups Limited	19.	Everbright Home For The Elderly
14.	Everfame Holdings Limited	20.	Everbright Nursing Home
15.	Fa Yuen Nursing Centre Limited	21.	Fa Yuen Nursing Centre Limited
16.	Fitbest Corporation Limited	22.	Pine Care (Manning) Elderly Centre
17.	Focus Health Care Limited	23.	Loc Ling Elderly Home
18.	Gericare Centre Limited	24.	Pine Care (Po Tak) Elderly Centre
19.	Golden Fame Investments Limited	25.	Springfield Home For The Aged
20.	Grace Healthcare Limited	26.	Grace Nursing Home (Tak Tin)
		27.	Grace Nursing Home
21.	Great Honour Home For Elderly Limited	28.	Great Honour Home For Elderly
22.	Happy Luck Elderly Home Limited	29.	Happy Luck Elderly Home Limited

	Name of organisations		Name of units
23.	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre Company Limited	30.	Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre Company Limited
24.	Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited	31.	Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited
		32.	Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited
25.	The Hong Kong Buddhist Association	33.	Buddhist Sum Ma Shui Ying Care & Attention Home for the Elderly
26.	Hong Lok Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited	34.	Hong Lok Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited
27.	Hong Shing Home For Aged Company Limited	35.	Hong Shing Home For Aged Company Limited
28.	Hongtai Home For The Aged Limited	36.	Hongtai Home For The Aged Limited
29.	International Home Of Aged Limited	37.	International Home Of Aged Limited
30.	Lucky Stable Limited	38.	Jade Elderly Home
31.	Kam To (Kln.) Company Limited	39.	Kam To Nursing Centre
32.	Kang Fook Rest Home For The Aged Limited	40.	Kang Fook Rest Home For The Aged Limited
33.	Kato Kung Limited	41.	Kato Home For The Elderly
34.	Kei Tak (Tai Hang) Home For The Aged Limited	42.	Kei Tak (Tai Hang) Home For The Aged Limited
35.	Lai Lai Nursing Centre (Allway) Limited	43.	Lai Lai Nursing Centre (Allway) Limited
36.	Lau Sau Ching	44.	Telford Nursing Centre
37.	Le Grand Silverjoy Limited	45.	Le Grand Silverjoy
38.	Long Tact Limited	46.	Longevity Palace
39.	Mie King Home For Aged Limited	47.	Mie King Home For Aged Limited
40.	On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	48.	On Fuk Nursing Home Limited
		49.	Tang Tat Home For Elder (Kwai Chung)
41.	Oriental Base Limited	50.	Shui Hong Nursing Home
		51.	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)
42.	Oriental Chinese Medicine Limited	52.	Fai-To Sino-West Combined Home For The Aged
43.	Pacific First Limited	53.	Pine Care (Tak Fung) Elderly Centre
44.	Phoenix Olympic Nursing Home Limited	54.	Phoenix Olympic Nursing Home Limited
45.	Richfast Limited	55.	Wui Fung Care Home
46.	Richgreat International Development Limited	56.	Wing On Home For The Aged
47.	Senior Care Elderly Limited	57.	Senior Care (Fuk Kwan) Elderly Care Home

	Name of organisations		Name of units
48.	Senior Care Limited	58.	Senior Care (Man Kee) Elderly Care Home
49.	Senior Care Nursing Home Limited	59.	Senior Care (Tai Wah) Elderly Care Home
50.	Shui On Nursing Centre (Shun On) Company Limited	60.	Shui On Nursing Centre (Shun On) Company Limited
51.	Sing Yan Nursing Home Limited	61.	Sing Yan Nursing Home
52.	Sun King Home Of Aged Limited	62.	Sun King Home Of Aged Limited
53.	Tai Kok Tsui Nursing Home Limited	63.	Tai Kok Tsui Nursing Home
54.	Tak Cheong Nursing Centre (Kwai Hing Branch) Limited	64.	Tak Cheong Nursing Centre (Kwai Hing Branch) Limited
55.	Tak On Nursing Centre Limited	65.	Tak On Nursing Centre Limited
56.	Tang Tat Home For Elder Limited	66.	Tang Tat Home For Elder
57.	Tin Tin Home For The Aged Limited	67.	Tin Tin Home For The Aged Limited
58.	Transwin Development Limited	68.	Granyet (Shan King) Elderly Care Centre
59.	Treasure Ring Limited	69.	Yan Oi Nursing Home No. 1 Branch
60.	Treasure Safe Investment Limited	70.	Wing On Home For The Aged
61.	Tri Tech Corporation Limited	71.	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre (Hung Hom)
62.	Tsuen Wan Elderly Care Services Limited	72.	Pine Care Chun King Elderly Centre
63.	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	73.	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited
64.	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited [Note]	74.	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited
65.	Wing On Home For The Aged Limited	75.	Wing On Home For The Aged Limited
66.	World Castle Limited	76.	Hiu Kwong (To Kwa Wan) Nursing Centre
67.	Yan Oi Elder Centre Limited	77.	Yan Oi Elder Centre Limited
68.	Yan Yan Elderly Care Home Limited	78.	Yan Yan Elderly Care Home Limited
69.	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited	79.	Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited
70.	Besting Holdings Limited	80.	New Pine Care Centre
		81.	Pine Care (Lee Foo) Elderly Centre
71.	Greenery Elderly Homes Limited	82.	Greenery Elderly Home
72.	Hing Wah Nursing Home Limited	83.	Hing Wah Elderly Home
73.	Kei Tak Institution Of Old Age Limited	84.	Kei Tak Institution Of Old Age Limited
74.	WONG Wan-chu	85.	Siu King Care and Attention Home

[Note] This organisation operates both transitional residential care services and community care and support services at the same time.

Annex 2

List of ASPs for transitional community care and support service and the service units

	Name of organisations		Name of units
1.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	1.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Jordan Elderly Centre
		2.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Yee Wui Integrated Health Service Centre
		3.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Yee Tsuen Integrated Health Service Centre
		4.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Yee Lok Integrated Health Service Centre
2.	Chi Lin Nunnery	5.	Chi Lin Day Care Centre for the Elderly
3.	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	6.	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
		7.	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Tin Ping Care and Attention Home for the Elderly
4.	Christian Family Service Centre	8.	Lively Elderly Day Training Centre
		9.	D & O Service - CAPD & Osteoporosis Care
		10.	Mind Delight & Cognitive Training Centre
5.	Haven of Hope Christian Service	11.	Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Training Centre for the Elderly
		12.	Haven of Hope Lok Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly
6.	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	13.	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Elderly Community Care Services Day Care Centre (North District)
7.	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club[Note]	14.	Yau Tong Day Care Centre for the Elderly
8.	Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited	15.	Grace Elderly Care Service
		16.	Grace Elderly Care Service (Yuen Long)
9.	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	17.	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Lee Foo Service Centre
10.	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod	18.	Lutheran Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly
		19.	Lutheran Kwai Tsing Communit Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly
11.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20.	H.K.S.K.H. Centre of Wellness (East Kowloon)
		21.	Centre of Wellness (Kwun Tong)
		22.	H.K.S.K.H. Cyril and Amy Cheung Aged Care Complex
12.	The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	23.	Cheng Tak Yim Day Rehabilitation and Care Centre

	Name of organisations		Name of units
13.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	24.	Y Care (Hong Kong East)
		25.	Y Senior Care
		26.	NWS Y Care (North District)
14.	PA Company Limited	27.	Jockey Club CADENZA Hub
15.	Po Leung Kuk [Note]	28.	Po Leung Kuk Proactive Concern Centre for the Elderly
		29.	Po Leung Kuk Tung Chung Home for the Elderly
		30.	Po Leung Kuk Mrs Maria Cheung Lifelong Learning Institute for the Senior
		31.	Po Leung Kuk Community Care Service Voucher for Elderly (Kwun Tong Wan Hon)
		32.	Po Leung Kuk Fong Tam Yuen Leung Health Enhancement Centre for the Senior
		33.	Po Leung Kuk Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit/Wellness Centre for the Dementia
		34.	Po Leung Kuk Wan Lam May Yin Shirley Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
		35.	Po Leung Kuk Chu Lee Yuet Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly
		36.	Po Leung Kuk Eco-Home for the Senior cum Sunny Green Day Care Centre for the Senior
		37.	Po Leung Kuk Home Care Service for the Elders
		38.	Po Leung Kuk Tin Ka Ping Family Joy Centre
		39.	Po Leung Kuk Lau Hon Shuen Memorial Family Joy Centre
16.	The Salvation Army	40.	The Salvation Army Tai Po Integrated Home Care Services cum Day Care Centre for Senior Citizens
17.	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	41.	Carewell-Home Care Services
18.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	42.	Ho Tung Home for the Elderly-New Horizons Day Care Unit
		43.	Henry G. Leong Community Support Centre for the Elderly
		44.	Top-Tact Home Care Services
19.	Wai Ying Investment Limited [Note]	45.	Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre
		46.	Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home
20.	Wise Creation Holding Limited	47.	Oasis Day Care Centre
21.	Woopie Social Enterprises	48.	Woopie Club Home Care Services Team
		49.	Woopie Club (Kwun Tong)
		50.	Woopie Club (North Point)
		51.	Woopie Club (Sai Wan Ho)
		52.	Woopie Club (Sha Tin)
		53.	Woopie Club (Tuen Mun)

22.	Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	54.	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Luen Wo Integrated Community Development Centre
		55.	Yan Chai Hospital Suen Choi To May Integrated Community Development Centre
		56.	Yan Chai Hospital Community Care Service for the Elderly
		57.	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Integrated Community Development Centre
		58.	Yan Chai Hospital Mrs. Annie Chan Social Centre For The Elderly
23.	Yan Oi Tong Limited	59.	Yan Oi Tong Clarea Au Eldergarten
		60.	Yan Oi Tong (Tuen Mun) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit
24.	E.T. Investment Limited [Note]	61.	Oasis Nursing Home
		62.	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly
25.	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited[Note]	63.	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited
26.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Limited Social Service Centre	64.	Southern District Integrated Elderly Service Centre
27.	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Service Limited	65.	Nethersole Outreaching Rehabilitation Mission
28.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	66.	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Shatin Caring Centre
29.	Hong Kong Christian Service	67.	Shamshuipo Integrated Home Care Service Team - Wonderful Care
30.	Methodist Centre	68.	Methodist Community Care Centre (Eastern)
		69.	Methodist Rejoice Centre
31.	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited	70.	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited
32.	Sik Sik Yuen	71.	Ho Hing Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services
33.	South Kwai Chung Social Service	72.	South Kwai Chung Social Service Cheers
34.	The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	73.	SAGE Quan Chuen Home for the Elderly
		74.	SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly
35.	Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	75.	Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Limited

[Note] This organisation operates both transitional residential care services and community care and support services at the same time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2096)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (180) Social Security Allowance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the number of cases of persons aged 0 to 10, 11 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 40, 41 to 50, 51 to 60 and 60 or above receiving the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and the Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) respectively together with the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 121)

Reply:

The number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by district is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department only has information on the number of recipients with a breakdown by NDA and HDA (set out in Table 2 of the Annex) but does not have the statistics with a breakdown by age group. The annual expenditure involved in Disability Allowance is as follows:

Year	Expenditure[Note] ($ million)	
	NDA	HDA
2017-18 (Actual)	2,923	981
2018-19 (Actual)	3,331	853
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,579	885

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex

Table 1: Number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by district

District	2017-18	
	NDA	**HDA**
Central & Western	3 200	740
Eastern	10 836	2 084
Islands	2 119	221
Kowloon City	5 987	1 168
Kwai Tsing	9 982	1 392
Kwun Tong	10 953	2 476
North	5 903	931
Sai Kung	6 217	1 145
Sha Tin	12 904	2 521
Sham Shui Po	6 693	1 304
Southern	5 973	955
Tai Po	5 968	964
Tsuen Wan	4 357	772
Tuen Mun	9 667	1 062
Wan Chai	1 727	587
Wong Tai Sin	7 757	1 404
Yau Tsim Mong	4 080	779
Yuen Long	10 198	1 264
Total	**124 521**	**21 769**

District	2018-19	
	NDA	**HDA**
Central & Western	3 228	631
Eastern	10 975	1 694
Islands	2 341	188
Kowloon City	6 006	986
Kwai Tsing	10 259	1 080
Kwun Tong	11 365	1 688
North	6 193	780
Sai Kung	6 500	931
Sha Tin	13 293	1 913
Sham Shui Po	6 949	977
Southern	6 098	738
Tai Po	6 282	756
Tsuen Wan	4 363	603
Tuen Mun	10 030	904
Wan Chai	1 762	493
Wong Tai Sin	7 994	999
Yau Tsim Mong	4 163	667
Yuen Long	10 801	1 091
Total	**128 602**	**17 119**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	NDA	HDA
Central & Western	3 357	648
Eastern	11 271	1 729
Islands	2 574	212
Kowloon City	6 195	979
Kwai Tsing	10 478	1 074
Kwun Tong	11 910	1 660
North	6 409	807
Sai Kung	6 796	951
Sha Tin	13 661	1 948
Sham Shui Po	7 310	990
Southern	6 338	745
Tai Po	6 560	735
Tsuen Wan	4 520	637
Tuen Mun	10 374	989
Wan Chai	1 855	482
Wong Tai Sin	8 173	1 022
Yau Tsim Mong	4 250	676
Yuen Long	11 352	1 206
Total	**133 383**	**17 490**

Table 2: Number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
NDA	125 611	129 495	134 253
HDA	21 854	17 210	17 603

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2100)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Government "will allocate an additional $75 million to subsidised elderly service units for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties". Please advise on the following:

(a) the number of elderly persons with swallowing difficulties in elderly service units in Hong Kong;

(b) the number of service targets involved in this measure and the full-year number of soft meals to be provided;

(c) whether the allocation will be used for increasing manpower in elderly service units to prepare soft meals; if yes, the specific details of the increase in manpower, including the number of staff and expenditure involved.

(d) whether the measure will involve contractor(s) providing soft meals; if yes, the details of the contractor(s) and the price/estimated price for soft meals.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

To enable elderly persons with swallowing difficulties to enjoy food consumption and ensure their sufficient intake of nutrients, the Government will provide additional resources to subsidised RCHEs, DEs/day care units for the elderly, integrated home care services and EHCCS for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties, with a view to enhancing their quality of life and slowing down their deterioration rate. About 12 000 elderly persons is expected to benefit. The annual expenditure involved is about $75 million, which does not involve additional manpower expenditure. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of elderly persons with swallowing difficulties in elderly service units.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2103)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

An additional 1 000 community care service vouchers (CCSVs) will be issued to elderly persons with moderate or severe impairment in this financial year. Please advise:

1. the expenditure involved for the additional CCSVs;
2. the number of elderly persons with moderate or severe impairment who are in need of community care services and the change in the number of such elderly persons in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department will provide an additional 1 000 CCSVs under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), with an estimated additional annual expenditure of about $62 million.

Frail elderly persons who had been assessed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for services of day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) and/or enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS). From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of waitlisted persons for the aforesaid services is as follows:

Year	No. of waitlisted persons	
	DEs/DCUs	IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS
2017-18	3 568	5 819
2018-19	4 370	7 930
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 612	5 961

The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2104)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional service quota under integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)), please advise:

(a) the additional expenditure involved for the measure;

(b) the number of frail elderly persons with home care needs by geographical distribution;

(c) the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time and the longest waiting time for IHCS(FC); and

(d) the number of waitlisted persons having passed away.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

The Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for IHCS(FC) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021, involving a full-year expenditure of $303 million.

The number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time and the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for IHCS(FC) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	No. of persons waitlisted [Note]	Average waiting time [Note] (in months) (Average of the past 3 months)	No. of elderly persons who passed away while waiting [Note]
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 961	15	29

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of frail elderly persons with home care needs by geographical distribution and the longest waiting time for IHCS(FC).

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LWB(WW)097

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2105)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the following starting from 1 February 2020, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district:

a) the number of cases aged 60 to 64 receiving the able-bodied adult Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the expenditure involved;

b) the number of cases receiving the Employment Support Supplement and the expenditure involved;

c) the number of cases aged 60 to 64 receiving the ill-health/disabled adult CSSA respectively and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64 as at end-December 2019 with a breakdown by the following categories is provided as follows:

Year	Number of recipients aged 60 to 64		
	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled & Ill health [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	13 350	9 616	1 353

[Note] Due to the limitations of CSSA recipient categorisation, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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LWB(WW)098

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2107)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

a) the number of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the number of EA1 and EA2 places, and the number of subsidised and non-subsidised places respectively over the past 5 years; and

b) the number of surprise inspections conducted on private RCHEs participating in the EBPS by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) respectively over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 105)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The number of private RCHEs participating in the EBPS and the number of residential care places provided from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1.

b) The number of surprise inspections conducted on private RCHEs participating in the EBPS by the LORCHE of SWD over the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Number of private RCHEs participating in the EBPS and number of residential care places provided

Year	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS							
	EA1 homes				EA2 homes			
	No. of homes	No. of subsidised places	No. of non-subsidised places	Total no. of places	No. of homes	No. of subsidised places	No. of non-subsidised places	Total no. of places
2015-16	63	4 635	4 267	8 902	79	3 413	3 876	7 289
2016-17	63	4 709	4 231	8 940	79	3 378	3 913	7 291
2017-18	82	5 831	4 999	10 830	57	2 178	2 641	4 819
2018-19	83	5 814	5 122	10 936	57	2 177	2 643	4 820
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	90	6 574	4 968	11 542	57	2 285	2 535	4 820

Annex 2

The number of surprise inspections conducted on private RCHEs participating in the EBPS by the LORCHE of SWD

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
No. of surprise inspections	1 090	1 097	1 019	996	746

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LWB(WW)099

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2108)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the respective numbers of cases renting subdivided flats, caged homes, bedspaces and being homeless while receiving assistance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme or allowances under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme. Please reply in table form with a breakdown by type of assistance or allowance received.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 101)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2109)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the subsidised residential care services for elderly persons, including homes for the aged (H/A), Care-and-attention (C&A) homes, Nursing homes (NHs), Contract homes, self-financing NHs participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) and private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), please advise the following:

a) What is the shortfall in care workers? How many job vacancies for care workers are there in various types of residential care services respectively?

b) Is there any plan to import foreign labour to work as care workers in residential care homes?

c) How many job vacancies are there in private RCHEs at present?

d) Information shows that the construction of 19 RCHEs will commence in 2019-20. How many care workers will be required in anticipation of commencement of services of such RCHEs?

e) Currently what is the standard regime governing the ranks and remuneration of care workers engaged in subsidised residential care services for the elderly?

f) What is the age profile of care workers of various ranks? Please provide a breakdown by age group (aged 30 or below, 31 to 49, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 or above).

g) The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Law Chi-kwong, projected that the unemployment rate would probably hit 4 to 5% because of the impact of the coronavirus disease on Hong Kong. Is there any Government plan to enhance local training and the remuneration package of care workers in order to attract more local workforce to join the sector?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.:42)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a), d), e) & f) Operators providing subsidised residential care places for the elderly can flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to fulfil the relevant service provisions and statutory staffing requirements. As for subvented RCHEs under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, the salaries

and conditions of employment for staff fall within the ambit of governance by the subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs). NGOs have the flexibility to decide on suitable staffing arrangements and deploy the LSG (excluding the provision for provident fund) to cover staff salaries, allowances and fringe benefits, as well as other operational expenses, subject to their subvented service units' being able to meet the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements (including performance standards).

Operators of contract homes, self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS may flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to fulfil the service provisions as stipulated in the contracts or service agreement of the respective purchasing Scheme and relevant statutory staffing requirements. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the vacancies of care workers in various types of homes and their age distribution.

The 19 RCHEs which have been planned for commencing construction in 2019-20 include contract homes and subvented RCHEs. Their manpower arrangements also follow the aforesaid principle.

b) At present, private and self-financing RCHEs may apply for importation of carers under the Supplementary Labour Scheme. The Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address announced that, on the premise of safeguarding local workers' priority for employment, consideration might be given to allowing greater flexibility for subsidised elderly (and also rehabilitation) service units to import carers. The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address also mentioned that given the increasing need for additional subsidised elderly care services, the Government would review the practical circumstances and determine when and how to implement the importation of carers.

c) SWD does not have information on job vacancies in private RCHEs.

g) The Government, starting from June 2018, provides additional resources for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, ward attendants and home helpers, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain frontline care staff more effectively. Besides, SWD has launched a five-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs in Hong Kong to enrol in Qualifications Framework-based training courses.

SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. SWD will continue to provide a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2111)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(2) Social Security
(3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
(5) Services for Offenders
(6) Community Development
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

During the COVID-19 epidemic, many organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have to suspend or limit services. The Department has all long assessed the performance of various service units with Service Quality Standards (SQSs) and Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) applicable to individual service types according to a set of service performance standards. Please advise this Committee:

a) how will SWD handle service units that are unable to meet the SQSs due to the epidemic;

b) will performance assessment standards of service units be adjusted this year in response to the epidemic?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

While minimising the risk of COVID-19 being spread in the community, the Government is concerned about the needs of children, frail elderly persons and persons with disabilities in the community. While ensuring that essential and urgent services are maintained, SWD has from time to time adjusted the operation arrangements of subsidised welfare services by limiting the scale of or suspending certain services in order to reduce the risk of infection arising from the gathering of people. All subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were notified timely of the relevant latest arrangements. Besides, SWD issued a letter to subvented NGOs on 11 February 2020, informing them that the impact of the epidemic on their service delivery will be taken into full consideration during future assessment of whether the performance of their service units meets the service requirements stipulated in the FSAs. Flexibility will be exercised having regard to the service arrangements during the epidemic as announced by SWD.

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LWB(WW)102

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2112)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) newly set up in 2020-2021, please advise:

a) the number and location of the newly set up DSCs;

b) the number of existing DSCs (with a breakdown by District Council district, setting out the number of centres in each district);

c) the expenditure involved in this measure.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

To strengthen the support for persons with disabilities living in the community and their parents/carers, the Government has allocated an additional full-year expenditure of $76 million to set up 5 additional DSCs from 2020-21 to 2021-22 progressively, increasing the number of DSCs from 16 to 21. The number of existing DSCs with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is set out in Annex. SWD plans to set up 2 additional DSCs in 2020-21. As the new DSCs are still under planning, the information on the expenditure involved is not available.

Annex

Number of DSCs by administrative district of SWD

Service district	**Number of service units**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1
Eastern/Wan Chai	1
Kwun Tong	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sham Shui Po	1
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po/North	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2
Tuen Mun	1
Yuen Long	2
Total	**16**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2113)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the data provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the total number of registered street sleepers in Hong Kong was 1 270 last year. Please advise:

1. Does the Department have the actual statistics on the number of street sleepers including non-registered street sleepers in Hong Kong, as well as details on the districts they lodge and age distribution?
2. In the light of the serious epidemic of COVID-19 recently, has the Department assessed whether street sleepers have adequate resources to guard against the disease? Are there specific measures to help them combat the epidemic?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

SWD provides subventions for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) to provide them with integrated services, including outreaching visits, employment guidance/support and service referrals, etc. On the other hand, the 65 Integrated Family Services Centres and 2 Integrated Services Centres operated by SWD or subvented NGOs over the territory have been providing a range of preventive, supportive and remedial services for individuals and families in need (including street sleepers). Services include outreaching, counselling, crisis intervention, consultation and making referral, etc.

In 2018-19, the ISTs and other service units approached 1 297 street sleepers. The number of street sleepers by district and age group is listed below:

By district

District	Number of street sleepers
Hong Kong and Islands	118
Kowloon	1 033
New Territories	146
Total	1 297

By age group

Age Group	Number of street sleepers
70 or above	114
50 to 69	732
30 to 49	409
29 or below	29
Unknown	13
Total	1 297

To assist welfare units to step up preventive measures against the spread of infectious disease, SWD has provided three rounds of special allowance to subvented NGOs (including service units serving street sleepers) and NGOs operating hostels for street sleepers on a self-financing basis to purchase personal protective equipment and disinfection supplies.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2115)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the number of cases aged 70 to 74, 75 to 79 and 80 or above receiving the Old Age Allowance (OAA) and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The total expenditure of OAA from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	4,137
2018-19 (Actual)	4,860
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	4,980

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

The number of OAA cases with a breakdown by the aforementioned age groups and district is set out in Annex.

Annex

Number of OAA cases from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by age group and district

District	2017-18		
	OAA		
	Aged 70-74	Aged 75-79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	4 767	3 142	5 608
Eastern	12 634	7 983	12 455
Islands	1 678	879	1 216
Kowloon City	7 070	4 915	8 158
Kwai Tsing	6 219	3 650	4 248
Kwun Tong	7 127	4 730	6 693
North	2 956	1 587	2 535
Sai Kung	5 127	2 773	3 213
Sha Tin	9 255	4 753	6 232
Sham Shui Po	5 192	3 512	5 622
Southern	4 504	2 508	4 028
Tai Po	3 659	1 748	2 575
Tsuen Wan	4 934	2 811	3 520
Tuen Mun	5 131	2 435	2 559
Wan Chai	3 334	2 636	4 789
Wong Tai Sin	4 830	3 050	5 374
Yau Tsim Mong	5 466	3 841	5 762
Yuen Long	5 679	3 045	4 042
Total	**99 562**	**59 998**	**88 629**

District	2018-19		
	OAA		
	Aged 70-74	Aged 75-79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	5 338	2 931	5 454
Eastern	13 796	7 516	12 289
Islands	1 919	880	1 218
Kowloon City	7 530	4 604	8 017
Kwai Tsing	6 325	3 311	3 948
Kwun Tong	7 431	4 167	6 221
North	3 243	1 517	2 424
Sai Kung	5 744	2 717	3 179
Sha Tin	10 273	4 515	6 002
Sham Shui Po	5 529	3 186	5 417
Southern	4 876	2 383	3 790
Tai Po	4 068	1 744	2 416
Tsuen Wan	5 225	2 714	3 453
Tuen Mun	5 695	2 413	2 438
Wan Chai	3 806	2 441	4 780
Wong Tai Sin	4 977	2 725	4 781
Yau Tsim Mong	5 907	3 606	5 621
Yuen Long	6 255	2 972	3 966
Total	**107 937**	**56 342**	**85 414**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
	OAA		
	Aged 70-74	**Aged 75-79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central & Western	5 959	2 943	5 547
Eastern	15 273	7 600	12 725
Islands	2 153	933	1 263
Kowloon City	8 160	4 640	8 293
Kwai Tsing	6 752	3 481	4 124
Kwun Tong	7 992	4 237	6 471
North	3 701	1 609	2 492
Sai Kung	6 420	2 829	3 367
Sha Tin	11 623	4 740	6 272
Sham Shui Po	5 980	3 227	5 600
Southern	5 402	2 442	3 919
Tai Po	4 530	1 842	2 528
Tsuen Wan	5 662	2 888	3 571
Tuen Mun	6 428	2 542	2 614
Wan Chai	4 157	2 391	4 924
Wong Tai Sin	5 354	2 806	4 842
Yau Tsim Mong	6 428	3 633	5 821
Yuen Long	6 983	3 153	4 180
Total	**118 957**	**57 936**	**88 553**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2116)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the number of cases of persons aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79 and 80 or above receiving the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and the Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) respectively together with the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The number of NDA and HDA cases from 2017-18 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by the aforementioned age groups and DC districts, is set out in the Annex. The annual expenditure involved in Disability Allowance is as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)	
	NDA	HDA
2017-18 (Actual)	2,923	981
2018-19 (Actual)	3,331	853
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,579	885

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex

Number of NDA and HDA cases from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by age group and DC district

District	2017-18									
	NDA					HDA				
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	389	276	195	100	491	45	41	45	69	423
Eastern	1 641	859	441	299	934	130	160	148	174	1 099
Islands	351	114	61	34	87	16	18	23	17	84
Kowloon City	803	413	237	171	645	66	89	87	111	599
Kwai Tsing	1 632	565	289	189	494	95	133	146	158	501
Kwun Tong	1 841	568	253	210	543	138	182	216	263	1 161
North	945	305	111	69	266	98	102	70	79	310
Sai Kung	951	349	162	110	281	104	95	85	89	440
Sha Tin	2 128	870	381	200	497	178	215	229	243	1 013
Sham Shui Po	1 089	400	180	151	449	95	94	81	110	627
Southern	914	415	198	160	540	68	66	64	76	472
Tai Po	1 112	351	131	96	263	82	92	84	83	347
Tsuen Wan	635	305	179	133	366	44	60	73	81	320
Tuen Mun	1 755	576	235	130	296	114	117	95	93	325
Wan Chai	165	157	91	88	345	22	26	27	51	407
Wong Tai Sin	1 247	420	183	139	518	88	75	115	147	669
Yau Tsim Mong	559	284	204	150	424	45	59	45	80	394
Yuen Long	1 630	491	235	121	351	119	118	84	102	400
Total	**19 787**	**7 718**	**3 766**	**2 550**	**7 790**	**1 547**	**1 742**	**1 717**	**2 026**	**9 591**

District	2018-19									
	NDA					HDA				
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	426	288	203	98	425	48	41	47	56	308
Eastern	1 737	795	484	293	859	143	131	132	119	787
Islands	424	109	52	27	81	23	15	22	10	53
Kowloon City	875	370	232	165	548	65	88	64	82	442
Kwai Tsing	1 835	519	283	158	427	130	100	81	76	301
Kwun Tong	1 986	534	254	161	438	147	130	130	130	595
North	1 115	290	104	62	217	104	81	64	50	201
Sai Kung	1 083	359	163	97	250	117	84	55	61	248
Sha Tin	2 318	874	389	181	441	203	171	163	143	581
Sham Shui Po	1 169	400	183	146	394	102	73	58	71	375
Southern	966	397	214	123	479	66	60	55	44	287
Tai Po	1 214	348	146	85	250	96	87	64	54	186
Tsuen Wan	666	269	179	118	297	52	45	50	59	194
Tuen Mun	1 852	597	256	117	243	131	90	73	63	210
Wan Chai	183	140	109	63	322	27	26	28	42	315
Wong Tai Sin	1 401	407	187	113	390	109	58	62	71	357
Yau Tsim Mong	567	293	195	131	387	54	54	47	54	294
Yuen Long	1 868	499	223	120	286	123	89	60	59	286
Total	**21 685**	**7 488**	**3 856**	**2 258**	**6 734**	**1 740**	**1 423**	**1 255**	**1 244**	**6 020**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)									
	NDA					HDA				
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	460	293	211	102	439	43	43	51	48	328
Eastern	1 782	842	524	283	880	151	140	138	124	775
Islands	467	129	58	33	68	34	19	16	11	52
Kowloon City	888	392	257	158	563	70	84	70	72	420
Kwai Tsing	1 872	571	314	173	400	118	108	83	71	261
Kwun Tong	2 107	593	288	142	453	168	123	108	118	553
North	1 161	336	129	73	222	110	92	66	54	185
Sai Kung	1 159	404	185	103	268	118	87	62	59	241
Sha Tin	2 366	892	449	199	455	216	181	146	157	578
Sham Shui Po	1 248	431	210	144	422	111	80	58	60	376
Southern	1 036	432	242	123	481	82	55	60	36	275
Tai Po	1 275	402	175	81	268	98	87	64	49	167
Tsuen Wan	683	262	200	120	320	49	42	64	57	196
Tuen Mun	1 929	650	302	115	253	148	114	82	60	208
Wan Chai	205	131	125	65	322	23	35	32	38	301
Wong Tai Sin	1 478	448	194	106	411	116	81	61	53	354
Yau Tsim Mong	551	309	199	157	395	58	51	54	60	291
Yuen Long	2 058	561	256	110	300	136	93	75	66	285
Total	**22 725**	**8 078**	**4 318**	**2 287**	**6 920**	**1 849**	**1 515**	**1 290**	**1 193**	**5 846**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2117)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the facilities under the purview the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and subvented service providers that have been requisitioned by or on loan to other government departments to serve unintended operational purposes in the past year using the table below:

Name of the requisitioned facility	Department/organisation in charge of the requisitioned facility	Services affected	Date of requisition	Period of requisition	Government department requisitioning the facility

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The details of the facilities under the purview of SWD loaned to other government departments in 2019 are set out in the Annex.

SWD does not have the required information on the facilities managed by subvented non-governmental organisations.

Annex

Facilities under the purview of SWD loaned to other government departments in 2019

Name of the facility on loan	Department in charge of the facility on loan	Services affected	Loan date	Loan period	Government department borrowing the facility
Central & Western/ Islands Social Security Field Unit	SWD	Not affected	From 23 to 25 November 2019	From 9:00 am on 23 November 2019 to 3:00 am on 25 November 2019	Registration and Electoral Office (REO)
Tsz Wan Shan Integrated Family Service Centre	SWD	Not affected	From 23 to 25 November 2019	From 5:00 pm on 23 November 2019 to 8:00 am on 25 November 2019	REO

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2118)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of subsidised residential care services for the elderly, please inform this Committee of the following:

(a) the geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time and the expenditure for each type of service in 2019-20;

(b) the geographical distribution of various types of residential care and service places, the anticipated waiting time and the estimated expenditure for each type of service in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

The expenditure on subsidised residential care services (RCS) for the elderly in the 2019-20 Revised Estimate is $6.5070 billion. The estimated expenditure for the 2020-21 is $7.6218 billion.

The number and geographical distribution of various types of subsidised residential care places as at end-December 2019 are set out at Annex 1.

All applicants for subsidised residential care places for the elderly are put on the central waiting list (CWL) for service allocation on a territory-wide basis, and they may choose to apply for more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places (i.e. those in subvented/ contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) or homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) or the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)) in different districts at the same time. The average waiting time and the number of applicants on the waiting lists of various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly as at end-December 2019 are set out at Annex 2.

The Government will provide an additional 1 797 subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2020-21, including 181 places provided by contract homes and subvented homes and 1 616 EA1 places provided under EBPS. The places concerned are distributed in various districts of Hong Kong. The waiting time for subsidised residential care places for the elderly is affected by a number of factors, for example, whether the applicants have selected a particular service unit only, the turnover rate of service places in individual service units, etc. Therefore, it is difficult to assess the direct impact of the increase in places on the waiting time.

Annex 1

Geographical distribution of subsidised residential care places/service places (As at end-December 2019)

District	No. of residential care places/places by service type			
	Home for the aged (H/A) places	**Care-and-attention (C&A) places [Note]**	**Nursing home (NH) places [Note]**	**EBPS places**
Central & Western	-	257	191	607
Eastern	-	459	135	320
Wan Chai	-	468	50	95
Southern	-	1 465	-	515
Islands	67	293	67	-
Kwun Tong	-	1 165	494	653
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 071	468	212
Sai Kung	-	1 001	281	-
Kowloon City	-	659	99	1 575
Yau Tsim Mong	-	124	242	774
Sham Shui Po	-	757	501	341
Sha Tin	-	1 356	109	-
Tai Po	-	1 226	-	219
North	-	923	299	319
Yuen Long	-	943	67	725
Tuen Mun	-	940	264	639
Tsuen Wan	-	623	474	951
Kwai Tsing	-	1 699	347	914
Total	**67**	**15 429**	**4 088**	**8 859**

[Note] C&A places include places in contract homes and subvented C&A homes. NH places include places in contract homes and subvented NHs, and places purchased under the NHPPS.

Annex 2

Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for places of various subsidised residential care services for the elderly (As at end-December 2019)

Service type	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 1]	**No. of persons waitlisted**
C&A places		
- Subvented/ contract RCHEs	41	
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	8	33 843 [Note 2]
Overall	20	
NH places [Note 3]	22	7 168 [Note 4]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive cases" on the CWL.

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LWB(WW)108

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2119)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

a) the number of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the number of places over the past 5 years;

b) the number of surprise inspections of private RCHDs participating in EBPS conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The number of private RCHDs participating in the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs (BPS) and the number of bought places over the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

b) As at end-December 2019, there are 13 private RCHDs participating in BPS among 321 RCHDs across the territory of Hong Kong. In the past 5 years, the number of surprise inspections of RCHDs participating in BPS conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) of SWD is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1. The number of private RCHDs participating in BPS and the number of bought places over the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Number of private RCHDs participating in BPS	9	10	10	13	13
Number of bought places	450	600	600	860	860

Table 2. The number of surprise inspections of RCHDs participating in BPS conducted by LORCHD of SWD over the past 5 years is as follows:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Number of inspections	72	107	53	86	48

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2121)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Persons who have been affected by natural disasters or accidents and have financial needs may apply for the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) for financial assistance. In this connection, please advise this Committee the following:

(1) the locations and manner in which the Government carried out publicity activities on the ERF at the district level in the past 3 years; the channels and procedures for application for the ERF, and the documents which applicants are required to submit;

(2) in respect of each grant under the fund, the number of applications received, approved and rejected by the Government, the average time taken for the vetting and approval of such applications, and the total amount of assistance approved; the reasons for some applications being rejected;

(3) the considerations and criteria in assessing the financial hardship faced by the applicants applying for assistance in order to determine the amount of assistance; whether those considerations and criteria include the extent of damage to the applicants' accommodation; if not, whether the home visit procedure can be dispensed with in order to expedite the payment of grants;

(4) (i) the remaining balance of the ERF and (ii) the total amount of grants approved by the Government in respect of the ERF over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 109)

Reply:

The Emergency Relief Fund Ordinance, Chapter 1103 of the Laws of Hong Kong, provides for the establishment and administration of a trust fund known as the ERF. The ERF is vested in the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as Trustee. It aims to provide financial assistance for persons who are in need of urgent relief as a result of fire, flooding, tempest, landslide, typhoon or other natural disasters. Grants from the ERF are intended for relief rather than compensation. The responsibility for approving grants and making payments is, in most cases, vested in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), the Marine Department (MD), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Lands Department (LandsD), while the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for overall co-ordination at the district level. There are 5 types of grants under the ERF:

	Type of grants	Operating department
A	Grants in respect of death or personal injury	SWD
B	Domestic re-accommodation, re-equipment, site formation and repair grants and grant for severe damage to home appliances	LandsD MD
C	Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear	MD AFCD
D	Primary producer grants	LandsD AFCD
E	Special grants	Operating department(s) concerned

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) The publicity means and efforts by respective operating departments in the districts in the past 3 years, as well as the means, procedures and documents required for application for the ERF are set out at Annex 1.

(2) In 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), the ERF received 1 234 applications, among which 1 228 and 6 applications have been approved and rejected/withdrawn respectively. The amount of grants disbursed is $4.54 million, and the reason for rejection is the applicant being unable to meet the eligibility criteria for the ERF. Regarding the average time required to process ERF applications, the operating departments do not have information on the relevant figures.

(3) The criteria for disbursement of various grants under the ERF are set out in Annex 2.

(4) The remaining balance and total amount of grants disbursed under the ERF from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 3.

Annex 1

Publicity means and efforts by respective operating departments in respect of the ERF in the districts in the past 3 years, and the ERF's application means, procedures and documents required

Type of grants	Operating department	Publicity means and efforts in the district	Application means, procedures and documents required
A	SWD	Leaflets on the ERF are available in SWD's social security field units and website. SWD will also work closely with other relevant government departments to follow up on the situation of people affected by natural disasters, introduce to them the ERF and provide referral services and counselling, etc.	A person should make an application within 6 months from the date of incident to the district social security field unit in person. The applicant is required to bring along the completed application form, identity documents, proof in respect of death or personal injury (including death certificate or sick leave certificate(s)), proof of income/employment, etc. SWD will conduct investigation and verification of the applicant's circumstances and information provided through office interview. Where necessary, SWD will make enquiries to the Director of Health/Chief Executive of Hospital Authority for medical reports, or to the applicant's employer/ ex-employer for verification.
B	LandsD	Leaflets on the ERF are available at LandsD's regional Squatter Control Offices ("SCOs")/Clearance Offices ("COs"), while members of the public may also approach staff of the SCOs for details about the ERF.	The applicant is required to complete the form of "Application for Emergency Relief Fund" for the grants under the ERF and return it with supporting documents for proof of identity, residential address and relationship between the applicant and his or her family members as listed on the form to the SCO/CO concerned for processing within 6 months from the date of incident for domestic re-accommodation, re-equipment, site formation and repair grants (or 30 working days for grants for severe damage to home appliances).
	MD	MD has worked together with relevant government departments to closely follow up with people affected by typhoons. It has also provided emergency assistance, and deployed staff to explain the application procedures to persons affected.	The applicant should submit the application together with the relevant documents, for instance, the applicant's identity card, certificate of ownership and operating licence of the vessel, report of marine incident, quotations from shipyard, etc. to MD in person within 30 working days from the date of incident. Payment will be made to successful applications upon approval and allocation of funds from SWD.
C	MD		
	AFCD	Information leaflets about the ERF are available in Fisheries Liaison Assistants' Offices in various fishing homeports. AFCD will issue letters to fishermen associations to inform them about applications for the ERF after typhoon or other inclement weather. With MD's assistance, AFCD will notify owners of fishing vessels to contact it for applications under the ERF when they report marine incidents to MD.	Capture fishermen can apply for the ERF in Fisheries Liaison Assistants' Offices or at the AFCD Headquarter within 30 working days from the date of incident. Applicants shall submit supporting documents such as identity document, valid fishing vessel licence, report of marine incident issued by MD, receipts or quotations for repair or replacement of fishing vessel/fishing gear. The damaged fishing vessel/fishing gear shall be inspected by AFCD officers and assessment on the reasonable cost of repair or replacement shall be made.

Type of grants	Operating department	Publicity means and efforts in the district	Application means, procedures and documents required
D	LandsD	Leaflets introducing the ERF are available at the 7 regional SCOs of LandsD, while members of the public may also approach staff of the SCOs for details about the ERF.	The primary producer is required to complete the form of "Application for Emergency Relief Fund" for the grant under the ERF, and return it with supporting documents for proof of identity, to the SCO concerned for processing within 30 working days from the date of incident.
	AFCD	Fisheries: AFCD will notify fish farmers and fishermen associations via press release, websites, and by phone on the arrangement of the ERF. Agriculture: AFCD will issue press releases through the Information Services Department and remind affected farmers of the application for the ERF through farm visits. Besides, it will inform relevant agricultural associations in writing.	Fisheries: In general, fish farmers affected by natural disasters should make an application within 7 working days from the date of incident. Mariculturists should submit personal identity documents, valid marine fish culture licences and other supporting documents to the designated AFCD or Fish Marketing Organisation offices. Pond fish farmers should apply directly to the Au Tau Fisheries Office with personal identity documents. Agriculture: Applicants should bring along their original and copy of the Hong Kong Identity Cards and apply directly to AFCD's Agricultural Extension Office on 5/F, Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, within the specified time limit for application as announced in the press release after natural disasters.
E	Operating departments concerned	Ditto	Ditto

Annex 2

The criteria for disbursement of various grants under the ERF

Type of grants	Operating department	Criteria for disbursement
A	SWD	Apart from burial grant being a flat-rate grant, the payable amount of other grants depends on the gravity of injury and family status.
B	LandsD	The disbursement of grants is dependent on whether the domestic structures are rendered uninhabitable and their degree of damage, whether the applicant will be permanently evacuated and re-accommodated, the degree of damage/loss of the applicant's home appliances, equipment and other personal belongings, etc. Staff of LandsD shall conduct on-site investigation (including inspection and home visit, etc.), so as to assess whether the criteria for disbursement have been met, and process the submitted application as soon as possible.
	MD	Upon receiving the application, MD will assign staff to inspect the degree of damage sustained by the vessels, and the amount of payment will be determined together with the documents submitted by the applicant and the maximum amount of annual grant.
C	MD	
	AFCD	The amount of grant is set at 50% of the cost of replacement for lost/damaged vessels or 50% of the cost of minimum repairs for fishing gear or vessels up to a maximum amount.
D	LandsD	The disbursement of grants is dependent on the degree of destruction or damage of stock houses and farm buildings. Staff of LandsD shall conduct on-site investigation (including inspection and home visit, etc.), so as to assess whether the criteria for disbursement have been met, and process the submitted application as soon as possible.
	AFCD	<u>Fisheries</u>: The amount of grant is determined by the cost of basic material inputs, and 50% of the cost of minimum repairs of the cultivation facilities up to a maximum amount. <u>Agriculture</u>: Generally, only applications by genuine small full-time farmers will be considered. The actual amount of grant receivable is dependent on the degree of damage of crops.
E	Operating departments concerned	Ex-gratia grants may be payable to victims of natural disasters who are not covered by the standard grants but in need of some financial assistance. Therefore, grants are only payable to victims who cannot benefit from the provisions under Sections A - D of the Payment Schedule. The operating department shall seek approval from the ERF Committee or the Director of Social Welfare for the release of the ex-gratia grant.

Annex 3

Remaining balance and total amount of grants disbursed under the ERF from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Remaining balance ($ million)	Total amount of grants disbursed ($ million)
2015-16	96.22	11.03
2016-17	94.38	8.37
2017-18	86.27	15.41
2018-19	102.51	21.70
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	109.57	4.54

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2124)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As the Government is preparing for the extension of the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) to the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme in January 2020, please advise this Committee the estimated number of relevant cases aged 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 78 and 80 or above respectively; and the estimated annual expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

To further facilitate the elderly persons who choose to retire in GD and FJ, the 2018 Policy Address announced the extension of OALA (including Normal OALA and Higher OALA) to the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme to provide the monthly allowance to eligible Hong Kong elderly persons. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the initiative starting from 1 January 2020. As such initiative has just been implemented, SWD does not have a breakdown of the age distribution. The estimated expenditure for the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in 2020-21 is about $960 million and $320 million respectively (actual expenditure depends on the number of applicants).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2125)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the number of people who applied for Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and other details in the past 3 years, please advise:

(1) the number of CR cases seeking recommendation and cases successfully recommended;

(2) the statistics on the type of housing where the applicant lives (in case where the applicant is a tenant of private housing and lives in a caged men hostel, please specify);

(3) the reason for CR application claimed by the applicant.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The number of CR cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years (2017-18 to 2019-20) is set out below:

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of CR cases seeking recommendation	990	934	667
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department	852	788	564

SWD does not have information on the type of housing where the applicant lives and the reason for seeking CR recommendation claimed by the applicant.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2126)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the number of cases aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69 and 70 or above receiving subsidies under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme respectively; and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

Applicants of the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme must be aged 65 or above. The number of cases and the expenditure on the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year [Note 1] [Note 2]	GD Scheme				FJ Scheme [Note 3]			
	Number of cases [Note 4]			Expenditure ($ million)	Number of cases [Note 4]			Expenditure ($ million)
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 or above	Total		Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 or above	Total	
2017-18 (Actual)	2 193	14 496	16 689	261	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2018-19 (Actual)	1 931	14 637	16 568	336	186	1 470	1 656	22
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2 205	15 496	17 701	466	154	1 566	1 720	107

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme; whereas the revised estimate of expenditure for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances and an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

[Note 2] The revised estimate of expenditure for 2019-20 included the amount involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 3] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

[Note 4] The number of cases in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2019-20 is the figure as at end-December 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2128)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On supporting carers of persons with disabilities living in the community, please advise this Committee:

a) the number of carers who have used home respite service, carer training service, carer emotional support service and case management service over the past 5 years;

b) the number of carers served at the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), with a breakdown by different services over the past 5 years;

c) the yearly number of applicants, service places, users and related activities organised at DSCs, PRCs, ICCMWs, HCS and ISS, with a breakdown by type of service received over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides various types of community support services for persons with disabilities and their families/carers through non-governmental organisations. These services include ISS, HCS, DSCs, PRCs and ICCMWs, to help persons with disabilities continue to live in and integrate into the community, and reduce the pressure on their families/carers. SWD does not have information on the number of carers who have used home respite service, carer training service, carer emotional support service and case management service of the above mentioned services.

b) & c) Among the above services, the number of service places of ISS and HCS in 2019-20 was 900 and 3 550 respectively, and there were no designated service places for the remaining services. SWD does not have information on the number of applicants in the various community support services. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of service users (including the families/carers of persons with disabilities) of PRCs and ICCMWs is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of activities organised for carers of persons with disabilities by the various services are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service users of PRCs and ICCMWs [Note 1]

Year	PRCs (Average no. of family membership per month)	ICCMWs (No. of families/carers)
2015-16	5 002	3 069
2016-17	5 115	4 073
2017-18	5 360	4 376
2018-19	5 553	5 174
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	7 704 [Note 2]	4 144

[Note 1] SWD does not have information on the number of service users being carers of persons with disabilities in DSCs, HCS and ISS.

[Note 2] 6 additional PRCs will be put in service in March 2019.

Table 2: Number of activities organised for carers of persons with disabilities by various services from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of service	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
	No. of activities	No. of activities	No. of activities	No. of activities	No. of activities
PRC	2 667	2 645	3 360	3 736	3 761 [Note 3]
DSC [Note 1]	1 264	1 372	1 180	1 485	833
HCS	107	106	149	162	109
ISS	42	43	54	51	49
ICCMW [Note 1] [Note 2]	-	509	530	667	722

[Note 1] The figure provided represents the number of sessions of the activities.

[Note 2] ICCMWs started to collect the information of the number of activity sessions held for families/carers of ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems from April 2016.

[Note 3] 6 additional PRCs will be put in service in March 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2129)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has received a total of some 60 preliminary proposals from about 40 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) last year, please advise:

a) Of the preliminary proposals, how many are accepted? Please set out by District Council district and type of services;

b) For proposals not accepted, what are the reasons for rejection?

c) What is the progress of implementing the accepted proposals? How many of them are already providing related services?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

As at 18 November 2013, the Government has received a total of 63 preliminary proposals from 43 NGOs under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme. After review, 13 project proposals, which are not able to proceed further due to various reasons (e.g. site constraints), have been removed from the Special Sites Scheme. Based on an updated rough estimation, if the remaining 50 project proposals could be implemented smoothly, about 17 000 additional service places for the elderly and persons with disabilities could be provided, including about 9 000 elderly service places and 8 000 rehabilitation service places. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of additional service places by district under the proposals are set out at Annex.

As at end of December 2019, 5 projects under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme had been completed and commenced service, and 1 other project had entered the construction stage and was expected to be completed in 2020. These 6 projects provide various welfare services, including about 260 additional elderly service places and about 1 020 additional rehabilitation service places. Furthermore, 15 projects are at the technical feasibility study stage while 3 projects are at the pre-construction detailed design/study stage. As for the other projects which are at different planning stages, the Social Welfare Department will consider supporting the respective NGO applicants to proceed with technical feasibility studies having regard to the actual status of individual projects.

Annex

Distribution of proposed new services and places in the proposals received under Phase One of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses by district (based on the latest revised proposals of NGO applicants)

District	No. of applications	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a Continuum of Care	Nursing Home	Day Care Centre for the Elderly	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons	Long Stay Care Home	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre	Day Activity Centre	Special Child Care Centre	Early Education and Training Centre
Hong Kong												
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	3	410	-	140	-	160	100	-	120	170	60	210
Southern	6	643	300	186	150	110	120	-	120	110	54	240
Wan Chai	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kowloon												
Kowloon City	4	239	203	180	-	200	150	-	260	200	150	221
Kwun Tong	5	895	-	230	-	250	140	-	200	300	210	210
Sham Shui Po	3	218	-	96	-	-	100	100	125	-	-	60
Wong Tai Sin	2	101	120	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	2	-	-	60	-	30	-	-	-	50	156	295
New Territories												
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	3	120	-	200	70	70	80	-	120	70	60	120
North	4	662	-	146	-	50	120	-	120	50	-	-
Sai Kung	4	353	200	60	120	120	-	-	-	162	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	5	495	-	-	-	200	100	-	180	200	120	170
Tsuen Wan	2	507	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Tuen Mun	4	1 170	604	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	60
Yuen Long	3	304	-	140	30	56	-	-	-	100	60	-
Total	**50**	**6 117**	**1 427**	**1 768**	**370**	**1 246**	**910**	**100**	**1 245**	**1 412**	**900**	**1 676**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2131)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given the severe situation of the COVID-19 epidemic, please inform this Committee of the following:

(a) the expenditure on anti-epidemic measures by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) subvented by the Government for providing social welfare services in the past 3 months;

(b) the estimated expenditure of the above NGOs on anti-epidemic measures in the coming year and the items to be spent on; and

(c) the current stock of face masks of the above NGOs in the recent 3 months.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

In response to the COVID-19 epidemic, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has disbursed the following allowances to welfare service units:

(1) In order to assist welfare service units to strengthen their anti-epidemic measures, SWD has provided relevant service units under subventions or contracts, as well as all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) with 3 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of $5,000 or $3,000 for each of the first 2 rounds; at a rate of $10,000 or $6,000 for the third round) for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. The allowance covers about 3 500 service units, involving a total expenditure of around $62 million. In addition, SWD has informed 8 organisations running short-term food assistance service projects across the territory to purchase protective equipment and sanitising items on an actual reimbursement basis. The estimated expenditure involved will be about $1 million.

(2) In view that some residential care homes and home care service teams have their regular staff being put under quarantine arrangements and thus face manpower shortage, SWD-subsidised residential care homes and home-based care service units as well as the RCHEs, RCHDs, Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres licensed under SWD and the residential Child Care Centres (CCCs) registered under SWD may receive a one-off special allowance for manpower support. In the event of their staff being unable to return to work due to their going into self-isolation, staying at home or being put under quarantine arrangements at home or other venues as a result of their return to Hong Kong from the Mainland during the period from

27 January to 29 February 2020, the allowance ensures that relevant homes/units/centres may make additional manpower arrangements (including hiring of temporary staff/relief workers or internal deployment of manpower to work overtime, etc.) and maintain daily operations. SWD has earmarked about $130 million for this purpose, and the actual expenditure depends on the needs of different service units of organisations.

(3) Staff of subvented and subsidised residential care homes have stayed committed to work during the epidemic, providing comprehensive residential care service for the frail elderly, persons with disabilities, as well as children and youth in need of residential care service, while assisting residential care homes in ramping up preventive measures and stepping up cleansing and sterilisation of the premises. SWD provides a special allowance for the staff of subvented and subsidised residential care homes to show recognition of and appreciation to their efforts in maintaining residential care services. The special allowance amounts to 10% of the monthly salary of an employee with a cap at $4,000 for no less than 4 months (i.e. the period from February to May, and the expenses incurred in April and May shall be disbursed following the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2020), involving an expenditure of around $208 million. The special allowance is expected to benefit 745 subvented and subsidised residential care homes with around 20 000 employees.

(4) To subsidise foster parents in light of the additional expenses incurred on the procurement of face masks and other sanitising items for their foster children during the epidemic period, SWD provides an additional living allowance of $300 per month for each foster child from February to May 2020 (a total of 4 months), involving an expenditureof around $1.3 million.

(5) In response to the epidemic, SWD also provides a one-off special allowance to a total of 136 recognised service providers providing day care services by the co-payment mode under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly so as to relieve the financial difficulties caused by a suspension or reduction of their services, involving an expenditure of around $17 million.

(6) The Government provides a one-off special allowance to more than 550 aided and non-aideded CCCs (including CCCs attached to kindergartens) across the territory for the four-month period from February to May 2020 to assist them to tide over the financial difficulties arising from the suspension of their services in the light of the epidemic. Under the newly established Anti-epidemic Fund, SWD provides a special allowance for CCCs for no less than 4 months, involving an expenditure of up to $55 million per month or $220 million in total. SWD disbursed the first round of special allowance to CCCs in March 2020.

(7) SWD has provided 2 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of $5,000 and $6,000 respectively) to the beneficiaries under the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses from 2018-19 and 2019-20 and Community-based Support Projects or Services for Persons with Disabilities with time-limited subsidies from SWD on a project basis. The allowance is for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. It is projected to cover about 110 beneficiary organisations and service projects, involving an expenditure of around $1.2 million.

In addition, as at end-February 2020, the actual expenditure by SWD units on supporting people in mandatory quarantine and the procurement of anti-epidemic items totalled about $3.8 million. SWD does not have information on the expenditure on anti-epidemic measures and the stock of face masks concerning subvented NGOs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2132)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD)", please advise:

(a) the current number of residential places subvented by the Government and operated by non-governmental organisations, those provided by self-financing homes and private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and their respective enrolment rate;

(b) the current number of persons with disabilities waitlisted for each type of rehabilitation services and residential places, the average waiting time and the longest waiting time respectively;

(c) the number of persons who passed away while waiting for various types of rehabilitation services and residential places for persons with disabilities; and

(d) the average monthly cost for providing each type of rehabilitation services and residential places at present.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of rehabilitation service places provided by the 3 types of RCHDs and the average enrolment rate are set out in Annex 1.

(b) The information on the number of persons waitlisted for various types of rehabilitation services and the average waiting time is set out in Annex 2.

(c) The number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential services for persons with disabilities in 2019-20 is set out in Annex 3. SWD does not have information on the number of persons who passed away while waiting for other rehabilitation services.

(d) The average monthly cost per place under residential services for persons with disabilities, pre-school rehabilitation services, day activity centres (DACs) and sheltered workshops (SWs) in 2019-20 are set out in Annex 4.

Annex 1

Number of rehabilitation service places provided by 3 types of RCHDs and the average enrolment rate are as follows:

Type of RCHDs	**Number of places (as at 31 December 2019)**	**Average enrolment rate (2018-19)**
Subvented home	13 388	97%
Self-financing home	488	90%
Private home	3 882	88%

Annex 2

Number of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time for various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities

Type of services	Number of persons waitlisted (as at 31 December 2019)	Average waiting time in 2018-19 (in months) [Note 1]
Pre-school services		
EETC	1 402 [Note 2]	16.6
SCCC	1 294 [Note 2]	18.4
IP	477 [Note 2]	12.6
OPRS	1 771 [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 3]
Day training and vocational rehabilitation services		
DAC	1 270	57.5
SW	2 432	21.3
SE	27	3.8
IVRSC [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]	N.A. [Note 4]
OJT [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]
Sunnyway [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]
IVTC(Day) [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]
Residential services		
HWH	618	6.0
LSCH	2 577	54.3
IVTC(Res) [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]	N.A. [Note 5]
HMMH	2 522	114.1
HSMH	2 425	185.6
HSPH	576	168.0
C&A/SD	602	68.1
C&A/AB	171	10.0
SGH(MMHC) [Note 6]	43	15.0
SHOS	2 187	39.0
RSCCC	20 [Note 2]	10.5

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] The figure does not include the pre-school rehabilitation service users receiving transitional services from EETC or waiting for a change in service type/centre chosen.

[Note 3] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 4] IVRSC does not have its own central waiting list (CWL) and applicants are selected from the CWL of SW and SE.

[Note 5] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics in this aspect.

[Note 6] SGH(MMHC) include integrated small group home (ISGH).

Legend

EETC - early education and training centre
SCCC - special child care centre
IP - integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OPRS - On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
IVRSC - integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT - On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities
Sunnyway -Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities
IVTC(Day) - integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
IVTC(Res) - integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
RSCCC - residential special child care centre

Annex 3

Number of applicants who passed away while waiting for various types of residential services for persons with disabilities

Type of service	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
HMMH	6
HSMH	25
HSPH	22
C&A/SD	30
C&A/AB	14
SGH(MMHC) [Note]	-
SHOS	8
RSCCC	-

[Note] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Annex 4

Average cost per place per month under residential services for persons with disabilities, pre-school rehabilitation services, DACs and SWs in 2019-20 are as follows:

Type of subvented services	**Average monthly cost per place (Revised Estimate) ($)**
Residential services	17,708
Pre-school rehabilitation services	9,010
DACs	11,524
SWs	5,780

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2133)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the number of cases aged 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 80 and 80 or above receiving the Normal Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the Higher OALA respectively; and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA cases by age group and district is set out in Annex. The expenditure of OALA from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)	
	Normal OALA	Higher OALA
2017-18 (Actual)	15,331	N.A.
2018-19 (Actual)	4,040	25,897
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	1,787	25,291

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, whereas the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the disbursement of a one-off grant to eligible Higher OALA recipients which takes retrospective effect from May 2017 and the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance for 2018-19. The revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex

Number of OALA [Note] cases from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by age group and district

District	2017-18			
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	1 789	1 632	1 279	3 240
Eastern	9 592	8 641	6 560	13 189
Islands	2 277	1 658	1 063	2 024
Kowloon City	5 854	5 451	4 124	7 827
Kwai Tsing	13 898	12 408	8 858	12 470
Kwun Tong	17 379	14 810	11 294	18 556
North	6 083	4 288	2 726	5 178
Sai Kung	7 988	6 279	4 325	6 620
Sha Tin	15 882	12 119	7 624	12 304
Sham Shui Po	7 806	5 750	4 333	9 129
Southern	4 492	4 175	3 127	7 038
Tai Po	6 550	4 162	2 827	4 975
Tsuen Wan	4 642	4 439	3 340	5 614
Tuen Mun	14 028	8 814	4 954	7 059
Wan Chai	745	765	629	1 794
Wong Tai Sin	10 530	8 693	7 044	15 178
Yau Tsim Mong	3 545	3 093	2 165	4 747
Yuen Long	10 709	7 133	4 544	7 731
Total	**143 789**	**114 310**	**80 816**	**144 673**

District	2018-19							
	Normal OALA				Higher OALA			
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	267	301	190	476	1 593	1 743	1 134	3 275
Eastern	1 298	1 146	754	1 483	8 568	9 156	6 050	13 459
Islands	239	178	100	206	2 361	1 877	1 111	2 059
Kowloon City	647	594	435	942	5 397	5 626	3 913	8 032
Kwai Tsing	1 480	1 110	764	1 130	13 380	12 788	8 919	13 169
Kwun Tong	1 746	1 336	868	1 593	17 022	15 878	11 131	19 581
North	839	491	300	559	6 103	4 577	2 687	5 203
Sai Kung	1 051	677	423	678	7 643	6 668	4 201	6 950
Sha Tin	2 054	1 461	810	1 315	15 204	13 115	7 611	12 922
Sham Shui Po	807	625	409	848	7 744	6 192	4 163	9 383
Southern	613	454	307	643	4 246	4 363	2 993	7 138
Tai Po	908	521	259	505	6 416	4 612	2 755	5 208
Tsuen Wan	566	477	322	582	4 477	4 589	3 263	5 949
Tuen Mun	1 731	935	465	611	13 805	9 790	5 062	7 388
Wan Chai	115	136	101	299	707	756	568	1 855
Wong Tai Sin	1 247	859	585	1 382	10 170	9 128	6 696	15 453
Yau Tsim Mong	486	512	314	664	3 265	3 131	2 023	4 706
Yuen Long	1 264	743	429	712	10 996	7 781	4 640	7 951
Total	**17 358**	**12 556**	**7 835**	**14 628**	**139 097**	**121 770**	**78 920**	**149 681**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)							
	Normal OALA				Higher OALA			
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central & Western	253	294	168	411	1 551	1 936	1 158	3 284
Eastern	1 172	1 121	652	1 341	8 303	10 085	6 162	13 764
Islands	229	194	93	170	2 541	2 112	1 206	2 193
Kowloon City	651	548	379	798	5 298	6 128	4 070	8 350
Kwai Tsing	1 382	1 043	708	1 041	13 531	13 491	9 480	13 828
Kwun Tong	1 668	1 256	775	1 405	17 257	17 125	11 665	20 559
North	806	492	258	432	6 565	5 031	2 947	5 441
Sai Kung	983	684	399	607	7 749	7 381	4 497	7 270
Sha Tin	2 004	1 438	784	1 220	15 389	14 508	8 112	13 639
Sham Shui Po	775	617	385	789	8 080	6 980	4 367	9 688
Southern	592	443	276	556	4 271	4 666	2 995	7 335
Tai Po	859	507	225	436	6 805	5 231	2 915	5 443
Tsuen Wan	539	458	286	542	4 454	4 862	3 440	6 183
Tuen Mun	1 720	999	454	540	14 202	11 167	5 515	7 780
Wan Chai	118	130	83	249	708	837	566	1 836
Wong Tai Sin	1 134	845	523	1 214	10 313	9 898	6 842	15 765
Yau Tsim Mong	446	488	282	572	3 317	3 416	2 108	4 721
Yuen Long	1 266	732	372	601	11 640	8 651	5 086	8 193
Total	**16 597**	**12 289**	**7 102**	**12 924**	**141 974**	**133 505**	**83 131**	**155 272**

[Note] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon the implementation of the Higher OALA on June 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2134)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the number of cases of persons aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79 and 80 or above receiving the elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) together with the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The number of all CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by age group and district is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the amount of CSSA expenditure with a breakdown by the age group of recipients.

Besides, in view of the improved life expectancy of the population of Hong Kong and the recent trend to extend the retirement age to 65, the Government announced in January 2017 that the eligible age for elderly CSSA would be raised from 60 to 65. SWD has implemented the new arrangement on 1 February 2019. Persons aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before the new arrangement takes effect are grandfathered and not affected. The CSSA payments of persons with disabilities or persons in ill health are not affected either. They will, regardless of age, continue to receive CSSA payments which are higher than those applicable to able-bodied adults.

Annex

Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by age group and district

District	2017-18				
	Aged 60 to 64	**Aged 65 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 74**	**Aged 75 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central & Western	246	271	224	215	1 109
Eastern	1 035	1 171	1 197	1 113	3 864
Islands	398	438	344	259	642
Kowloon City	1 227	1 484	1 257	1 187	3 707
Kwai Tsing	2 414	2 885	2 796	2 622	5 709
Kwun Tong	3 570	4 518	4 361	4 318	8 489
North	1 355	1 500	1 179	1 112	3 069
Sai Kung	834	1 001	856	710	1 597
Sha Tin	1 987	2 269	1 913	1 598	3 928
Sham Shui Po	2 340	2 659	2 229	2 274	5 496
Southern	641	674	680	658	2 598
Tai Po	792	913	784	764	2 498
Tsuen Wan	586	696	751	828	2 223
Tuen Mun	2 210	2 529	2 145	1 800	4 085
Wan Chai	102	123	109	94	458
Wong Tai Sin	1 983	2 065	1 948	1 963	5 025
Yau Tsim Mong	801	769	659	648	1 862
Yuen Long	2 744	2 759	2 231	1 968	4 322
Total	**25 265**	**28 724**	**25 663**	**24 131**	**60 681**

District	2018-19				
	Aged 60 to 64	**Aged 65 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 74**	**Aged 75 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central & Western	253	254	238	191	1 060
Eastern	1 060	1 135	1 172	1 057	3 704
Islands	475	451	409	242	640
Kowloon City	1 189	1 473	1 284	1 141	3 648
Kwai Tsing	2 422	2 746	2 703	2 502	5 664
Kwun Tong	3 558	4 307	4 331	3 985	8 433
North	1 317	1 416	1 160	1 056	2 957
Sai Kung	861	925	874	678	1 560
Sha Tin	1 963	2 209	1 910	1 552	3 794
Sham Shui Po	2 371	2 585	2 263	2 032	5 430
Southern	680	657	654	580	2 549
Tai Po	804	894	810	691	2 422
Tsuen Wan	577	692	714	739	2 190
Tuen Mun	2 150	2 472	2 178	1 762	4 000
Wan Chai	88	102	118	77	441
Wong Tai Sin	1 920	1 967	1 927	1 716	4 830
Yau Tsim Mong	735	742	622	584	1 800
Yuen Long	2 668	2 649	2 281	1 785	4 299
Total	**25 091**	**27 676**	**25 648**	**22 370**	**59 421**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)				
	Aged 60 to 64	**Aged 65 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 74**	**Aged 75 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central & Western	240	258	252	183	1 021
Eastern	1 072	1 076	1 194	1 028	3 697
Islands	480	454	440	224	649
Kowloon City	1 132	1 425	1 358	1 102	3 554
Kwai Tsing	2 347	2 637	2 730	2 456	5 634
Kwun Tong	3 386	4 055	4 396	3 851	8 355
North	1 288	1 370	1 266	990	2 877
Sai Kung	841	883	858	698	1 503
Sha Tin	1 885	2 114	1 959	1 538	3 727
Sham Shui Po	2 317	2 524	2 351	1 938	5 350
Southern	662	664	690	576	2 480
Tai Po	770	879	870	666	2 335
Tsuen Wan	545	649	710	687	2 155
Tuen Mun	2 052	2 380	2 282	1 696	4 006
Wan Chai	94	99	118	69	431
Wong Tai Sin	1 882	1 900	1 915	1 669	4 727
Yau Tsim Mong	727	725	650	545	1 768
Yuen Long	2 593	2 598	2 313	1 766	4 210
Total	**24 313**	**26 690**	**26 352**	**21 682**	**58 479**

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LWB(WW)119

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2358)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2019, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) "strengthened the manpower of Refuge Centres for Women, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) as well as the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) to enhance support for victims of domestic violence", please advise this Committee:

a) the target number of staff increase and actual number increased, the posts involved and the salary;

b) the total amount of expenditure involved in the related measure;

c) details of enhancing support for victims of domestic violence, whether the number of cases handled has been increased and the efficiency enhanced.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

To enhance the support for victims of domestic violence, SWD has provided additional manpower support resources for Refuge Centres for Women, MCISC and FCSC since October 2019 and January 2020, involving a total of 10 registered social workers and 10 ward attendants to strengthen the support for families in need at night, including arranging social worker on duty roster to provide immediate assistance. The additional manpower resources is determined by the criteria of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System. Under the System, non-governmental organisations can flexibly deploy their manpower resources to meet service needs. Furthermore, the Government has also provided additional manpower in 2019-20 to strengthen training for frontline professional staff on identifying and handling suspected child abuse cases. The additional full-year expenditure incurred by the 2 enhanced measures above is about $10 million. Arrange social workers on duty to provide immediate support.

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LWB(WW)120

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2360)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the 2019-20 Budget Speech that the Government will "prepare for purchasing premises for the provision of welfare services over a three-year period", so as to provide welfare facilities and services including child care centres (CCCs), day care centres for the elderly (DEs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), etc. Please advise this Committee:

a) the progress of the measure, the expenditure incurred and the remaining amount of the $20 billion provision at present; and

b) the owners of the premises sold to the Government, the amount of each transaction and the respective transaction costs (please set out in a list).

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on the some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2361)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form:

a) the number of cases with persons receiving various special grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) together with the expenditure involved;

b) when and how will the Government review the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement and the relevant supplements/special grants under the CSSA?

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

In early 2019, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up an inter-departmental working group to review the "pro-employment" measures and other improvement measures under the CSSA Scheme. To further encourage able-bodied CSSA recipients to work while ensuring the CSSA Scheme continues to serve as the safety net, the 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of enhancements to the Scheme. Specific measures on the DE arrangement and supplements/special grants include: (1) raising the maximum level of DE by 60% from $2,500 per month to $4,000 per month and increasing the maximum level of earnings to be totally disregarded from a new job from the first month's income to first 2 months' income in every 2 years; (2) increasing the maximum rent allowance for different household sizes under the CSSA Scheme; and (3) extending the Community Living Supplement and various special grants (including grants to cover costs of glasses and dental treatment, etc.) to eligible non-elderly able-bodied CSSA recipients.

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3276)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the implementation of compulsory quarantine starting 8 February 2020, persons undergoing home confinement may request the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to deliver daily necessities to their doorsteps. A trade union of social workers has issued a letter to its members, stating that it has received complaints from frontline staff. Unreasonable demands have been raised by some persons under quarantine, such as asking to have 20 boxes of dragon fruit, 2 pounds of sliced beef and 2 chickens delivered to their homes. This brings up the question of whether the Government has standards for provision of supplies. Please advise this Committee:

a) the number of deliveries made to persons under quarantine and the expenditure incurred by SWD since the commencement of compulsory quarantine;

b) how many persons under compulsory quarantine have requested SWD to deliver supplies and the percentage in the total number of persons under quarantine;

c) has SWD rejected the demands of persons under quarantine based on the "cardinal principle of being fair and reasonable"? If so, please list out the reasons for refusal;

d) Tamar Talk, the official Facebook page of the Government, has responded to relevant incidents with a hashtag "#Delicacies are out of the question". Regarding the types of supplies delivered, does SWD have specific standards?;

e) the branches under SWD responsible for the delivery of supplies, and the number of social workers involved in the provision of services.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) As at 29 February 2020, SWD has provided basic daily necessities and food to persons under quarantine for 11 934 times. The cost and transportation of such supplies involved an expenditure of about $1.5 million.

b) Between 8 and 29 February 2020, SWD has provided basic daily necessities, food and emotional support to 4 070 persons under compulsory home quarantine

(including those at home or other premises), involving a total of 2 598 households.

c) & d) Upon receipt of referrals from the Home Affairs Department, SWD will assess and render services based on the genuine needs of persons under quarantine, and provide designated basic daily necessities and food on a reasonable and justifiable basis.

e) Since the number of persons under compulsory home quarantine and their service needs vary for each district, District Social Welfare Officers of SWD will adopt flexibility in deploying manpower within the district's service units and resort to social enterprises and operators on the market, in order to provide basic daily necessities and food and arrange for delivery.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3277)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

a) the yearly figures of cases served, service places, persons on the waiting list and the waiting time;

b) the number of users of various services:

Service	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Nursing care service			
Rehabilitation training			
Personal care service			
Carer support service			
Home respite service			
Social work service			
Meal support service			
Household cleansing service			

c) the service cost per case on average;

d) the total funding allocation for each year; and

e) the number of such service users waiting for residential care services.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The 6 non-governmental organisations operating HCS across the territory served a total of 4 507, 4 730 and 4 342 cases in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) respectively. In 2019-20, the number of places under HCS was about 3 550. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted and the waiting time.

b) The number of HCS users by service type is shown in the table below:

Service	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Nursing care service (no. of hours)	32 482	39 502	32 766
Rehabilitation training (no. of hours)	63 279	73 552	57 069
Personal care service (no. of hours)	65 850	84 730	65 869
Carer support activities (no. of activities)	149	162	109
Home respite service (headcount of persons)	7 995	11 666	10 490
Social work service (no. of persons)	4 507	4 730	4 342
Meal support service (no. of persons)	21	76	155 [Note]
Household cleaning service (no. of persons)	2	16	24

[Note] 80 of the users have only used the service once.

c) Since the needs of individual service users and the services required differ, SWD does not have information on the service cost per case under HCS.

d) The actual expenditure on HCS in 2017-18 and 2018-19 were about $260 million and $290 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $300 million.

e) In 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019), there were 90, 55 and 29 persons respectively among the users of HCS waiting for residential care services for severely disabled persons.

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LWB(WW)124

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1877)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to a "satisfaction on child care services" survey conducted by a professional organisation in September last year, over 70% of the respondents had the experience of having no one to look after their children when away for work, and over 60% of them had never used child care services subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), citing inadequate child care service places, a lack of services within districts to which they belong, etc. Most Hong Kong parents are working parents, yet in the last 2 years, there has been only 1 additional organisation getting subvention to provide occasional child care services. There is still no child care institutions in the public sector to this date. In this connection, SWD is invited to advise this Committee of the following:

(a) Has consideration been given to providing more child care centres in the public sector or in the form of public-private partnership, to ensure service availability across the 18 districts so as to alleviate parents' burden? If yes, what are the details? If no, are there any alternatives?

(b) With regard to re-engineering in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and the consideration to convert them to provide after-school care service for pre-school children, how many MHCCCs will be available? How much time is needed for phase 1 of the re-engineering exercise?

(c) The existing child care services do not target or match the pre-school education needs of children with learning difficulties and special education needs. Given the fact that there are more and more children with special education needs, does SWD have any plan to take into account students with special education needs in the provision of child care services, e.g. deploying staff with relevant experience in child care centres of a larger scale? If no, in what ways can SWD assist these parents with regard to child care services?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) To further enhance day child care services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has planned to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval, etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases. Among them, 56, 88, 105 and 88 service places will be provided in the new aided standalone CCCs at Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, North District; Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong; Shek Mun Estate, Sha Tin; and Tin Shui Estate, Yuen Long respectively, which are expected to commence service in 2020-21. The number of additional places and implementation timetable for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing, however, has yet to be confirmed.

(b) MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 can also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources. SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of the re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2020-21.

(c) SWD provides a series of pre-school rehabilitation services for pre-school children with special needs, which include special child care centres, early education and training centres, integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres and On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services. The Government will review the supply and demand of services and the manpower supply of professionals concerned from time to time, and provide additional service places and manpower under various pre-school rehabilitation services in a timely manner.

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LWB(WW)125

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0249)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme, please advise the following:

1. the service units, manpower (by grade) and resources expected to be involved;

2. the initial plan of the pilot scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a 3-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme in 2020-21 to enhance EM services provided by district centres/service units in 9 districts with higher EM population, i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Under the pilot scheme, additional resources will be provided to some welfare service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations, including medical social services units, integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, parent/relatives resource centres, district elderly community centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated service centres for ex-offenders and their families. A total of 46 "EM District Ambassadors" will be employed so as to enhance service provision for EM communities. The pilot scheme will involve a total expenditure of about $29 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about $4.95 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0250)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

a) the service units, manpower (by grade), service places and resources involved since its launch in February 2018;

b) the number of participants since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme;

c) the main service details;

d) when an evaluation report will be released.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) being responsible for its implementation. It is expected to provide support for a total of at least 3 200 elderly persons in 3 years.

The Pilot Scheme supports elderly persons just discharged from public hospitals who are in need of transitional care and support, by providing them with transitional residential care and/or community care and support services for not more than 6 months in total through a "medical-social collaboration" model. It enables them to continue ageing-in-place in a familiar community after receiving needed services during the transitional period, preventing their premature long-term institutionalisation in residential care homes for the elderly. Transitional residential care services include basic and special nursing care, meal service, personal care service, regular visits by registered medical practitioners, regular social or recreational activities and laundry service, etc. As for transitional community care and support services, they include basic and special nursing care, personal care service, rehabilitation exercises, day care services, carer support services, respite services, counselling service, 24-hour emergency support, environmental risk assessment and home modifications, carer training and support services, home-making and meal delivery services, transportation and escort services, etc.

The Pilot Scheme is implemented in 10 hospitals (the United Christian Hospital, the Tseung Kwan O Hospital, the Haven of Hope Hospital, the Prince of Wales Hospital, the Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, the North District Hospital, the Sha Tin Hospital, the Tai Po Hospital, the Tuen Mun Hospital and the Pok Oi Hospital) under 3 hospital clusters (Kowloon East, New Territories East and New Territories West) of the Hospital Authority (HA).

SWD has invited eligible subvented homes, contract homes and EA1 homes under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to participate in the Pilot Scheme as approved service providers (ASPs) for providing transitional residential care services to needy elderly persons. For transitional community care and support services, SWD has invited existing recognised service providers under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly to participate as ASPs. At present, a total of 85 residential care homes and 75 community care service units under 104 organisations have joined the Pilot Scheme as ASPs to provide transitional services to elderly persons in need.

Under the Pilot Scheme, SWD has set up a Discharge Support Team consisting of 13 social workers, who work closely with the HA to plan the post-discharge transitional support services for the elderly persons referred by the HA and arrange for them to receive services from suitable service providers. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 102 elderly persons have received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme.

The Pilot Scheme has received a funding of about $226 million from the CCF to meet the expenditure incurred, covering the subsidy for transitional residential care and/or community care and support services, staff expenses, evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs, etc.

SWD has commissioned the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in June 2018 to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, and the evaluation report is expected to be completed in due course by 2020. The Government will formulate the way forward for the Pilot Scheme with reference to the evaluation results.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0251)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE), please advise the following:

(a) the service unit(s), manpower and resources involved;

(b) the manning ratio for each 1) social worker, 2) physiotherapist, 3) occupational therapist, and 4) speech therapist to elderly home(s) and to elderly persons;

(c) whether pharmacist service is included under MOSTE given that the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services for RCHEs) has been implemented for 5 years since 2010, and that the service is of paramount importance to elderly medication;

(d) when an interim review is expected to be conducted.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has progressively implemented a four-year Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE) since mid-February 2019. District-based professional teams comprising social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists have been set up to provide outreach services for residents in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), so as to address their social and rehabilitation needs. Apart from residents in private RCHEs, the speech therapy outreach service under MOSTE will also be provided for elderly residents with swallowing difficulties or speech impairment in contract homes (including the Day Care Units attached to contract RCHEs) and self-financing RCHEs/nursing homes.

The Pilot Scheme is a territory-wide project. Having regard to factors such as the distribution and number of homes, number of places and geographical factors, SWD has implemented the Pilot Scheme in 8 regional clusters. The total expenditure involved in the four-year MOSTE is about $873 million, which is disbursed in the form of a lump sum grant. Operating agencies may have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the specified output standard and outcome requirement.

Operating agencies will recruit and arrange the deployment of various professionals according to the situation and service needs of RCHEs in each district so as to ensure the proper provision of services. Besides, since the social and rehabilitation needs of residents in each private RCHE vary, operating agencies will arrange relevant services having regard to the actual situation of the RCHE and the needs of residents. As at end-December 2019, there were a total of 588 RCHEs participating in MOSTE, accounting for 94% of the total number of various types of RCHEs, with over 25 000 beneficiaries. SWD will also keep in view the implementation, the service mode and effectiveness of MOSTE.

In respect of drug management, RCHEs must comply with various regulations stipulated in the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons), which include adhering to the proper procedures in the drug management and assisting residents in using drugs. Having regard to the actual circumstances, SWD will make recommendations on improving drug management to RCHEs during inspections.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0252)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the $1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) to subsidise residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to procure technology products, please advise:

a) the service unit(s), manpower and resources involved;

b) the number of applications received since the launch of the I&T Fund; and

c) whether there are measures to monitor and manage approved funding items.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The Government launched the $1 billion I&T Fund in December 2019 to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent, and try out technology products, with an aim to improving the quality of life of services users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. As at December 2019, about 570 RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities, and over 950 service units providing subsidised community care and support services/day rehabilitation and community support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities, were eligible for applying for grants.

The Social Welfare Department has set up the Secretariat to the I&T Fund to co-ordinate the operation of the Fund and support the Assessment Panel. The Secretariat comprises 11 time-limited posts of social work officer grade and general supporting grade.

The I&T Fund was open for application for two tranches in 2019. The processing of first tranche of applications has been completed, with over 210 elderly and rehabilitation services units having been subsidised to procure or rent a total of over 870 item of technology products. For the second tranche, applications from over 650 service units for about 2 300 items of technology products were received. As at February 2020, the Assessment Panel had approved 1 248 items of technology products while the remaining applications were still under vetting. SWD has set restrictions on the Fund's operational and monitoring matters, and laid down guidelines on the procedures of application, procurement, payment and monitoring of the I&T Fund, with which applicant organisations and approved applicant

organisations must comply. The Secretariat will regularly review the utilisation of the Fund to evaluate its effectiveness.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0253)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About the "provision of speech therapy services for needy residents/service users of subvented residential care homes, day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FS))", please advise the following:

a) the service unit(s), manpower and resources involved;

b) the number of elderly beneficiaries since the launch of the services; and

c) whether it has assessed if the local manpower of speech therapists at present meets the service needs; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) & c) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated additional resources since October 2018 for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide speech therapy services for needy residents/service users of subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), subvented day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)). The full-year expenditure involved is about $63 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD will consider conducting timely assessment in future, having regard to the progress of the implementation of the measure and the overall service provision.

b) The number of elderly beneficiaries in subvented RCHEs, subvented DEs/DCUs and IHCS(FC) in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out as follows:

Year	Number of elderly beneficiaries		
	Subvented RCHEs	Subvented DEs/DCUs [Note 1]	IHCS(FC)
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	17 191 [Note 2]	2 767 [Note 3]	529 [Note 3]

[Note 1] The figure has excluded the number of DCUs attached to contract homes, where speech therapy services are provided by speech therapists under the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly.

[Note 2] The figure shows the headcount of elderly beneficiaries. Each elderly person may use speech therapy services multiple times.

[Note 3] The figure shows the number of elderly beneficiaries.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0254)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), please advise the following:

a) the number of participants and the percentage among those who continued to work as health workers in the welfare sector upon completion of course(s) over the past 3 years;

b) the service units and resources involved;

c) the publicity work for the Navigation Scheme;

d) the details of the enhanced Navigation Scheme and additional resources involved; and

e) the expected number of participants of the enhanced Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) & b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 445 trainees graduated, while 222 trainees are still in the Navigation Scheme. Based on the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units. The actual expenditure on the Navigation Scheme in 2017-18 and 2018-19 was about $34.6 million and $22.6 million respectively. The publicity work for the enhanced Navigation Scheme has commenced in the first quarter of 2020, and the revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $2.8 million.

c) To encourage the participation of young persons in the Navigation Scheme, SWD has produced a promotional video/radio broadcast to promote to the public the positive image of working in care services. The relevant promotional video was uploaded to online media for broadcasting, and was widely publicised via public transport, radio broadcast and Internet platforms before and after the release of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results. Besides, SWD organised award presentation ceremonies on 8 February 2018 and 17 May 2019 to recognise outstanding trainees of the Navigation Scheme.

d) & e) The Government will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The total expenditure involved will be around $226 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0255)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About "further increase(ing) service places under on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) and launch(ing) a pilot project to provide support for children in kindergartens (KGs) or kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs)", please advise:

a) the service unit(s), manpower (by post) and resources estimated to be involved;

b) the average waiting time for the service since 2019-20;

c) the details of the newly-launched pilot project and the service unit(s), manpower (by post) and resources involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will increase 1 000 OPRS places in each year for the 3 school years from 2020/21 to 2022/23, making an aggregated increase of 3 000 service places which will bring the total number to 10 000. OPRS is operated through the multi-disciplinary service teams coordinated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide service in KGs/KG-cum-CCCs participating in OPRS. Existing notional staffing establishment (NSE) for each standard service team providing 100 service places is set out in the Annex. The full-year expenditure on the additional 3 000 service places effective from 2023-24 is around $306 million.

b) OPRS was regularised in October 2018. The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

c) With about $64.5 million granted by the Lotteries Fund, the Government will implement a twenty-month "Pilot Scheme on Tier-1 Support Service in Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres" (Pilot Scheme) in the first half of 2020. 6 service teams will be set up by 6 NGOs operating OPRS, and are estimated to be able to provide early intervention services for children in about 80 KGs/KG-cum-CCCs and showing signs of special needs. Consultation and support services are also provided to parents and teachers. NSE of each service team consists of 1.25 Educational/Clinical Psychologists, 3 Senior Special Child Care Workers and 3.5 Special Child Care Workers.

Annex

NSE of OPRS [Note]
(A team serving 100 children)

Rank/Post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	1.50
Social Work Assistant	1.00
Clinical/Educational Psychologist	0.25
Senior Special Child Care Worker	1.00
Special Child Care Worker	5.50
Speech Therapist	2.00
Physiotherapist I	0.50
Occupational Therapist I	1.00
Occupational Therapist Assistant	1.00
Welfare Worker	1.00
Clerical Assistant	1.00
Motor Driver	1.00

[Note] NSE is used by SWD for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0256)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About the "provision of speech therapy service in residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and community support services", please advise:

a) the number of units, manpower (by post), resources, the number of RCHDs served and the number of served persons involved in the past 2 years;

b) the service unit(s), manpower (by posts) and resources estimated to be involved in the coming 2 years.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The Government has since 2018-19 made an additional provision of about $9 million to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons with mental handicap and care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons and recruited a total of about 14 speech therapists to provide speech therapy service for service users of the above RCHDs. About 7 760 service users from 143 RCHDs were involved.

The Government had made an additional full-year funding of about $26 million in 2019-20 to set up 24 additional posts of speech therapists in district support centres for persons with disabilities, home care service for persons with severe disabilities and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of service users of the above-mentioned community support services who have received speech therapy service), and to fund NGOs operating care and attention homes for the aged blind, long stay care homes and supported hostels to employ about 12 speech therapists for providing speech therapy service for a total of about 3 990 service users from 63 RCHDs.

It is estimated that in the coming 2 years, the Government will make an additional full-year funding of about $1.6 million to employ 2 speech therapists to provide speech therapy service for service users from about 10 additional RCHDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0257)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About the "multi-service centres for hearing impaired persons", please advise:

a) the service unit(s), manpower (by post), number of service users and resources involved over the past 3 years;

b) the service unit(s), manpower (by post), number of service users and resources involved in the coming 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides comprehensive social rehabilitation support services through subsidising 2 multi-service centres for hearing impaired persons (MSCs) operated by a non-governmental organisation. The number of counselling cases served and the expenditure of the MSCs over the past 3 years are shown in Table 1 of the Annex.

   Notional staffing establishment (NSE) is used by SWD for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has uploaded the samples of NSE of the subvented services to its webpage in February 2017 in order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations. The NSE of MSCs is shown in Table 2 of the Annex.

b) SWD has allocated additional resources to strengthen the manpower of MSCs in 2018-19, including adding 2 social workers, with a view to enhancing the professional support for the children of hearing impaired persons. The additional full-year expenditure involved is about $1.2 million. SWD will keep in view the service demand for MSCs to review the planning of the service.

Annex

Table 1: The number of counselling cases served and the expenditure of MSCs over the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of counselling cases served	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	871	12.9
2018-19 (Actual)	883	13.9
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	869 (as at end-December 2019)	15.1

Table 2: The NSE of MSCs is as follows:

Rank/Post	No. of staff
Social Work Officer	0.2
Assistant Social Work Officer	5.0
Senior Social Work Assistant	1.0
Sign Language Interpreter	4.0
Technician	2.0
Audiologist	1.0
Audiology Technician II	1.0
Speech Therapist	1.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0258)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About "regularise(ing) the Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables", please advise:

a) the number of applications received and approved respectively under the Pilot Scheme, as well as the number of approved applications with a breakdown by type of stoma and rate of subsidy;

b) the details of the scheme upon regularisation;

c) the unit(s), manpower (by post), number of service users and resources estimated to be involved in the coming 3 years.

d) whether the Government will entrust a specialist (e.g. a gastroenterologist or a urologist) who is familiar with the patient's condition and disability with the medical assessment required for the application of Disability Allowance by a stoma patient. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The Community Care Fund (CCF) launched a three-year "Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables" (Pilot Scheme) in September 2017. As at end-December 2019, 730 applications have been received, among which 603 applicants were approved to be eligible and have received the subsidy. The amount of subsidy disbursed is about $10.47 million. The number of beneficiaries broken down by amount of subsidy is as follows:

Amount of subsidy	Number of persons
Full grant of the subsidy ($1,000 per month)	558
Three-quarters grant of the subsidy ($750 per month)	30
Half grant of the subsidy ($500 per month)	15

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the figures of beneficiaries of the Pilot Scheme broken down by type of stoma.

b) The Government will regularise the Pilot Scheme to continue providing financial assistance for persons with permanent stoma from low-income families. The regularisation is still under planning. SWD will report to the CCF Task Force on the result of effectiveness evaluation and the specific details of the regularisation.

c) The Government has earmarked about $14 million full-year recurrent provision to regularise the Pilot Scheme in 2019-20. Apart from the expenditure on Special Subsidy, a dedicated unit under SWD will also be set up, with 1 social work officer, 1 assistant social work officer and 1 assistant clerical officer responsible for the implementation of the scheme. The estimated number of beneficiaries is about 1 000.

d) The Disability Allowance (DA) is a cash allowance without the need to go through a means-tested under the non-contributory Social Security Allowance Scheme. SWD provides the allowance to eligible persons with an aim to assist Hong Kong residents with severe disabilities to meet their special needs arising from the severe disabling condition. The applicants have to be certified as severely disabled and the severe disabling condition will persist not less than 6 months. The medical assessment under DA is conducted by doctors from the Department of Health or the Hospital Authority. The main duties of the doctors are to provide clinical diagnosis for patients and to assess the physical or mental status and functions of the patients so as to provide appropriate treatment and to follow up on their medical conditions. Under the existing arrangements, the medical assessments for DA are conducted during normal medical consultation sessions which most are carried out by the doctors in charge (including those from the general or specialist stream) according to the medical assessment criteria for DA. SWD will vet the applications according to the medical assessment results and other application criteria.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1198)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many elderly persons were receiving the Old Age Allowance (OAA) in each of the past 3 years and how much expenditure was involved? If the qualifying age for non-means-tested OAA ("fruit money") is to be lowered from the current 70 to 65, how many elderly persons are expected to benefit and how much expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The number of OAA cases and the expenditure incurred from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year	Number of cases	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	249 587	4,137
2018-19 (Actual)	250 600	4,860
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	266 226 (as at end-December 2019)	4,980

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, whereas the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme. The revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

The OAA under the social security system is a non-contributory, non-means-tested allowance funded entirely by general revenue, with the aim of providing monthly cash allowance to Hong Kong elderly residents aged 70 or above to meet special needs arising from old age. In the face of the growing elderly population, the number of OAA beneficiaries and public funds involved would continue to increase. Having considered the sustainability of the social security system, the Government has no plan to lower the age requirement of OAA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0490)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was mentioned in last year's Budget Speech that the Government would allocate $20 billion for the purchase of 60 properties for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities. Please advise:

1. the details of the latest development of the project; and

2. the estimated service commencement date of these facilities.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.:1)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on the some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory.

After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible. The time for commissioning the facilities will be subject to factors such as the availability of suitable and reasonably priced premises in the market, and the time for completing the purchase procedures and conducting internal fitting-out works.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)137

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0491)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) has been implemented for some time.

1. Please set out the relevant application situation in the table below.

Type of approved applicant organisations	Number of approved applications	Total amount of approved grant	Number of elderly beneficiaries
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing community care and support services for the elderly			
NGOs providing subsidised residential care services for the elderly			
Self-financing nursing homes participating in the "Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme"			
Recognised service providers (RSPs) under the "Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly"; RSPs under the "Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly"			
Private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the "Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)"			

NGOs providing day rehabilitation and community support services for persons with disabilities (PWDs)			
NGOs providing subsidised residential care services for PWDs			
Private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the "Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs (BPS)"			

2. Will the Government consider further expanding the scope, funding and application eligibility of the I&T Fund? If yes, please provide the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The I&T Fund was open for application for two tranches in 2019. For the first tranche, a total grant of some $37 million was approved to 210 elderly and rehabilitation services units to procure or rent a total of over 870 items of technology products. Details of the approved applications are set out in Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of elderly beneficiaries. For the second tranche of application, a total of about 2 300 items of technology products from over 650 service units were received. As at February 2020, the Assessment Panel had approved 1 248 items of technology products while the remaining applications are still under vetting.

2. All non-governmental and private organisations subsidised by SWD providing residential care services for the elderly or persons with disabilities, community care and support services for the elderly, or day rehabilitation and community support services are eligible for applying for the I&T Fund. SWD will regularly review the implementation of the I&T Fund.

Annex

The details of approved applications of Tranche 1 for the I&T Fund

Type of approved service units	Number of service units	Number of items	Total amount of approved grants ($ million)
Residential care services for the elderly [Note 1]	112	460	21.657
Community care and support services for the elderly [Note 2]	57	272	7.511
Residential care services for persons with disabilities [Note 3]	23	66	3.865
Day rehabilitation and community support services for persons with disabilities	24	74	4.529

[Note 1] Including subvented or contract homes, self-financing homes participating in Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, private RCHEs participating in EBPS, homes participating in the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, etc.

[Note 2] Including recognised service units under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

[Note 3] Including subvented homes and private RCHDs participating in the BPS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0492)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government indicated that it would continue to oversee the enhanced provision of secondary school social work services this year. In this connection, please advise the following:

1. How many secondary schools in Hong Kong are currently eligible for school social work services provided by the Government?
2. To date, how many eligible schools mentioned above have already implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school"? What is the reason for not implementing this measure in other schools?
3. What is the annual expenditure involved in implementing the "two school social workers for each school" measure? What is the average amount of subsidy received by each secondary school?
4. Secondary school social work services are to be provided by registered social workers holding a recognised degree in social work. What is the total number of social work degree graduates of universities and tertiary institutions in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. There is a total of 463 secondary schools in Hong Kong currently eligible for school social work services subvented by the Government.
2. To date, all the 463 eligible schools mentioned above have already implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school".
3. The Government has implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in secondary schools since the 2019/20 school year and strengthen supervisory manpower correspondingly, with an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of around $313 million involved. The estimated expenditure for school social work services in 2020-21 is about $759.3 million. The resources will be allocated among 34 non-governmental organisations operating secondary school social work services.
4. The total number of social work degree graduates of universities and tertiary institutions in the past 3 years (i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20) is about 828, 885 and 1 094 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1313)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), please advise the following:

(1) Please set out the number of trainees each year since its launch in 2015, the number of graduates still employed in social welfare service units to date, and the number of these social welfare organisations.

(2) Please set out the number of aforesaid graduates who have secured employment through the Navigation Scheme each year and their respective salaries in the table below:

Monthly salary	Number of graduates	Percentage of all graduates
Less than $10,000		
$10,000 to $20,000		
$20,000 to $30,000		
$30,000 to $40,000		
$40,000 or above		

(3) It is understood that the Government is enhancing the Navigation Scheme. Please provide the details and progress of the enhancements, and the additional expenditure involved.

(4) What is the impact of the enhanced Navigation Scheme so far?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) & (2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 445 trainees graduated, while 222 trainees are still in the Navigation Scheme. Based on the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units. SWD does not have relevant information on the social welfare organisations where graduates of the Navigation Scheme were employed and the relevant salaries.

(3) & (4) The Government will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The total expenditure involved will be around $266 million. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020. SWD will continue to keep in view the effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1314)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of approved Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications made by those who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years over the past 5 years in the table below.

Year	Aged 18 or above	Aged 18 or below	Total amount involved
2015-16			
2016-17			
2017-18			
2018-19			
2019-20			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of approved CSSA applications involving persons aged 18 or above who had resided in HK for less than 7 years is as follows:

Year	Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years
2015-16	1 339
2016-17	1 078
2017-18	1 191
2018-19	1 368
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	940

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the CSSA expenditures on CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years (CSSA is payable on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation) is as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)
2015-16	949
2016-17	933
2017-18	885
2018-19	899
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	673

[Note] The expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates; the actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, whereas the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, (2) a one-off grant of $2,000 to each needy student, whereas the revised estimate of expenditure for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of $2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1315)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding elderly persons receiving cash allowances under various social security schemes, please provide the number of recipients of the various allowances and the expenditure involved in each of the year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by age group of elderly persons:

1. Elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)
2. Old Age Allowance (OAA)
3. Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)
4. Normal OALA
5. Guangdong (GD) Scheme
6. Fujian (FJ) Scheme
7. Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)
8. Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)

(Please provide a breakdown by age group of elderly persons aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84 and 85 or above)

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The number of all CSSA (including the Portable CSSA Scheme) recipients with a breakdown by age group from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the amount of expenditure with a breakdown by age group of CSSA recipients.

The number of recipients under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme with a breakdown by the type of allowance and age group from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

The expenditure for the allowances for SSA recipients aged 60 or above with a breakdown by the type of allowance from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

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Table 1: Number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA) recipients by age group from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients					
	Aged 60 to 64	**Aged 65 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 74**	**Aged 75 to 79**	**Aged 80 to 84**	**Aged 85 or above**
2017-18	25 277	28 781	25 772	24 351	25 252	36 361
2018-19	25 102	27 720	25 744	22 549	23 963	36 334
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	24 324	26 730	26 442	21 833	23 118	36 209

Table 2: Number of SSA recipients by type of allowance and age group from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Type of allowance [Note 1]	**Age group**	**Number of recipients**		
		2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
OAA	Aged 60 to 64	N.A		
	Aged 65 to 69			
	Aged 70 to 74	99 640	108 037	119 049
	Aged 75 to 79	60 029	56 364	57 958
	Aged 80 to 84	49 559	46 477	47 113
	Aged 85 or above	40 359	39 722	42 106
Higher OALA [Note 2]	Aged 60 to 64	N.A	N.A	N.A
	Aged 65 to 69		139 137	142 024
	Aged 70 to 74		121 786	133 528
	Aged 75 to 79		78 934	83 139
	Aged 80 to 84		71 958	73 433
	Aged 85 or above		77 817	81 916
Normal OALA [Note 2]	Aged 60 to 64	N.A		
	Aged 65 to 69	143 868	17 381	16 625
	Aged 70 to 74	114 336	12 565	12 303
	Aged 75 to 79	80 835	7 840	7 105
	Aged 80 to 84	73 522	7 518	6 395
	Aged 85 or above	71 239	7 130	6 546
GD Scheme	Aged 60 to 64	N.A		
	Aged 65 to 69	2 193	1 931	2 205
	Aged 70 to 74	4 493	4 588	5 396
	Aged 75 to 79	3 985	3 884	3 849
	Aged 80 to 84	3 128	3 115	3 123
	Aged 85 or above	2 890	3 050	3 128
FJ Scheme [Note 3]	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Aged 65 to 69		186	154
	Aged 70 to 74		459	496
	Aged 75 to 79		310	323
	Aged 80 to 84		358	361
	Aged 85 or above		343	386
HDA	Aged 60 to 64	1 558	1 751	1 865
	Aged 65 to 69	1 754	1 439	1 527
	Aged 70 to 74	1 724	1 261	1 297
	Aged 75 to 79	2 032	1 249	1 198
	Aged 80 to 84	3 205	1 965	1 855
	Aged 85 or above	6 417	4 081	4 039
NDA	Aged 60 to 64	19 956	21 847	22 867
	Aged 65 to 69	7 792	7 550	8 152
	Aged 70 to 74	3 791	3 876	4 338
	Aged 75 to 79	2 566	2 268	2 298
	Aged 80 to 84	3 159	2 747	2 696
	Aged 85 or above	4 707	4 036	4 272

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above; OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme applicants must be aged 65 or above.

[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

[Note 3] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

Table3: Expenditure for the allowances for SSA recipients aged 60 or above by type of allowance from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Type of allowance [Note 1]	**Expenditure** [Note 4] **($ million)**		
	2017-18 (Actual)	**2018-19 (Actual)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate)**
OAA	4,137	4,860	4,980
Higher OALA [Note 2]	N.A.	25,897 [Note 5]	25,291
Normal OALA [Note 2]	15,331	4,040	1,787
GD Scheme	261	336	466
FJ Scheme [Note 3]	N.A.	22	107
HDA	747	611	583
NDA	936	1,073	1,154

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above; OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme applicants must be aged 65 or above.

[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

[Note 3] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

[Note 4] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme; whereas the revised estimate of expenditure for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the amount involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 5] The expenditure of the Higher OALA for 2018-19 included the disbursement of a one-off grant to eligible recipients of the Higher OALA, with retrospective effect from May 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1316)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients with a breakdown by type of residential care homes over the past 5 years.

	Number of recipients			
	Subsidised Residential Care Homes		Non-subsidised Residential Care Homes	
	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
2015-16				
2016-17				
2017-18				
2018-19				
2019-20				

Please list out the average monthly CSSA payments received by elderly singletons residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places according to their levels of disabilities.

Level of disabilities	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Able-bodied/50% disabled					
100% disabled					
Requiring constant attendance					
Others					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 in the Annex. The average monthly CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care homes from 2016 to 2020 by category are set out in Table 2 in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1 Number of CSSA recipients residing in residential care homes broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients			
	Subsidised residential care homes		Non-subsidised residential care homes	
	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
2015-16	9 195	16 474	4 354	24 340
2016-17	9 251	16 716	4 401	24 434
2017-18	9 201	16 755	4 302	24 607
2018-19	9 081	16 697	4 209	24 209
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	9 245	16 896	3 998	23 782

Table 2 The average monthly CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care homes from 2016 to 2020 by category

Type of residential care homes	Level of disability	1 February 2016 ($) [Note]	1 February 2017 ($) [Note]	1 February 2018 ($) [Note]	1 February 2019 ($) [Note]	1 February 2020 ($) [Note]
Subsidised residential care homes	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	4,193	4,343	4,521	4,715	4,921
	100% disabled	5,383	5,642	5,884	6,215	6,526
	Requiring constant attendance	8,467	8,918	9,208	9,569	9,895
Non-subsidised residential care homes	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled	6,064	6,361	6,657	7,062	7,793
	100% disabled	7,292	7,741	8,074	8,591	9,376
	Requiring constant attendance	9,481	10,036	10,467	11,169	12,147

[Note] This refers to the average amount of payment received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1317)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is revealed in the Child Protection Registry Statistical Report that, within the 10 years between 2006 and 2015, cases of children aged 2 or below died of assault account for 44.9%, and the number of newly reported child abuse cases involving children aged below 2 is also on the rise. Please advise this Committee:

1. the number of newly reported child abuse cases for children below 6 with a breakdown by age and the relationship between the abused and the abuser in each of the past 5 years;
2. the number of child abuse cases handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the number of abused children involved in each of the past 5 years; and
3. the staffing establishment and expenditure of FCPSUs in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. According to statistics collected by the Child Protection Registry of SWD, the number of newly reported child abuse cases by age group and perpetrator's relationship with the victim from 2015 to 2019 are set out at Annex. SWD does not have the breakdown mentioned in Question 1.
2. The number of child abuse cases handled by FCPSUs of SWD from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end of December 2019) and the number of abused children still being followed up as at 31 December are as follows:

Item \ Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of child abuse cases handled [Note 1]	2 353	2 487	2 531	2 800	2 671
Number of abused children involved in cases still being followed up as at 31 December [Note 2]	1 296	1 315	1 426	1 550	1 678

[Note 1] The number of abused children involved in each child abuse case may be more than 1.

[Note 2] The figure does not include the number of abused children involved in the cases closed in that year.

3. The staffing establishment of social workers in FCPSUs in the past 5 years is as follows:

Rank \ Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Senior Social Work Officer	11	11	11	14	14
Social Work Officer	119	119	119	155	155
Assistant Social Work Officer	49	49	49	51	51

The expenditure of FCPSUs is as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	208
2016-17 (Actual)	214
2017-18 (Actual)	216
2018-19 (Actual)	230
2019-20 (Revised estimate)	293

Annex

Table 1: Age Distribution of Abused Child

Year / Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0 to 2	92	158	222	185	170
3 to 5	100	104	91	99	98
6 to 8	179	153	157	177	180
9 to 11	174	172	127	227	181
12 to 14	209	194	212	237	239
15 to 17	120	111	138	139	138
Total	**874**	**892**	**947**	**1 064**	**1 006**

Table 2: Perpetrator's Relationship with the Victim

Relationship with the Victim	Number of Perpetrator				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Parent/Sibling/Step-parent/ Grandparent/Relative	624	629	655	776	739
Friend/Family friend	85	94	89	94	120
Caregiver/Teacher/School personnel/Tutor/Coach/ Religious personnel [Note 1]	56	58	54	60	56
Co-tenant/Neighbour	8	14	21	11	10
Unrelated person	103	79	107	79	75
Unidentified person/Others	24	37	31	40	25
Total [Note 2]	**900**	**911**	**957**	**1 060**	**1 025**

[Note 1] School and religious personnel are new items included in the data input form revised in July 2018.

[Note 2] The number of perpetrators and the number of victims do not tally because a perpetrator may abuse more than 1 child and a child may be abused by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1318)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding government-aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), please advise:

1. the number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the utilisation rate in the past 5 years;
2. the highest, lowest and median monthly fee charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 in the past 5 years;
3. the overall operating costs of aided standalone CCCs and the percentage of government subsidy in the overall operating costs of aided standalone CCCs in the past 5 years;
4. what measures are in place to further alleviate the financial burden of parents in using the services of aided standalone CCCs.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the utilisation rate for the past 5 financial years are set out at Annex.
2. The monthly service fees of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 in the past 5 financial years are set out below:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Highest Monthly fee ($)	6,100	6,300	6,345	6,500	6,538
Median Monthly fee ($)	5,238	5,532	5,537	5,537	5,537
Lowest Monthly fee ($)	4,360	4,385	4,385	4,385	4,385

3. The average percentage of subsidies provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) out of the operating costs of aided standalone CCCs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 financial years are set out below:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Aided standalone CCCs	N.A. [Note]	10%	22%	22%	34%

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SWD does not have the information.

4. The Government has raised the level of subsidies for subvented day CCC places in the 2019/20 academic year to alleviate the financial burden of parents in paying the service fee. As such, the full costs incurred in enhancing the manning ratios for child care workers in the 2019/20 school year were borne by the Government, and the "Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy" implemented in February 2020 have provided direct subsidies for parents to cover part of the service fees of aided CCCs at the ceiling of $600 per child each month.

Annex

Total number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and utilisation rate 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019)

Year	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
District	**Number of places**	**Utilisation rate**	**Number of places**	**Utilisation rate**	**Number of places**	**Utilisation rate**	**Number of places**	**Utilisation rate**	**Number of places**	**Utilisation rate**
Central & Western	48	100	48	100	48	100	48	100	48	100
Southern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100
Wan Chai	48	100	48	100	48	100	48	100	48	100
Kowloon City	64	95	64	100	67	99	67	100	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	96	98	96	100	99	100	99	100	99	100
Sham Shui Po	48	100	48	100	48	100	48	100	48	99
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sha Tin	70	100	72	100	72	100	72	100	72	100
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North	48	100	48	100	48	100	51	100	51	100
Yuen Long	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100
Tsuen Wan	76	100	76	100	76	100	76	100	76	100
Kwai Tsing	32	100	32	100	32	100	32	100	32	100
Tuen Mun	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100
Total:	**722**	**99**	**724**	**100**	**730**	**100**	**733**	**100**	**733**	**100**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1319)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the support for divorced parents and their children, please advise the following:

1. The Government set up 5 specialised co-parenting support centres in the past year. What is the annual amount of subsidies for these 5 centres?
2. What is the number of cases handled by each centre to support divorced families (with a breakdown by each of the 5 centres) in the past year?
3. Will the Pilot Project on Children Contact Service (Pilot Project) be continued? If yes, how many cases have been received under the Pilot Project and what is the amount of subsidies involved?
4. Apart from the Pilot Project above, how will the Government enhance the support for divorced parents and their children? Please give a breakdown by name of projects, estimated expenditure involved and expected number of cases to be handled.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up 1 specialised co-parenting support centre (centre) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the 5 regions in Hong Kong (namely Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West) in October 2019. Each centre will receive an allocation of about $6.23 million each year (not including subsidies on rent and rates). It is expected that each centre will provide co-parenting service for no less than 90 new cases every year.

As at December 2019, the 5 centres provided support services for a total of 171 cases. The table below shows the number of cases each centre handled:

Name of Centre	Number of cases handled
KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Kowloon East)	33
KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Hong Kong)	23
Parent-child Connect Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	72
Parent Child LINK Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	18
Circle of Love Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	25
Total	171

3. SWD launched a pilot project on children contact service with funding from the Lotteries Fund in September 2016. The project was completed in September 2019. After evaluating its effectiveness, SWD incorporated such service into the services of the 5 newly-set up specialised co-parenting support centres as one of the main support services in October 2019.

4. Apart from setting up the 5 centres to strengthen support for divorced/separated parents and their children, SWD provided additional manpower for the Integrated Family Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units and Family and Child Welfare Branch under its operation from 2018-19 onwards to enhance the support to parents involved in domestic violence facing separation/divorce, and provide child-focused services to their children to minimise the impact of separation/divorce. The services include the enhancement of supervisory support and training for professional staff in the district to identify families at risk of separation/divorce, and early intervention into cases where children and their parents facing separation/divorce are involved. The additional annual expenditure involved in the above measures is about $69.5 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1323)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

(1) It is mentioned in paragraph 6 under Programme (1) that the Government has "strengthened manpower in integrated family service centres operated by NGOs to enhance preventive and supportive services for … children and youths". (i) How will manpower be strengthened in each centre and (ii) what is the expenditure involved?

(2) On launching a new phase of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme), (i) what types of services will be involved? (ii) What additional volume of services is expected to provide? (iii) What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) To enhance preventive and supportive services for vulnerable children and youth, the Government has provided additional resources from 2019-20 onwards, providing a total of 26 frontline social workers for 24 integrated family service centres (IFSCs) and 2 integrated service centres (ISCs) operated by NGOs. A total of 14 family aide workers are also provided in 12 of these IFSCs and 2 ISCs. The annual recurrent expenditure for the measures is about $21.97 million.

(2) Under Phase 2 of the Special Scheme, an applicant organisation will have to provide a net increase in the provision of 1 or more than 1 of the following welfare service facilities as required:

Elderly services	(i)	Care and Attention Home providing a Continuum of Care (C&A Home/CoC)
	(ii)	Nursing Home (NH)
	(iii)	Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	(iv)	C&A Home/CoC cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly (DCU)
	(v)	NH-cum-DCU
Rehabilitation services	(vi)	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
	(vii)	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons
	(viii)	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons
	(ix)	Long Stay Care Home
	(x)	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre
	(xi)	Day Activity Centre
	(xii)	Special Child Care Centre
	(xiii)	Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons
	(xiv)	Supported Hostel for Mentally and Physically Handicapped Persons
	(xv)	On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services Office
Child care services	(xvi)	Child Care Centre
	(xvii)	Residential Child Care Centre
	(xviii)	Small Group Home

A total of 26 proposals were received from a total of 17 NGOs under Phase 2 of the Special Scheme by the closing date of application on 30 August 2019. The Social Welfare Department is examining the preliminary proposals and will discuss with applicant organisations progressively to finalise the details of the proposals such as the service type and number of places, development parameters, project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1324)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the existing Cyber Youth Support Teams, please advise:

(i) what assistance and support have been provided by the Department, including resources and skills; and

(ii) whether the Department will set up more such support teams in the future. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

Starting from 1 December 2018, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up 5 Cyber Youth Support Teams (the Teams) on Hong Kong Island, in East Kowloon, West Kowloon, New Territories East and New Territories West respectively. The social workers reach out to at-risk and hidden youth on the online platforms commonly used by young people so as to provide guidance and counselling services with regard to their problems in social, emotion, personal growth and development areas as well as deviant behaviours relating to the use of the Internet. In addition to recurrent funding, SWD provided a one-off special funding of $1 million to the Teams ($200,000 for each team) on their inception so as to help them acquire the equipment and facilities. As for manpower establishment, each Team has 1 Analyst/Programmer II for providing technical support to the online systems of the NGO. SWD will continue to review the development and needs of the Teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1327)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding child care services for children aged below 3, please advise the following:

1. (1) the number of places provided by long full-day child care services, (2) average utilisation rate, (3) number of extended hours service (EHS) places and (4) utilisation rate of EHS places for children aged below 3 by districts across the territory in the past 3 years in table form.
2. The Government has launched the second phase of a 3-year pilot scheme last year to provide social work service for subsidised/aided Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs). Up to now, what is the position on providing social work service for PPIs above? Please set out in table form.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places provided by long full-day child care service (including aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) as well as the number of places and average utilisation rate of EHS for children aged below 3 by districts across the territory in the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex.
2. For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has allocated about $990 million from the Lotteries Fund to provide social work services in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided pre-primary institutions (PPIs) (including aided CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs) across the territory. The pilot scheme is implemented in 3 phases. About 16 social work teams will be set up in each phase giving a total of about 48 teams. Phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme, which will last for 3 and 2.5 years, have commenced operation in February and August 2019 serving 246 and 239 eligible PPIs respectively. Phase 3 of the pilot scheme will commence operation in August 2020 and will last for 1.5 years. The aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service mentioned in para 1 above are PPIs eligible for inclusion in the pilot scheme.

Annex

Table 1: The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS across the territory by district (2017-18)

District	Aided CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs		EHS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places [Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	462	32	74	49
Southern	-	N.A.	283	58	70	86
Islands	-	N.A.	226	39	14	37
Eastern	64	100	340	69	190	43
Wan Chai	48	100	123	80	94	51
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	564	84	232	52
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	392	80	196	57
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	642	44	88	47
Kowloon City	67	99	421	58	156	46
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	215	93	146	40
Sham Shui Po	62	100	275	76	164	65
Sha Tin	72	100	374	89	110	43
Tai Po	-	N.A.	165	80	96	45
North	48	100	245	72	74	55
Yuen Long	64	100	319	100	130	52
Tsuen Wan	76	100	188	81	94	46
Kwai Tsing	32	100	358	85	146	39
Tuen Mun	64	100	479	70	180	47
Total	**744**	**100**	**6 071**	**69**	**2 254**	**50**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2017

Table 2: The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS across the territory by district (2018-19)

District	Aided CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs		EHS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places [Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	462	33	80	52
Southern	-	N.A.	294	67	70	85
Islands	-	N.A.	284	36	14	22
Eastern	64	100	356	65	198	43
Wan Chai	48	100	158	77	94	55
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	563	85	232	52
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	405	79	196	54
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	758	39	88	47
Kowloon City	67	100	517	53	164	41
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	217	95	138	42
Sham Shui Po	62	100	307	70	164	63
Sha Tin	72	100	425	85	110	50
Tai Po	-	N.A.	182	76	96	46
North	51	100	315	62	74	62
Yuen Long	64	100	367	91	122	46
Tsuen Wan	76	100	210	81	94	44
Kwai Tsing	32	100	374	81	146	33
Tuen Mun	64	100	511	70	180	45
Total	**747**	**100**	**6 705**	**66**	**2 260**	**49**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2018.

Table 3: The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS across the territory by district (April to December 2019)

District	Aided CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs		EHS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places [Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	459	30	99	47
Southern	-	N.A.	343	60	73	83
Islands	-	N.A.	195	35	27	16
Eastern	64	100	361	63	189	39
Wan Chai	48	100	161	76	94	50
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	582	83	226	47
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	379	78	210	54
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	609	49	94	51
Kowloon City	67	100	479	56	151	36
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	240	87	139	42
Sham Shui Po	62	99	304	69	165	59
Sha Tin	72	100	450	82	112	45
Tai Po	-	N.A.	189	65	94	38
North	51	100	282	61	82	61
Yuen Long	64	100	340	92	122	47
Tsuen Wan	76	100	223	76	98	43
Kwai Tsing	32	100	410	64	138	34
Tuen Mun	64	100	510	67	173	48
Total	**747**	**100**	**6 516**	**66**	**2 286**	**47**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1328)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding short-term food assistance service, what is the total number of organisations operating the service in all districts in Hong Kong over the past 3 years? How many people have benefited from the service? What is the amount of government subsidy received by these organisations each year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

As at the end of July 2018, there were 7 Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects) operated by a total of 7 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in various districts across the territory. The Projects have been increased to 8 since August 2018, operated by 7 NGOs. The amount of expenditure and the headcount of beneficiaries are as follows:

Year	Total expenditure ($ million)	Headcount of beneficiaries [Note 1]
2017-18 (Actual)	77.4	36 561
2018-19 (Actual)	133.0 [Note 2]	38 622
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	162.2 [Note 3]	31 090 (as at end-December 2019)

[Note 1] Service users may use the service for more than once.

[Note 2] The actual expenditure for 2018-19 is higher than last year mainly due to an increase in the average duration for service users to receive food assistance.

[Note 3] Given that the revised estimate for 2019-20 covers the end of March 2020, and the need for service users to extend the duration for food assistance was greater than expected, the revised estimate for 2019-20 is therefore higher than last year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1329)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding domestic violence, please advise this Committee:

1. the number of domestic violence cases handled in the past 2 years, with a breakdown by physical violence, psychological violence, sexual violence and others;
2. for each category of the domestic violence cases above, a breakdown by the relationship of the abused and the abuser;
3. the number of child abuse cases handled in the past 2 years, with a breakdown by physical violence, psychological violence, sexual violence and others;
4. for each category of the child abuse cases above, a breakdown by the relationship of the child abused and the abuser;
5. the Government has provided more manpower support for Refuge Centres for Women, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) in the past year. How is the operation of these centres before and after the additional support? What is the related expenditure?
6. the Government stated last year that it would enhance measures to combat domestic violence, including giving support to children who had witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence. What is the progress of these measures? What are the anticipated expenditure involved and the implementation schedule?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 4. The number of newly reported cases of domestic violence (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) as collected by the "Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases" and the "Child Protection Registry" of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2018 and 2019 by type and perpetrator's relationship with the victim is set out at Annex.

5. to 6. The Government is committed to stepping up its efforts to combat domestic violence. To enhance the support for victims of domestic violence, SWD has provided additional manpower resources for Refuge Centres for Women, MCISC and FCSC since October 2019 and January 2020, a total of 10 social workers and 10 ward attendants are involved to strengthen the support for families in need at night. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations can flexibly deploy their manpower resources to meet service needs. Furthermore, the Government has also provided additional manpower in 2019-20 to strengthen training for frontline professional staff on identifying and handling suspected child abuse cases. The additional full-year expenditure incurred by the 2 enhanced measures above is about $10 million. SWD has provided additional resources for CEASE Crisis Centre of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals starting from January 2020 to raise the awareness of ethnic minorities towards domestic and sexual violence through public education programmes and other activities, and to encourage victims to seek help. The additional full-year expenditure to be incurred is about $1.96 million.

Annex

Table 1: Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases

(1) Newly Reported Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases

Year / Type	2018	2019
Physical violence	2 349	2 313
Sexual violence	23	20
Psychological abuse	353	311
Multiple violence	212	276
Total	**2 937**	**2 920**

(2) Perpetrator's Relationship with the Victim

Relationship with the Victim	Number of Perpetrators	
	2018	2019
Husband	1 724	1 847
Wife	367	333
Estranged husband/ex-husband	128	116
Estranged wife/ex-wife	32	38
Heterosexual cohabitant	461	373
Same-sex cohabitant	13	10
Heterosexual ex-cohabitant	206	199
Same-sex ex-cohabitant	6	4
Total	**2 937**	**2 920**

Table 2: Child Abuse Cases

(1) Newly Reported Child Abuse Cases

Year / Type	2018	2019
Physical abuse	493	430
Neglect	237	237
Sexual abuse	297	305
Psychological abuse	11	8
Multiple abuse	26	26
Total	**1 064** [Note]	**1 006** [Note]

(2) Perpetrator's Relationship with the Victim

Relationship with the Victim	Number of Perpetrators	
	2018	2019
Parent/Sibling/Step-parent/ Grandparent/Relative	776	739
Friend/Family friend	94	120
Caregiver/Teacher/School personnel/ Tutor/Coach/Religious personnel	60	56
Co-tenant/Neighbour	11	10
Unrelated person	79	75
Unidentified person/Others	40	25
Total	**1 060** [Note]	**1 025** [Note]

[Note] The number of newly reported child abuse cases and the number of perpetrators do not tally because a perpetrator may abuse more than 1 child and a child may be abused by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1330)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of the 2017/18 to 2019/20 school years, please provide child care centre (CCC) information sought in the attached tables:

Table 1:

Full-day service provided by aided CCCs													
Age		Below 2						2 to 3					
Year		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative district		Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Central Western, Southern and Islands	Central & Western												
	Southern												
	Islands												
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern												
	Wan Chai												
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City												
	Yau Tsim Mong												
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po												
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong												
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin												
	Sai Kung												
Sha Tin	Sha Tin												
Tai Po/ North	Tai Po												
	North												
Yuen Long	Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan												
	Kwai Tsing												
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun												
Total:													

Table 2:

Half-day service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs														
Age		Below 2						2 to 3						
Year		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		
SWD administrative district		Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	
Central Western, Southern and Islands	Central & Western													
	Southern													
	Islands													
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern													
	Wan Chai													
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City													
	Yau Tsim Mong													
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po													
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong													
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin													
	Sai Kung													
Sha Tin	Sha Tin													
Tai Po/ North	Tai Po													
	North													
Yuen Long	Yuen Long													
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan													
	Kwai Tsing													
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun													
Total:														

Table 3:

Full-day service provided by kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs)														
Age		Below 2						2 to 3						
Year		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		
SWD administrative district		Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	
Central Western, Southern and Islands	Central & Western													
	Southern													
	Islands													
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern													
	Wan Chai													
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City													
	Yau Tsim Mong													
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po													
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong													
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin													
	Sai Kung													
Sha Tin	Sha Tin													
Tai Po/ North	Tai Po													
	North													
Yuen Long	Yuen Long													
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan													
	Kwai Tsing													
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun													

Full-day service provided by kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs)												
Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
SWD administrative district	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Total:												

Table 4:

Half-day service provided by KG-cum-CCCs													
Age		Below 2 [Note 2]						2 to 3					
Year		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	
SWD administrative district		Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Central Western, Southern and Islands	Central & Western												
	Southern												
	Islands												
Eastern/ Wan Chai	Eastern												
	Wan Chai												
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon City												
	Yau Tsim Mong												
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po												
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong												
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Wong Tai Sin												
	Sai Kung												
Sha Tin	Sha Tin												
Tai Po/ North	Tai Po												
	North												
Yuen Long	Yuen Long												
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan												
	Kwai Tsing												
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun												
Total:													

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

SWD compiles statistics on service places by financial year. The total number of places and the number of places utilised in respect of full-day care service provided by aided standalone CCCs, half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs, full-day care service provided by CCCs attached to KGs and half-day care service provided by CCCs attached to KGs by district for the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Total number of full-day care service places provided by aided standalone CCCs and number of places utilised from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019)

Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
District	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Central & Western	48	48	48	48	48	48						
Southern	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Eastern	64	64	64	64	64	64	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wan Chai	48	48	48	48	48	48						
Kowloon City	67	67	67	67	67	67						
Yau Tsim Mong	99	99	99	99	99	99						
Sham Shui Po	48	48	48	48	48	48	14	14	14	14	14	14
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Sha Tin	72	72	72	72	72	72						
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	-						
North	48	48	51	51	51	51	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	64	64	64	64	64	64						
Tsuen Wan	76	76	76	76	76	76						
Kwai Tsing	32	32	32	32	32	32						
Tuen Mun	64	64	64	64	64	64						
Total:	**730**	**730**	**733**	**733**	**733**	**733**	**14**	**14**	**14**	**14**	**14**	**14**

Table 2: Total number of half-day care service places provided by non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs and number of places utilised from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019)

Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
District	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Central & Western							162	105	162	94	162	62
Southern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islands							-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern							303	237	303	190	196	117
Wan Chai	20	18	20	18	20	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City	36	29	36	25	36	28	1 128	813	1 306	950	1 306	845
Yau Tsim Mong							32	28	32	27	116	34
Sham Shui Po							-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong							296	294	296	272	296	260
Wong Tai Sin							-	-	-	-	-	-
Sai Kung							-	-	238	128	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po							-	-	-	-	-	-
North							-	-	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long							-	-	-	-	102	12
Tsuen Wan							336	175	336	181	336	127
Kwai Tsing							28	28	28	28	28	28
Tuen Mun							-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	**56**	**47**	**56**	**43**	**56**	**43**	**2 285**	**1 680**	**2 701**	**1 870**	**2 542**	**1 485**

Table 3: Total number of full-day care service places provided by CCCs attached to KGs [Note] and number of places utilised from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019)

Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
District	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	524	170	533	178	581	176
Southern	30	24	30	30	30	30	231	127	250	157	296	166
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	246	96	319	116	266	93
Eastern	30	27	30	28	30	28	443	297	510	315	623	372
Wan Chai	16	12	16	13	16	16	194	156	238	182	234	172
Kowloon City	32	26	32	30	33	33	870	504	1 012	538	976	542
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-	-	293	274	291	276	311	269
Sham Shui Po	16	16	16	16	16	16	306	227	346	235	335	227
Kwun Tong	72	47	60	46	60	42	480	418	466	399	495	418
Wong Tai Sin	31	30	31	30	31	30	387	306	403	313	375	287
Sai Kung	38	36	38	38	38	36	658	273	845	310	682	318
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	483	427	545	466	576	469
Tai Po	14	14	14	14	14	14	194	155	230	175	228	149
North	-	-	-	-	-	-	281	203	363	224	334	205
Yuen Long	20	19	20	20	24	24	361	361	409	369	381	347
Tsuen Wan	24	18	24	24	24	24	224	184	247	195	245	178
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	-	-	-	341	292	367	297	429	274
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	508	356	517	362	572	381
Total:	**323**	**269**	**311**	**289**	**316**	**293**	**7 024**	**4 826**	**7 891**	**5 107**	**7 939**	**5 043**

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September of each school year.

Table 4: Total number of half-day care service places provided by CCCs attached to KGs [Note] and number of places utilised from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019)

Age	Below 2						2 to 3					
Year	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
District	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised	Total no. of places	No. of places utilised
Central & Western	64	11	64	24	80	23	1 504	488	1 640	547	1 537	466
Southern	90	26	96	45	96	46	890	489	814	511	848	474
Islands	-	-	14	-	14	10	628	244	700	254	761	266
Eastern	326	214	290	181	290	185	2 741	1 837	2 966	1 835	2 741	1 637
Wan Chai	-	-	-	-	-	-	638	513	618	473	590	434
Kowloon City	120	83	120	81	120	114	3 459	2 004	3 661	1 946	3 179	1 766
Yau Tsim Mong	48	48	48	48	48	48	888	831	857	812	993	860
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	651	483	846	575	959	650
Kwun Tong	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 021	887	793	678	848	716
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	-	-	-	410	324	379	294	331	254
Sai Kung	8	5	8	4	24	6	2 354	977	2 712	995	2 190	1 021
Sha Tin	16	-	16	-	16	-	1 688	1 493	1 571	1 341	1 471	1 199
Tai Po	-	-	-	-	-	-	569	455	630	478	724	472
North	8	-	8	-	8	-	489	353	687	423	592	363
Yuen Long	24	-	24	-	24	-	758	758	1 009	911	967	881
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	-	-	-	921	756	924	730	959	699
Kwai Tsing	-	-	-	-	26	-	862	737	801	647	933	597
Tuen Mun	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 262	883	1 356	950	1 342	896
Total:	**704**	**387**	**688**	**383**	**746**	**432**	**21 733**	**14 512**	**22 964**	**14 400**	**21 965**	**13 651**

[Note] Figures provided by the EDB as at September of each school year

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LWB(WW)152

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1331)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the following:

1. Please set out in the table below the highest, the median and the lowest monthly fee charged by aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) for children aged below 2 and those charged by aided CCCs for children aged 2 to 3 from 2017-18 to 2019-20 respectively.

   Table 1: Monthly fee of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Highest monthly fee			
Median monthly fee			
Lowest monthly fee			

   Table 2: Monthly fee of aided CCCs for children aged 2 to 3

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Highest monthly fee			
Median monthly fee			
Lowest monthly fee			

2. Please set out in the table below the percentage of subsidy provided by the government in the overall operating costs of aided standalone CCCs from 2017-18 to 2019-20 respectively.

   Table 3: Percentage of government subsidy in the overall operating costs of aided CCCs

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Aided standalone CCCs			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The monthly service fees of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and those of aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) for children aged 2 to below 3 in the past 3 financial years are set out below:

Table 1: Monthly service fees of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Highest Monthly fee ($)	6,345	6,500	6,538
Median Monthly fee ($)	5,537	5,537	5,537
Lowest Monthly fee ($)	4,385	4,385	4,385

Table 2: Monthly service fees of aided CCCs for children aged 2 to below 3

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Highest Monthly fee ($)	6,159	6,906	5,865
Median Monthly fee ($)	3,945	4,150	3,298
Lowest Monthly fee ($)	2,371	2,467	1,412

2. CCCs providing child care service for children aged below 3 include standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs. Since the implementation of the harmonisation of pre-primary services in September 2005, standalone CCCs are regulated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) while CCCs attached to KGs are regulated by the Education Bureau (EDB). CCC services are fee-charging and the operating cost of each CCC varies. The average percentage of subsidies provided by SWD out of the operating costs of aided standalone CCCs in the past 3 financial years are set out below:

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Aided standalone CCCs	22%	22%	34%

CCCs attached to KGs are regulated by EDB. SWD does not have information on the relevant operating costs and the percentage of subsidies out of the overall operating costs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1332)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding elder abuse:

1. Please provide the number of elder abuse cases reported to the Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by type of abuse (physical abuse/psychological abuse/ neglect/financial abuse/abandonment/sexual abuse/multiple abuse/others);
2. It is understood that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has a Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases (CIS). How does the system operate? What is the annual expenditure involved?
3. What measures does the Government currently have in place to prevent elder abuse? What are the respective annual expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of elder abuse cases from January 2017 to December 2019, broken down by the nature of abuse, is tabulated as follows:

Year	Physical abuse	Psychological abuse	Neglect	Financial abuse	Abandonment	Sexual abuse	Multiple abuse	Total
2017	355	74	2	109	-	5	24	569
2018	340	43	2	68	-	15	28	496
2019	331	41	5	71	-	6	34	488

2. SWD has developed CIS, which aims to collect the general profile and characteristics of the reported elder abuse cases and provide statistical data for the reference of the professionals providing services on the prevention and handling of elder abuse. When the case is identified as an elder abuse case, social workers or other personnel responsible for case handling must report the case details through CIS. The relevant expenditure for the operation of CIS is absorbed by the existing resources of SWD, and therefore the breakdown of the expenditure is unavailable.

3. SWD has been using various media channels and means to publicise the message of "Protecting Elderly Persons Against Abuse" to the general public. Public education programmes and activities on the prevention of elder abuse are organised by the District Social Welfare Offices and service units of SWD. Furthermore, SWD has also produced a set of 6 leaflets of different designs on "Protecting Elderly Persons Against Abuse" to enhance the awareness of elderly persons, their families and other members of the public on the problem for preventing the occurrence of elder abuse incidents. Apart from English and Chinese, the promotional leaflets are also available in various ethnic minority languages. Besides, SWD has earmarked $4 million in 2020-21 for organising publicity and public education programmes under the "Strengthening Families and Combating Violence" campaign (including prevention of elder abuse).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1333)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government is launching a five-year scheme to provide full subsidies for all private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to join accreditation schemes. To date, how many private RCHEs have applied for the scheme? How many homes have been accredited? What is the expenditure involved in this scheme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining the approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service. Over 500 private RCHEs can participate in the subsidy scheme, involving an expenditure of about $52 million. As at end-February 2020, there were 57 private RCHEs registered for joining accreditation schemes included under the Accreditation Subsidy Scheme, namely the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Accreditation Division and the Residential Care Home for the Elderly Certification Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency.

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LWB(WW)155

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2509)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding measures to facilitate the retirement of elderly persons in the Mainland, please advise:

1. the number of successful applicants under various schemes

	Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme	Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the GD Scheme	OAA under the FJ Scheme	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the GD Scheme	OALA under the FJ Scheme
2015-2016					
2016-2017					
2017-2018					
2018-2019					
2019-2020					
Estimate for the year					

2. the annual expenditure involved (with administrative costs excluded)

	PCSSA Scheme	OAA under the GD Scheme	OAA under the FJ Scheme	OALA under the GD Scheme	OALA under the FJ Scheme
2015-2016					
2016-2017					
2017-2018					
2018-2019					
2019-2020					
Estimate for the year					

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has appointed agents to provide assistance to elderly persons who are unable to return to Hong Kong to complete the application procedures due to health reasons. Please list out the names of those agents, the annual agent fees incurred for the appointment by the Government, and the number of cases served over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of recipients of the PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2016-17 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by type of assistance and allowance is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

2. The expenditure on the PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

3. SWD has appointed the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch as the implementation agent for the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. In addition to providing assistance to the elderly persons who are unable to travel to Hong Kong to go through the application procedures, the agent also conducts annual case reviews for all cases (including home visits), provides enquiry service to elderly beneficiaries, handles reports of change of status, identifies appropriate appointees for elderly beneficiaries in need and makes recommendation to SWD, assists SWD in recovering overpayments and investigating suspected fraud cases, etc. In view that the portable schemes are launched in different phases, the period of contracts entered between SWD and agents varies. In response to the question, the contract fees paid to agents and the number of cases served from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by type of assistance and allowance are set out in Tables 3 and 4 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of recipients of PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by type of assistance and allowance

Year [Note 1]	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme [Note 2]	
		OAA	OALA	OAA	OALA
2016-17	1 486	14 600	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2017-18	1 329	16 689	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2018-19	1 206	16 568	N.A.	1 656	N.A.
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 143	16 108	1 593	1 622	98
2020-21 (Estimate)	1 278	11 000	17 000	3 000	6 000

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020, and SWD has started receiving applications from 1 November 2019.

[Note 2] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

Table 2: Expenditure on PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2016-17 to 2020-21

Year [Note 1]	Expenditure on PCSSA ($ million)	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme [Note 2]	
		Expenditure on OAA ($ million)	Expenditure on OALA ($ million)	Expenditure on OAA ($ million)	Expenditure on OALA ($ million)
2016-17 (Actual)	77	256	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2017-18 (Actual)	70	261	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2018-19 (Actual)	69	336	N.A.	22	N.A.
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	65	295	171	48	59
2020-21 (Estimate)	64	200	763	53	263

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme..

[Note 2] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

Table 3: Contract fees paid to agents from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of assistance and allowance

Year	Contract fees for PCSSA ($ million)	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme [Note 1]	
		Contract fees for OAA ($ million)	Contract fees for OALA ($ million) [Note 2]	Contract fees for OAA ($ million)	Contract fees for OALA ($ million) [Note 2]
2015-16	1.87	6.66	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2016-17	1.75	5.52	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2017-18	1.93	5.29	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2018-19	1.83	5.70	N.A	3.67	N.A
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1.46	4.32	N.A	1.87	N.A

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020.

Table 4: Number of cases served by agents from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of assistance and allowance

Year	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme [Note 1]	
		OAA	OALA [Note 2]	OAA	OALA [Note 2]
2015-16	1 671	15 579	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2016-17	1 510	14 354	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2017-18	1 390	15 803	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2018-19	1 253	16 189	N.A	1 473	N.A
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 172	15 133	N.A	1 555	N.A

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2510)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding "pro-employment" measures for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients:

1. Please list out the "pro-employment" measures under the CSSA Scheme, the number of participants and the expenditure involved over the past 3 years and in the future.

Name of "pro-employment" measure	Number of participants	Expenditure involved
1.		
2.		
3.		

2. Please advise the number of CSSA recipients participating in the aforementioned "pro-employment" measures with a breakdown by the following age groups:

   Aged 18 to 29

   Aged 30 to 39

   Aged 40 to 49

   Aged 50 to 59

   Aged 60 to 64

3. What is the annual expenditure for the aforementioned "pro-employment" measures?

4. Please advise the number of persons leaving the CSSA net after participating in the aforementioned "pro-employment" measures over the past 3 years.

5. Please advise the number of able-bodied CSSA adults having been exempted from participating in aforementioned "pro-employment" measures over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 4. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment.

From January 2013 to end-December 2019, a total headcount of 105 134 persons had participated in the IEAPS, with 22 111 participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among them, 5 039 participants left the CSSA net. SWD does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants with a breakdown by year or the other information sought.

The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the IEAPS from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	122
2018-19 (Actual)	126
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	126

SWD will continue to provide enhanced employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients through NGOs starting from April 2020. The estimated expenditure for employment support services in 2020-21 is around $174 million and it is expected that there will be about 12 300 recipients to participate.

5. All able-bodied persons aged 15 to 59 on CSSA are required to participate in the IEAPS, while able-bodied adults aged 60 to 64 may participate on a voluntary basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2511)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Over the past 3 years,
   (i) what is the annual number of referral cases received by early education and training centres (EETCs)?
   (ii) how many of the above are referred from the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab) each year respectively?
   (iii) what is their average waiting time in CRSRehab?
2. In the 2020-21 Estimates of Expenditure, regarding EETCs:
   (i) are there any additional posts?
   (ii) if yes, what is the number? What are the duties involved?
   (iii) what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of referral cases received by CRSRehab of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for EETCs, number of referral cases referred from CRSRehab to EETCs and the average waiting time in each of the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

EETC	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of new applicants	3 913	3 269	1 364
Number of cases having been allocated services	3 535	4 005	2 390
Average waiting time (in months)	16.2	16.6	Not yet available [Note]

[Note] The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

2. No additional post in the Notional Staffing Establishment is involved in the provision for EETCs in the 2020-21 Budget.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2512)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. for the past 3 years, (i) the respective numbers of elderly persons aged 60 or above diagnosed as having dementia, with a breakdown by stage of dementia (including early signs, mild, moderate and severe); (ii) the respective numbers of cases receiving day care and home-based training services; and (iii) the respective numbers of support and training services for carers.
2. since the introduction of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low Income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers) under the Community Care Fund, (i) the total number of invitation letters issued by the Social Welfare Department (SWD); (ii) the number of invitations granted with allowance; and (iii) the number of rejected cases and the reasons for rejection.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1(i) to (ii) Dementia is an illness from the medical point of view. SWD does not have the number of persons with dementia or the number of elderly persons with dementia receiving day care and home-based training services.

1(iii) The Food and Health Bureau, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA) and SWD, launched a two-year pilot scheme named "Dementia Community Support Scheme" (the pilot scheme) in February 2017 to provide appropriate support services for elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia in the community based on a medical-social collaboration model. As at 31 January 2019 (i.e. at the end of the pilot scheme), the district elderly community centres (DECCs) provided services to a cumulative total of 2 065 elderly persons and their carers within 2 years. The pilot scheme has been regularised since February 2019, and expanded to all 41 DECCs and 7 HA clusters in the territory since May 2019. It is estimated that over 2 000 elderly persons will receive the services each year. As at 31 December 2019,

DECCs had provided services to a cumulative total of 1 758 elderly persons within 11 months after regularisation.

The number of support and training activities for carers of elderly persons with dementia provided by elderly centres in the past 3 years are set out in Annex 1.

2(i) to (iii) As at end-December 2019, a total of 27 810 invitation letters have been issued in the 2 phases of the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers (14 740 and 13 070 letters issued in Phases I and II respectively); 3 003 applications (1 934 and 1 069 applications received in Phases I and II respectively) have been received. Among them, 2 311 carers (1 528 and 783 carers in Phases I and II respectively) had received allowances, and 555 cases were ineligible. The reasons and the relevant number of such cases are set out in the Annex 2.

Annex 1

The number of support and training activities for carers of elderly persons with dementia provided by elderly centres in the past 3 years

	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
District Elderly Community Centres [Note 1]	2 441 [Note 2]	2 422 [Note 2]	1 848 [Note 2]
Neighbourhood Elderly Centres	N.A.	1 167 [Note 3]	2 312

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] As the Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council offers a range of support and training activities to various types of service targets, including family, children and youth, and elderly persons, in an integrated model, SWD does not have the number of support and training activities for carers of elderly persons with dementia provided by this centre.

[Note 2] The figure includes but is not limited to support and training activities for carers of elderly persons with dementia.

[Note 3] Support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers were launched in October 2018. Therefore, the figures in 2018-19 were taken from October 2018 to March 2019.

Annex 2

Number of ineligible cases for the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers and reasons for being ineligible

Reasons for being ineligible	**Phase I**	**Phase II**
Carers receiving Old Age Living Allowance	65	52
Carers receiving Disability Allowance	27	22
Carers receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	48	47
Household income being above the limit	69	44
Others [Note]	120	61
Total	**329**	**226**
	555	

[Note] Other reasons include PwDs under care are receiving residential care services or currently studying in boarding schools, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2513)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP):

1. Please set out in table form NSCCP services provided in various districts over the territory in the past 3 years, listing out (1) the number of places provided, (2) average utilisation rate, (3) average fee for home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group (CCG).

2. It is stated in last year's Budget that the Government would strengthen training for home-based child carers so as to enhance the quality of services, and that incentive payments to child carers would also be raised. Please advise:

   (1) details of enhancing the quality of services;

   (2) the amount provided to enhance the quality of the services above;

   (3) the amount of incentive payments raised for the home-based child carers. Please give a breakdown of each service operator involved.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP by 18 districts in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) is set out at Annex.

2. To enhance the service quality of NSCCP, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides additional provisions from January 2020 onwards for service operators to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff in each service unit. To strengthen training for home-based child carers, registered nurses/midwives trained on child care are employed to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to $25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service.

The additional recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about $24 million.

Annex

Table 1: Number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP (2017-18)

District	Number of places [Note1]	Number of children served		Basic fee per hour [Note 2] ($)	
		Home-based child care service (HCCS)	Centre-based care group (CCG)	HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	53	410	17	24	24
Eastern	53	495	2	22	22
Islands	53	351	75	22	15
Kowloon City	53	732	21	20	13
Kwun Tong	53	543	118	20	13
Kwai Tsing	53	728	139	18	13
North	53	431	11	18	13
Southern	53	347	7	20	12
Sai Kung	53	847	6	20	13
Sham Shui Po	53	1 018	150	20	13
Sha Tin	53	679	219	20	13
Tuen Mun	53	722	267	20	13
Tai Po	53	761	132	20	13
Tsuen Wan	53	653	53	20	13
Wan Chai	53	145	148	22	22
Wong Tai Sin	53	445	345	18	10
Yuen Long	53	1 165	413	18	13
Yau Tsim Mong	53	951	397	20	13
Total	**954**	**11 423**	**2 520**	**-**	**-**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places should be provided in the 18 districts over the territory). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Service operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

Table 2: Number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP (2018-19)

District	Number of places [Note1]	Number of children served		Basic fee per hour [Note 2] ($)	
		Home-based child care service (HCCS)	Centre-based care group (CCG)	HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	53	340	103	24	24
Eastern	53	455	2	22	22
Islands	53	323	105	22	13
Kowloon City	53	627	4	20	13
Kwun Tong	53	563	108	20	13
Kwai Tsing	53	238	311	18	13
North	53	378	17	18	13
Southern	53	262	14	20	12
Sai Kung	53	852	5	20	13
Sham Shui Po	53	929	232	20	13
Sha Tin	53	655	202	20	13
Tuen Mun	53	753	283	20	13
Tai Po	53	668	211	20	13
Tsuen Wan	53	606	74	20	13
Wan Chai	53	163	131	22	22
Wong Tai Sin	53	404	296	18	10
Yuen Long	53	1 183	494	18	13
Yau Tsim Mong	53	753	381	20	13
Total	**954**	**10 152**	**2 973**	**-**	**-**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places should be provided in the 18 districts over the territory). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Service operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

Table 3: Number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP (2019-20) (as at December 2019)

District	Number of places [Note1]	Number of children served		Basic fee per hour [Note 2] ($)	
		Home-based child care service (HCCS)	Centre-based care group (CCG)	HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	53	144	224	24	24
Eastern	53	327	38	22	22
Islands	53	199	81	22	13
Kowloon City	53	423	6	20	13
Kwun Tong	53	362	78	20	13
Kwai Tsing	53	317	164	18	13
North	53	223	44	18	13
Southern	53	132	27	20	12
Sai Kung	53	647	5	20	13
Sham Shui Po	53	466	157	20	13
Sha Tin	53	479	296	20	13
Tuen Mun	53	608	187	20	13
Tai Po	53	420	135	20	13
Tsuen Wan	53	510	90	20	13
Wan Chai	53	110	104	22	22
Wong Tai Sin	53	278	208	18	10
Yuen Long	53	836	313	18	13
Yau Tsim Mong	53	511	298	20	13
Total	**954**	**6 992**	**2 455**	**-**	**-**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places should be provided in the 18 districts over the territory). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Service operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2514)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential child care services, please provide the information by the following service types in the past 3 years?

Year	Small group home (SGH)	Residential Homes for Children (RHCs)		
		Residential child care centre (RCCC)	Children's home	Boys'/girls' home/hostel
Service Organisations (by number)				
Number of places (by person)				
Number of children served				
Number of children waitlisted				
Average waiting time				

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The information on residential child care services in the past 3 years is as follows:

Item	Year	SGH	RHCs		
			RCCC	Children's home	Boys'/girls' home/hostel
Service Organisations (by number)	2017-18	11	2	5	7
	2018-19	11	2	5	7
	2019-20	11	2	5	7
Number of places (by person)	2017-18	894	212 [Note 1]	418 [Note 1]	1 053
	2018-19	894	212 [Note 1]	418 [Note 1]	1 053
	2019-20	924	212 [Note 1]	418 [Note 1]	1 098
Number of children served	As at 31 December 2017	817	200	376	783
	As at 31 December 2018	825	206	380	791
	As at 31 December 2019	856	206	371	852
Number of children waitlisted (monthly average) [Note 2]	2017-18	196	55	40	68
	2018-19	222	48	39	86
	2019-20 [Note 3]	259	39	38	104
Average waiting time (month) [Note 2]	2017-18	4.30	4.60	3.40	0.87
	2018-19	3.60	6.50	3.10	1.39
	2019-20 [Note 3]	4.50	7.50	4.20	1.27

[Note 1] The figures include both ordinary service and emergency service.

[Note 2] The figures reflect only the average number of children waitlisted and average waiting time of ordinary service. Regarding emergency residential care service, caseworkers may approach the service units concerned directly for enquiries, and arrange for admission as soon as vacant places are available. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the number of children waitlisted and average waiting time for emergency placement for residential child care services.

[Note 3] Statistics from April to December 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2520)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme) and the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the RCSV Pilot Scheme):

1. for each year since the launch of the CCSV Pilot Scheme, please set out in table form (1) the number of service providers; (2) the number of elderly persons participating in the CCSV Pilot Scheme; (3) the number of elderly persons leaving the CCSV Pilot Scheme; and (4) the annual amount of government subsidies.
2. for each year since the launch of the RCSV Pilot Scheme, please set out in table form (1) the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) participating in the RCSV Pilot Scheme; (2) the number of service units; (3) the number of elderly persons participating in the RCSV Pilot Scheme; (4) the number of elderly persons leaving the RCSV Pilot Scheme; and (5) the annual amount of government subsidies.
3. Given that the service charges paid by each elderly person participating in the above 2 pilot schemes and the amount of government subsidies vary according to the asset and income of the elderly person, please set out the respective sums paid by participants by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017, while its second phase commenced in October 2016. Launched in March 2017, the RCSV Pilot Scheme issued a maximum of 3 000 RCSVs in batches from 2017 to 2019. The information sought in relation to the 2 Pilot Schemes above is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	Cumulative no. of participants	Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme	Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)
2013-14	62	1 251	108	3.1
2014-15	62	2 092	888	41.6
2015-16	62	2 919	1 555	66.9
2016-17	62	2 968	1 893	55.1
2017-18	62	2 968	1 914	9.1

Table 2: The second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	Cumulative no. of participants	Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme	Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)
2016-17	124	3 373	317	119.9 [Note 1]
2017-18	125	6 520	2 132	
2018-19	153	8 813	3 670	201.9
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	153	10 714	4 779	226.0 [Note 2]

[Note 1] The second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2016. The expenditure for the subsidies for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 is reflected in the 2017-18 Actual Expenditure.

[Note 2] 2019-20 Revised Estimate.

Table 3: The RCSV Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	No. of service units	Cumulative no. of RCSV recipients	Cumulative no. of RCSV recipients having left the RCSV Pilot Scheme	Subsidies for RCSVs ($ million)
2017-18	86	56	353	30	15.3 [Note 1]
2018-19	104	87	1 163	199	92.6 [Note 1]
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	120	105	1 946	482	280.0 [Note 2]

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for that year.

[Note 2] 2019-20 Revised Estimate.

Table 4: Distribution of CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level

Co-payment level [Note]	No. of CCSV holders
I	2 031
II	312
III	299
IV	53
V	273
Total	**2 968**

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V), being $500 (I), $750 (II), $1,000 (III), $1,500 (IV) and $2,500 (V).

Table 5: Distribution of CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2019)

Co-payment level [Note]	No. of CCSV holders
I	951
II	2 898
III	556
IV	598
V	109
VI	823
Total	**5 935**

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSV they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The 5 types of CCSV values are set at $4,020, $5,810, $7,260, $8,150, $9,600 per month with effect from 1 April 2019.

Table 6: Distribution of RCSV holders under the RCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2019)

Co-payment level [Note]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Co-payment ratio	0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	30.0%	40.0%	50.0%	62.5%	75.0%
Co-payment amount ($)	-	1,526	3,053	4,579	6,105	7,632	9,539	11,447
No. of RCSV holders	1 693	210	6	4	2	-	-	31

[Note] As at end-December 2019, there were a cumulative 1 946 RCSV holders in total. The voucher value of RCSV is set at $15,263 per month from 1 October 2019. The RCSV Pilot Scheme has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. RCSV holders at Level 0 will be fully subsidised by the Government, while RCSV holders from Level 1 to Level 7 are required to pay an amount of co-payment as set out in the above table.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2521)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of residential services for people with rehabilitation needs, please advise:

1. the number of places provided, enrolment rate, average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons having passed away and the annual service expenditure over the past 3 years in the table below.

Type of residential service	Service places	Enrolment rate	Average waiting time	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away	Service expenditure
Halfway house (HWH) for ex-mentally ill persons					
Long stay care home (LSCH) for ex-mentally ill persons					
Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC) for the mentally handicapped					
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)					
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)					
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/ABs)					
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGHs(MMHC))					
Supported hostel (SHOS)					

2. Does the Government have any plan for additional residential rehabilitation services in the future? If yes, what are the details? What are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places provided, enrolment rate, average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons having passed away and the service expenditure on the various residential rehabilitation services over the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex.

2. A total of 1 814 additional service places will be provided under various residential rehabilitation services from 2020-21 to 2021-22. The relevant information is set out in Table 6 of Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service places under various residential rehabilitation services

Service Type	No. of service places		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
HWH	1 509	1 509	1 534
LSCH	1 587	1 587	1 587
Integrated vocational training centre (Residential) (IVTC(Res))	170	170	170
HMMH	2 505	2 558	2 658
HSPH	573	582	682
C&A/AB	826	828	828
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	80	128	128
SHOS	708	708	708

Table 2: Average enrolment rate of various residential rehabilitation services

Average enrolment rate (%)		
2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)
97	97	97

Table 3: Average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services

Service Type	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 2]		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
HWH	6.9	6.0	Not available yet [Note 4]
LSCH	32.6	54.3	
IVTC(Res)	N.A. [Note 3]	N.A. [Note 3]	
HMMH	123.3	114.1	
HSPH	168.0	168.0	
C&A/AB	10.6	10.0	
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	36.5	15.0	
SHOS	56.4	39.0	

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) include integrated small group home (ISGH).

[Note 2] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 3] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics.

[Note 4] The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Table 4: Number of applicants having passed away while waiting for various residential rehabilitation services

Service Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
HWH	2	1	4
LSCH	3	7	4
IVTC(Res)	N.A. [Note 1]	N.A. [Note 1]	N.A. [Note 1]
HMMH	5	3	6
HSPH	26	26	22
C&A/AB	12	8	14
SGH(MMHC) [Note 2]	-	-	-
SHOS	5	4	8

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

[Note 2] SGH(MMHC) include ISGH.

Table 5: Total amount of subsidy for various residential rehabilitation services over the past 3 years

Service Type	Total amount of subsidy ($ million)		
	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)
HWH	205.4	211.6	224.7
LSCH	278	297.7	311.3
IVTC(Res)	11	11.3	11.8
HMMH	308.7	327.8	354.2
HSPH	130.6	139.4	156.2
C&A/AB	156.5	164.8	182.3
SGH(MMHC)	7.9	23.5	34.8
SHOS	76.1	90.4	102.2

Table 6: Estimated number of additional service places under various residential rehabilitation services

Service Type	Estimated number of additional service places	
	2020-21	2021-22
LSCH	-	400
HMMH	212	75
HSPH	50	75
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	181	411
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	90	200
SHOS	120	-
Total	653	1 161

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2522)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the current vocational rehabilitation services,

1. please provide the following information:

Type of service	Service places	No. of places utilised	Average waiting time	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away	Service expenditure
Sheltered workshop (SW)					
Supported employment (SE)					
Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC)					
Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre (IVRSC)					
On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT)					
Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway)					

2. Does the Government have any plan to enhance the services? If yes, what are the details? What are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1.

Type of service	Service places (as at 31 December 2019)	No. of places utilised (as at 31 December 2019)	Average waiting time (2018-19) (in months) [Note 1]	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away (as at 31 December 2019)	2019-20 Service expenditure (Revised Estimate) ($ million)
SW	5 399	5 338	21.3	38	373.7
SE [Note 2]	1 633	2 092	3.8	N.A.	103.2
IVTC [Note 3]	453	387	N.A.	N.A.	33.2
IVRSC [Note 4]	5 288	5 090	N.A.	N.A.	321.7
OJT [Note 3]	432	322	N.A.	N.A.	21.8
Sunnyway [Note 3]	311	255	N.A.	N.A.	16.5

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service unit indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of persons having passed away while waiting for SE.

[Note 3] IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway may admit service users directly or through referral. Thus, SWD does not have information on the average waiting time and the number of persons having passed away while waiting for the relevant services.

[Note 4] IVRSC does not have its own central waiting list (CWL) and the applicants are selected from the CWLs of SW and SE respectively.

2. There is no planned additional service places under SW, SE, IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway. It is estimated that 971 service places will be provided under IVRSC from 2019-20 to 2021-22 and the relevant information is set out as follows:

Year	Estimated number of additional service places
2019-20	466
2020-21	355
2021-22	150
Total	971

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2523)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For the past 3 years, in connection with the After School Care Programme (ASCP):

1. How many organisations participated in the ASCP? Please list the total number of these organisations by year.
2. What was the average amount of subsidy received by these organisations? Please list by year.
3. How many students benefited from the ASCP each year? What was the average amount of subsidy received by each student?
4. How many students benefited from the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS) under the ASCP each year? What was the expenditure involved?
5. The Government has stated that enhancement measures would be implemented for the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP. What are these measures and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 4. Details on ASCP in the past 3 financial years are shown below:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
No. of organisations	56	55	55
No. of ASCP service users	5 109	5 032	4 816
No. of persons benefited from FWSS [Note] under the ASCP	2 183	2 013	1 774
Amount of subsidy involved in FWSS	Around $19 million	Around $19 million	Around $18 million
Average amount of subsidy for each student under FWSS	$8,676	$9,323	$9,969
Average amount of subsidy for the organisations under FWSS	Around $0.34 million	Around $0.34 million	Around $0.32 million

[Note] After-school care services are operated by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing and fee-charging basis. Under the FWSS for ASCP, the Social Welfare Department provides fee waiving and fee reduction through after-school care centres for needy and eligible families, rendering assistance to parents of low-income families who are engaged in open employment or receiving vocational training. Needy and eligible families may approach ASCP operators directly for application for full fee-waiving or half fee-reduction.

5. In view of the keen demand for after-school care services, the Government will regularise the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under the Community Care Fund (CCF) and introduce a host of enhancement measures to strengthen the services and further support the needy families. They include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxation of application eligibility, increase of subsidy level, provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, and streamlining the financial vetting process.

The above enhancement measures are expected to roll out in October 2020 in phases, following the completion of the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under CCF. The additional recurrent expenditure involved is $65 million. More than 5 700 students and their families are expected to benefit from these measures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3225)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please advise the number of Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) recipients and the percentage in the total number of elderly CSSA cases. In view that the amount of CSSA payment provided to the elderly persons participating in the PCSSA Scheme is generally around 30% less than that to those residing in Hong Kong (HK), will the Government consider providing supplements and special grants to participating elderly persons in order to make the scheme more attractive?
2. Please advise the number of applications for the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme, the number of cases involved and the percentage in the total number of Old Age Allowance (OAA) cases respectively since the launch of the two schemes.
3. A number of elderly persons have to commute between GD and HK frequently after 30 June 2018 due to various reasons, making them ineligible for social allowance in HK or through the GD Scheme in GD Province. Does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have plans to approve the receipt of social allowance by this group of persons on a discretionary basis or re-launch the special one-off arrangement, and will the Government consider relaxing the relevant requirements in the long term?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

1. As at end-December 2019, there are a total number of 1 143 PCSSA recipients (1 036 of them residing in GD; 107 of them residing in FJ). PCSSA cases make up about 1% of the overall number of CSSA cases of "old age" nature.

   The PCSSA Scheme is designed to provide eligible elderly CSSA recipients with a choice to take up permanent residence in GD Province or FJ Province while continuing to receive cash assistance. The amount of standard rates and long-term supplements receivable by elderly persons under the PCSSA Scheme is equal to the amount receivable by elderly recipients under the CSSA Scheme, and the relevant payments will be adjusted annually in accordance with the established mechanism of CSSA. The Government has no plan to provide other supplements and special grants to elderly persons participating in the PCSSA Scheme.

2. The number of OAA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme and the percentage in the total number of OAA cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year	GD Scheme (Percentage in total number of HK OAA cases)	FJ Scheme [Note] (Percentage in total number of HK OAA cases)
2015-16	15 885 (7.1%)	N.A.
2016-17	14 600 (6.1%)	N.A.
2017-18	16 689 (6.7%)	N.A.
2018-19	16 568 (6.6%)	1 656 (0.7%)
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	16 108 (6.1%)	1 622 (0.6%)

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

3. In order to receive OAA in HK or through the GD Scheme, an applicant must, apart from meeting other criteria, reside in HK continuously for at least 1 year (hereinafter referred to as one-year-continuous-residence in HK requirement) immediately before the date of application. Absence from HK up to a maximum of 56 days during the one-year period is also treated as meeting the one-year-continuous-residence in HK requirement. The above requirement ensures that the relevant payments are only granted to HK residents who have a long-term connection with HK, so as to ensure long-term sustainability of the social security system. In determining whether an applicant meets the one-year-continuous-residence in HK requirement, consideration can be given to disregarding absences arising from paid work outside HK during the one-year period, subject to there being sufficient documentary proof. Where an applicant needs to receive medical treatment outside HK, SWD can consider exercising discretion to disregard the absences, subject to the availability of sufficient justifications and supporting documents.

When implementing the GD Scheme, the Government has taken into consideration of the fact that some elderly persons who have already settled in GD may not be able to return to HK and reside continuously for 1 year before the application due to various reasons. Hence, a special one-off arrangement was introduced in the first year of implementation of the Scheme (i.e. from 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014) and between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018 to waive the one-year-continuous-residence in HK requirement for a limited period. Furthermore, in the first year of implementing OALA under the GD Scheme (from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020), a special one-off arrangement is put in place for OALA and OAA, exempting elderly persons who have already settled in GD from meeting the residence requirement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1630)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Dementia Community Support Scheme (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the estimated number and the actual number of beneficiaries since its introduction, and the number of elderly beneficiaries being diagnosed as having dementia;
2. the annual allocation, the relevant resources and staffing establishment for the Pilot Scheme;
3. the details, sessions, service headcount and expenditure involved in various services provided under the Pilot Scheme; and
4. whether the Government has conducted a review on the Pilot Scheme; if yes, the evaluation report and the expenditure involved; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

1. The Food and Health Bureau, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD), launched a two-year pilot scheme named "Dementia Community Support Scheme" (the pilot scheme) in February 2017 to provide appropriate support services for elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia in the community through the participation of 20 district elderly community centres (DECCs) and 4 HA clusters based on a medical-social collaboration model. The target number of beneficiaries under the pilot scheme was 2 000. Target users include patients diagnosed with mild or moderate dementia and referred by the HA, and members of DECCs who are suspected of having features of early dementia. As at 31 January 2019 (i.e. at the end of the pilot scheme), the DECCs had provided services to a cumulative total of 2 065 elderly persons within 2 years. Among them, 1 950 were elderly persons referred by the HA to participate in the pilot scheme, and the remaining were members of the DECCs.

The pilot scheme has been regularised since February 2019, and expanded to all 41 DECCs and 7 HA clusters in the territory since May 2019. As at 31 December 2019, DECCs had provided services to a cumulative total of 1 758 elderly persons within 11 months after regularisation. Among them, 1 665 were elderly persons referred by the HA to participate in the pilot scheme, and the remaining were members of DECCs.

2. After regularisation, SWD has provided an additional annual provision of about $84 million, covering, among others, the manpower resources equivalent to 1.5 Advanced Practice Nurse and Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapist I and 1 Social Work Assistant for each DECC, programme expenses and training subsidy. Moreover, the FHB has allocated a recurrent provision of about $21 million for the HA to recruit 21.5 nurses (including Advanced Practice Nurses and Registered Nurses) and other support personnel and to cover service-related expenses.

3. DECCs provide services in accordance with the care plans jointly formulated with the HA. The services comprising 6 domains, namely cognition, functioning, behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia, physical co-morbidities, psychosocial aspect and carers' burden, provide elderly persons and their carers with training and support services for a period of about 5 to 9 months to meet their individual needs. It is estimated that over 2 000 elderly persons will receive the services each year under regularisation.

4. The FHB obtained a provision of $1.4 million from the Community Care Fund (CCF) for carrying out an evaluation study on the pilot scheme and reported the evaluation findings to the CCF Task Force in March 2019. Overall speaking, the evaluation report has reflected positive feedback on the pilot scheme from both the service providers and the service users. The evaluation report submitted by the FHB to the CCF Task Force has been uploaded to the webpage of the CCF:

https://www.communitycarefund.hk/download/Evaluation_Report_Dementia_eng.pdf

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1631)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Supplementary information sheets (SISs) for integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) have been introduced since July 2015. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) also has quarterly statistical forms to compile statistics on the overall situation of elderly persons receiving or waiting for the services. In this connection, please provide the following information:

A) the number of referral forms and application forms with SISs attached in each quarter;

B) the number of people provided with immediate services, being waitlisted or having been turned down in each quarter; and

C) what is the effectiveness of using SISs? Does it facilitate the formulation of development and waiting indicators? If no, please explain.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

There used to be no consistent assessment standards for service providers to determine the priority in processing the applications for IHCS(OC) by elderly persons. SWD therefore, in collaboration with the welfare sector, drew up SISs to facilitate frontline social workers in processing applications/case admission/review. Officially introduced since July 2015, the SISs are mainly concerned with the social and health conditions of the elderly applicants, and the IHCS teams are not required to submit them to SWD. As reflected by the IHCS teams, the SISs are useful in setting consistent standards for processing applications and enabling suitable services to be provided to elderly persons with pressing needs as soon as possible.

Having regard to the introduction of SISs, SWD subsequently revised the IHCS(OC) quarterly statistical forms for use by 60 IHCS teams, and have been collecting more statistical data on ordinary cases from IHCS teams through the revised quarterly statistical forms starting from 1 April 2016, with a view to achieving a more systematic record of the overall situation of elderly persons receiving and waiting for the services. The respective numbers of elderly applicants provided with immediate services, registered on the waiting list, turned down or those having withdrawn their own applications in each quarter from April 2016 to December 2019 are shown in the Annex.

Annex

Number of applicants for IHCS(OC) in each quarter by assessment result (April 2016 to December 2019)

Quarter	Assessment Result				
	Provided with immediate services	**Registered on the waiting list**	**Application turned down**	**Application withdrawn by applicant**	**Total**
April to June 2016	1 092	1 145	109	645	**2 991**
July to September 2016	1 005	1 042	82	656	**2 785**
October to December 2016	977	1 026	90	613	**2 706**
January to March 2017	1 015	1 029	76	606	**2 726**
April to June 2017	1 120	1 103	82	669	**2 974**
July to September 2017	1 074	1 419	130	616	**3 239**
October to December 2017	934	1 303	88	587	**2 912**
January to March 2018	862	1 493	106	609	**3 070**
April to June 2018	931	1 533	121	611	**3 196**
July to September 2018	947	1 311	125	578	**2 961**
October to December 2018	881	1 339	94	682	**2 996**
January to March 2019	914	1 301	86	581	**2 882**
April to June 2019	983	1 456	76	654	**3 169**
July to September 2019	921	1 312	67	629	**2 929**
October to December 2019	849	1 258	60	565	**2 732**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1632)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the statistics of integrated home care services (IHCS) with the introduction of IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) supplementary information sheets (SISs), please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the number of applicants requesting to be waitlisted for various types of primary services and the respective percentages among the services as shown in the form(s);
2. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the number of persons duly assessed for services and the percentage it represents as shown in the form(s);
3. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the number of applications from elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families newly waitlisted for IHCS(OC) among those already waitlisted;
4. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the number of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families whose applications for IHCS(OC) were rejected or who withdrew their own applications among those already waitlisted;
5. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the number of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families who have been admitted to IHCS(OC) among those already waitlisted;
6. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the main reasons for applications being withdrawn by the applicant or rejected while being arranged for IHCS(OC) waitlisting;
7. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the type of primary and secondary services requested by applicants being arranged for IHCS(OC) waitlisting;
8. for each quarter from 2015 to 2020 and the latest quarter, the number of current IHCS(OC) users whose requests for other services were pending arrangements.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the welfare sector, drew up the SISs, which have been formally introduced since July 2015, to facilitate frontline social workers in processing applications/case admission/ review. Having regard to the introduction of SISs, SWD subsequently revised the IHCS(OC) quarterly statistical forms for use by 60 IHCS teams, and began to collect statistical data on ordinary cases from IHCS teams through the revised quarterly statistical forms starting from 1 April 2016. The headcount of the persons waitlisted for various types of primary services under the IHCS(OC) in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2019 is set out in Annex 1.

2. The number of cases assessed by IHCS teams using the SISs in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2019 is set out in Annex 2.

3., 6. & 7. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations operating the service. SWD has not kept the number of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families newly waitlisted for IHCS(OC), the main reasons for applications being withdrawn by the applicant or rejected while waitlisting for IHCS(OC), and the type of primary and secondary services the applicant was being waitlisted for.

4. The number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals and families waiting for IHCS(OC) whose applications were rejected or who withdrew their own applications in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2019 is set out in Annex 3.

5. The number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals and families receiving IHCS(OC) in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2019 is set out in Annex 4.

8. The number of cases of current IHCS(OC) users whose requests for other services were pending arrangements in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2019 is set out in Annex 5.

Annex 1

Headcount [Note] of persons waitlisted for various types of primary services under IHCS(OC) (April 2016 to December 2019)

Quarter	Headcount [Note] of persons waitlisted for various types of primary services				
	General household or domestic duties	Provision of meals service	Escort	Personal care	Purchase and delivery of daily necessities
April to June 2016	2 196	1 351	889	131	44
July to September 2016	2 173	1 468	960	131	43
October to December 2016	2 144	1 415	993	138	41
January to March 2017	2 130	1 412	1 029	124	41
April to June 2017	2 104	1 436	1 066	134	49
July to September 2017	2 316	1 896	1 260	161	61
October to December 2017	2 291	1 930	1 302	137	64
January to March 2018	2 048	1 911	1 237	175	60
April to June 2018	1 547	1 619	1 055	158	45
July to September 2018	1 278	1 660	1 044	159	53
October to December 2018	1 158	1 720	1 007	150	41
January to March 2019	1 203	1 741	1 121	193	41
April to June 2019	1 236	1 844	1 176	169	57
July to September 2019	1 209	1 829	1 204	157	62
October to December 2019	1 195	1 771	1 190	145	61

[Note] Elderly persons may waitlist for more than 1 service according to their needs.

Annex 2

Number of cases assessed by IHCS teams using the SISs
(April 2016 to December 2019)

Quarter	Number of cases
April to June 2016	3 233
July to September 2016	3 010
October to December 2016	2 938
January to March 2017	2 954
April to June 2017	3 189
July to September 2017	3 483
October to December 2017	3 112
January to March 2018	3 267
April to June 2018	3 409
July to September 2018	3 179
October to December 2018	3 215
January to March 2019	3 097
April to June 2019	3 396
July to September 2019	3 143
October to December 2019	2 921

Annex 3

Number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals and families waiting for IHCS(OC) whose applications were rejected or who withdrew their own applications (April 2016 to December 2019)

Quarter	Number of cases		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Needy individuals and families
April to June 2016	620	65	19
July to September 2016	448	27	9
October to December 2016	532	35	20
January to March 2017	515	28	14
April to June 2017	540	29	14
July to September 2017	545	19	19
October to December 2017	457	18	12
January to March 2018	1 464	22	6
April to June 2018	1 552	34	21
July to September 2018	1 419	31	22
October to December 2018	933	29	20
January to March 2019	813	22	12
April to June 2019	855	37	17
July to September 2019	892	28	14
October to December 2019	831	29	17

Annex 4

Number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals and families receiving IHCS(OC) (April 2016 to December 2019)

Quarter	Number of cases		
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Needy individuals and families
April to June 2016	17 300	1 290	254
July to September 2016	17 235	1 248	264
October to December 2016	17 221	1 235	273
January to March 2017	17 194	1 214	256
April to June 2017	17 349	1 186	254
July to September 2017	17 363	1 164	255
October to December 2017	17 294	1 152	242
January to March 2018	17 124	1 118	221
April to June 2018	16 936	1 123	231
July to September 2018	16 851	1 116	252
October to December 2018	16 684	1 099	249
January to March 2019	16 614	1 091	232
April to June 2019	16 521	1 058	227
July to September 2019	16 552	1 053	244
October to December 2019	16 307	1 040	240

Annex 5

Number of cases of current IHCS(OC) users whose requests for other services were pending arrangements (April 2016 to December 2019)

Quarter	Number of cases
April to June 2016	464
July to September 2016	557
October to December 2016	541
January to March 2017	545
April to June 2017	531
July to September 2017	582
October to December 2017	592
January to March 2018	574
April to June 2018	560
July to September 2018	458
October to December 2018	487
January to March 2019	476
April to June 2019	439
July to September 2019	488
October to December 2019	434

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1633)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding community care services under this Programme, please advise as to:

1. the number of service places, the number of elderly persons served, the number of cases served yearly, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of persons having left the service, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure for integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district and age group;
2. the number of service places, the number of elderly persons served, the number of cases served yearly, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of persons having left the service, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure for IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by DC district and age group;
3. the number of service places, the number of elderly persons served, the number of cases served yearly, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of persons having left the service, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure for enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by DC district and age group;
4. the annual provision granted to each service provider in respect of IHCS and EHCCS; and
5. the number of service places provided by each service provider and the number of service teams by district in respect of IHCS(OC), IHCS(FC) and EHCCS over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The respective numbers of service places, service users throughout the year, persons waitlisted and persons withdrawn from the service under IHCS(OC) by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are at Annexes 1 to 4. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently operating the services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) and the number of persons who passed away while waiting for such services.

The respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year under IHCS(FC) by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are at Annexes 5 and 6.

The respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year under EHCCS by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are at Annexes 7 and 8.

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the overall number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting and number of persons withdrawn from the service in the territory under IHCS(FC) and EHCCS without a breakdown by DC district and age group.

The number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time and the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	No. of persons waitlisted [Note]	Average waiting time [Note] (in months) (Average of the past 3 months)	No. of elderly persons who passed away while waiting [Note]
2015-16	2 839	7	44
2016-17	4 504	11	37
2017-18	5 819	15	36
2018-19	7 930	18	45
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 961	15	29

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The number of persons withdrawn from the IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	IHCS(FC)	EHCCS
2015-16	360	2 385
2016-17	349	2 435
2017-18	317	2 597
2018-19	340	2 422
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	213	1 912

SWD does not keep the average monthly cost of handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The average monthly cost of handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost of handling each case ($)	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	1,838	592.9
2016-17 (Actual)	1,904	621.9
2017-18 (Actual)	1,968	635.8
2018-19 (Actual)	2,215	696.6
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2,346	736.6

The average monthly cost of handling each case and the total annual expenditure under EHCCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost of handling each case ($)	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	4,471	376.0
2016-17 (Actual)	4,533	389.2
2017-18 (Actual)	4,635	398.1
2018-19 (Actual)	4,853	419.0
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	6,912	680.0

4. At present, IHCS and EHCCS are offered by 24 and 14 NGOs respectively. The revised estimates of the 2 services in 2019-20 are about $736.6 million and $680.0 million respectively, while the estimates of expenditure in 2020-21 are about $833.2 million and $946.2 million respectively.

5. There is a total of 60 IHCS Teams operated by 24 NGOs in the territory from 2015-16 to 2019-20, providing both IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC). The number of service places and the number of service teams catering for these 2 types of cases broken down by service team are at Annexes 9 and 10 respectively.

There is a total of 34 EHCCS Teams operated by 14 NGOs in the territory from 2015-16 to 2019-20. The number of service places and the number of service teams from 2015-16 to 2018-19 and for 2019-20 are at Annexes 11 and 12 respectively.

Annex 1

Number of IHCS(OC) places
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District/Year	Number of service places [Note]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	588	557	555	563	537
Eastern	1 492	1 486	1 463	1 475	1 415
Wan Chai	502	443	424	424	416
Southern	1 007	957	902	872	909
Islands	244	246	237	232	214
Kwun Tong	1 898	1 903	1 853	1 764	1 769
Wong Tai Sin	1 487	1 505	1 570	1 500	1 478
Sai Kung	400	412	407	415	440
Kowloon City	1 299	1 291	1 342	1 315	1 284
Yau Tsim Mong	921	932	902	912	907
Sham Shui Po	1 702	1 739	1 642	1 559	1 536
Sha Tin	1 435	1 333	1 305	1 302	1 334
Tai Po	667	645	589	566	564
North District	1 115	1 253	1 279	1 197	1 167
Yuen Long	1 283	1 231	1 202	1 127	1 080
Tuen Mun	1 255	1 205	1 209	1 096	1 046
Tsuen Wan	398	414	401	418	385
Kwai Tsing	1 097	1 112	1 181	1 200	1 106
Total	**18 790**	**18 664**	**18 463**	**17 937**	**17 587**

[Note] Individual service providers of IHCS(OC) set their own service capacity.

Annex 2

Number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District/Year	Number of service users throughout the year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Central & Western	777	768	758	741	697
Eastern	2 012	2 019	2 016	2 047	1 852
Wan Chai	666	664	597	557	548
Southern	1 407	1 380	1 357	1 281	1 167
Islands	335	337	337	323	299
Kwun Tong	2 509	2 441	2 447	2 270	2 211
Wong Tai Sin	1 934	1 983	1 962	1 981	1 783
Sai Kung	551	560	551	547	554
Kowloon City	1 666	1 713	1 763	1 716	1 587
Yau Tsim Mong	1 228	1 289	1 241	1 220	1 176
Sham Shui Po	2 215	2 337	2 267	2 074	1 919
Sha Tin	1 835	1 859	1 728	1 737	1 650
Tai Po	950	938	892	801	731
North District	1 563	1 515	1 637	1 643	1 484
Yuen Long	1 684	1 654	1 602	1 566	1 374
Tuen Mun	1 724	1 632	1 602	1 479	1 299
Tsuen Wan	565	602	593	595	550
Kwai Tsing	1 653	1 668	1 729	1 774	1 675
Total	**25 274**	**25 359**	**25 079**	**24 352**	**22 556**

Annex 3

Number of persons withdrawn from the IHCS(OC)
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District/Year	Number of persons withdrawn from the service				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	189	211	203	178	160
Eastern	520	533	553	572	437
Wan Chai	164	221	173	133	132
Southern	400	423	455	409	258
Islands	91	91	100	91	85
Kwun Tong	611	538	594	506	442
Wong Tai Sin	447	478	392	481	305
Sai Kung	151	148	144	132	114
Kowloon City	367	422	421	401	303
Yau Tsim Mong	307	357	339	308	269
Sham Shui Po	513	598	625	515	383
Sha Tin	400	526	423	435	316
Tai Po	283	293	303	235	167
North District	448	262	358	446	317
Yuen Long	401	423	400	439	294
Tuen Mun	469	427	393	383	253
Tsuen Wan	167	188	192	177	165
Kwai Tsing	556	556	548	574	569
Total	**6 484**	**6 695**	**6 616**	**6 415**	**4 969**

Annex 4

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District/Year	Number of persons waitlisted				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	61	46	34	28	44
Eastern	179	180	242	106	117
Wan Chai	88	27	39	56	51
Southern	187	214	147	84	71
Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	780	835	889	761	724
Wong Tai Sin	552	546	685	577	518
Sai Kung	63	63	67	87	90
Kowloon City	288	217	150	110	98
Yau Tsim Mong	70	61	144	82	62
Sham Shui Po	254	232	290	251	267
Sha Tin	460	575	646	416	469
Tai Po	274	218	221	103	117
North District	86	111	120	55	44
Yuen Long	268	257	224	122	130
Tuen Mun	126	184	230	302	312
Tsuen Wan	53	45	34	9	5
Kwai Tsing	164	187	161	112	69
Total	**3 953**	**3 998**	**4 323**	**3 261**	**3 188**

Annex 5

Number of IHCS(FC) places

District	**No. of service places 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	40
Eastern	80
Wan Chai	30
Southern	80
Islands	20
Kwun Tong	150
Wong Tai Sin	100
Sai Kung	30
Kowloon City	30
Yau Tsim Mong	40
Sham Shui Po	90
Sha Tin	120
Tai Po	30
North District	30
Yuen Long	90
Tuen Mun	30
Tsuen Wan	40
Kwai Tsing	90
Total	**1 120**

Annex 6

Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District/Year	Number of service users throughout the year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	56	49	54	61	48
Eastern	108	114	105	113	100
Wan Chai	47	40	39	43	34
Southern	106	112	113	104	97
Islands	26	30	24	26	23
Kwun Tong	208	192	199	184	180
Wong Tai Sin	134	129	120	132	108
Sai Kung	38	43	35	34	38
Kowloon City	35	36	42	41	33
Yau Tsim Mong	52	51	54	56	47
Sham Shui Po	114	109	109	130	114
Sha Tin	158	160	153	155	143
Tai Po	46	41	37	40	37
North District	40	45	39	35	40
Yuen Long	106	124	124	117	111
Tuen Mun	32	34	36	32	32
Tsuen Wan	50	48	50	46	41
Kwai Tsing	110	104	103	109	99
Total	**1 466**	**1 461**	**1 436**	**1 458**	**1 325**

Annex 7

Number of EHCCS places (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Year	**From 2015-16 to 2018-19**		**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**	
District	**by district team**	**by cluster team**	**by district team**	**by cluster team**
Central & Western	171	347	209	501
Eastern	206		250	
Wan Chai	154		185	
Southern	158		200	
Islands	89	-	105	-
Kwun Tong	421	497	535	675
Wong Tai Sin	406	769	505	952
Sai Kung	228		268	
Kowloon City	290	535	323	682
Yau Tsim Mong	188		210	
Sham Shui Po	255		325	
Sha Tin	192	394	247	548
Tai Po	129		175	
North District	141		190	
Yuen Long	178	766	225	1 005
Tuen Mun	160		200	
Tsuen Wan	235		280	
Kwai Tsing	336		450	
Sub-total	**3 937**	**3 308**	**4 882**	**4 363**
Total	**7 245**		**9 245**	

Annex 8

Number of EHCCS users throughout the year (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Year	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
District	**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**	
Central & Western	232			218			219			221			242		
Eastern	283	245	238	267	222	245	282	249	228	268	238	224	292	278	317
Wan Chai	199			202			195			208			220		
Southern	201			214			221			209			234		
Islands	108	N.A.		122	N.A.		117	N.A.		118	N.A.		137	N.A.	
Kwun Tong	548	457	239	551	436	224	568	458	197	566	440	203	655	494	286
Wong Tai Sin	545	1 049 [Note1]		523	1 013 [Note1]		531	1 021 [Note1]		528	1 012 [Note1]		586	1 154 [Note1]	
Sai Kung	310			289			292			308			325		
Kowloon City	377	533 [Note2]		364	541 [Note2]		395	537 [Note2]		376	524 [Note2]		394	576 [Note2]	
Yau Tsim Mong	254			248			249			256			251		
Sham Shui Po	342		204	341		176	347		194	319		195	365		230
Sha Tin	279			251			264			244			302		
Tai Po	175	305	249	165	286	242	194	278	234	181	280	237	206	306	314
North	181			180			186			186			215		
Yuen Long	247			248			245			240			268		
Tuen Mun	219	1 050 [Note3]		210	1 036 [Note3]		225	1 033 [Note3]		205	1 041 -[Note3]		257	1 199 [Note3]	
Tsuen Wan	302			301			304			306			321		
Kwai Tsing	435			447			458			439			536		
Total	**9 806**			**9 562**			**9 721**			**9 572**			**10 960**		

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

Annex 9

Number of IHCS(OC) places and number of service team (2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Name of organisation	No. of service teams	Number of places by service team [Note]				
			2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	3	160	142	156	167	143
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		166	160	143	137	125
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		262	255	256	259	269
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	1	244	246	237	232	214
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	2	420	361	348	338	324
	Methodist Centre		82	82	76	86	92
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for Aged	5	458	441	424	471	477
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals		371	385	374	404	384
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre		345	346	330	284	255
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		205	207	217	208	193
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association		113	107	118	108	106
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	2	577	547	520	466	476
	Caritas-Hong Kong		430	410	382	406	433
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	6	93	92	90	81	83
	Caritas-Hong Kong		254	258	267	291	259
	Christian Family Service Centre		198	203	200	199	213
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		163	162	158	134	142
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		491	510	557	516	510
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service		288	280	298	279	271
Sai Kung	Caritas-Hong Kong	3	208	223	229	224	236
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		146	157	143	148	165
	Salvation Army		46	32	35	43	39
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	4	736	749	749	692	693
	Hong Kong Christian		161	149	137	118	132

District	Name of organisation	No. of service teams	Number of places by service team [Note]				
			2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
	Service						
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		732	756	728	714	700
	Salvation Army		269	249	239	240	244
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	3	192	172	163	153	149
	Salvation Army		461	481	464	463	452
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited		268	279	275	296	306
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3	133	133	133	133	133
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		938	930	983	981	950
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association		228	228	226	201	201
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	7	131	138	131	122	127
	Hong Kong Christian Service		463	484	463	450	425
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		282	293	281	267	271
	Caritas-Hong Kong		292	323	337	315	319
	Sik Sik Yuen		259	241	203	194	186
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		182	167	132	115	109
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		93	93	95	96	99
Sha Tin	Caritas-Hong Kong	4	371	364	367	421	434
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong		354	259	229	229	237
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services		303	300	305	301	283
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals		407	410	404	351	380
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	3	240	221	189	179	175
	Salvation Army		298	298	273	277	275
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service		129	126	127	110	114
North	Caritas-Hong Kong	3	172	166	169	187	206
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited		757	880	894	797	771
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian		186	207	216	213	190

District	Name of organisation	No. of service teams	Number of places by service team [Note]				
			2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
	Association						
Yuen Long	Caritas-Hong Kong	4	429	402	376	348	313
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		196	197	188	178	182
	Pok Oi Hospital		280	266	271	246	255
	Yan Oi Tong		378	366	367	355	330
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	2	144	158	149	165	148
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		254	256	252	253	237
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	3	547	559	601	587	547
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged		272	281	292	344	290
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		278	272	288	269	269
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	2	504	517	526	490	441
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		751	688	683	606	605
Total		**60**	**18 790**	**18 664**	**18 463**	**17 937**	**17 587**

[Note] Individual IHCS(OC) service providers set their own service capacity.

Annex 10

Number of IHCS(FC) places and number of service teams (2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Name of organisation	No. of service teams	Number of places by service team from 2015-16 to 2019-20
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	3	20
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		10
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	1	20
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	2	20
	Methodist Centre		10
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for Aged	5	30
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals		20
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre		10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association		10
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	2	50
	Caritas-Hong Kong		30
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	6	20
	Caritas-Hong Kong		10
	Christian Family Service Centre		10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		30
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service		20
Sai Kung	Caritas-Hong Kong	3	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		10
	Salvation Army		10
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	4	60
	Hong Kong Christian Service		10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		40
	Salvation Army		40
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	3	10
	Salvation Army		20
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited		10
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3	10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui		10

	Welfare Council Limited		
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association		10
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	7	10
	Hong Kong Christian Service		15
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		10
	Caritas-Hong Kong		15
	Sik Sik Yuen		10
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		10
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		20
Sha Tin	Caritas-Hong Kong	4	20
	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong		20
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services		40
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals		40
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	3	10
	Salvation Army		10
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service		10
North	Caritas-Hong Kong	3	10
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited		10
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association		10
Yuen Long	Caritas-Hong Kong	4	30
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		10
	Pok Oi Hospital		20
	Yan Oi Tong		30
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged	2	10
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society		30
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	3	50
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged		20
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited		20
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	2	15
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council		15
Total		**60**	**1120**

Annex 11

Service teams and number of service places provided by EHCCS operators (2015-16 to 2018-19)

District	No. of places by service team					
	Number of EHCCS places (By district) (batch 1)		Number of EHCCS places (By cluster) (batch 2)		Number of EHCCS places (By cluster) (batch 3)	
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	171	Methodist Centre	174	St. James' Settlement	173
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	154				
Eastern	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	206				
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	158				
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	89				
Yau Tsim Mong	Po Leung Kuk	188	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	236	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	156
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	290				
Sham Shui Po	Caritas-Hong Kong	255			Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	143
Wong Tai Sin	Christian Family Service Centre	406	Haven of Hope Christian Service	428	Haven of Hope Christian Service	170
Sai Kung	Haven of Hope Christian Service	228				171
Kwun Tong	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	421	Christian Family Service Centre	336		161
Sha Tin	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, Hong Kong	192	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, Hong Kong	212	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	182
Tai Po	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	129				
North	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	141				
Yuen Long	Yan Oi Tong	178	Po Leung Kuk	256	Po Leung Kuk	150
Tuen Mun	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, Hong Kong	160				
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	235				180
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	336				180
Total	**3 937**		**1 642**		**1 666**	
	18 service teams		**6 service teams**		**10 service teams**	

Annex 12

Service teams and number of service places provided by EHCCS operators (2019-20) (as at end-December 2019)

District	No. of places by service team					
	Number of EHCCS places (By district) (batch 1)		Number of EHCCS places (By cluster) (batch 2)		Number of EHCCS places (By cluster) (batch 3)	
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	209	Methodist Centre	235	St. James' Settlement	266
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	185				
Eastern	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	250				
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	200				
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	105				
Yau Tsim Mong	Po Leung Kuk	210	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	316	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	176
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	323				
Sham Shui Po	Caritas-Hong Kong	325			Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	190
Wong Tai Sin	Christian Family Service Centre	505	Haven of Hope Christian Service	525	Haven of Hope Christian Service	209
Sai Kung	Haven of Hope Christian Service	268				218
Kwun Tong	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	535	Christian Family Service Centre	430		245
Sha Tin	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, Hong Kong	247	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, Hong Kong	273	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	275
Tai Po	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	175				
North	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	190				
Yuen Long	Yan Oi Tong	225	Po Leung Kuk	336	Po Leung Kuk	200
Tuen Mun	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service, Hong Kong	200				
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	280				234
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	450				235
Total	**4 882**		**2 115**		**2 248**	
	18 service teams		**6 service teams**		**10 service teams**	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1634)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the current community care services, please advise as to:

1. the respective numbers of service places, persons served, cases served yearly, persons waitlisted and users of different age groups for each of the integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) in various districts with a breakdown by service provided over the past 5 years;
2. the respective numbers of service places, persons served, cases served yearly, persons waitlisted, users of different age groups for each of the IHCS(frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in various districts with a breakdown by service provided over the past 5 years;
3. the respective numbers of service places, persons served, cases served yearly, persons waitlisted, users of different age groups for each of the enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in various districts with a breakdown by the service provided over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The respective numbers of service places, service users throughout the year, and persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) by District Council (DC) district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 to 3. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations operating the service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of IHCS(OC) by age group.

Annexes 4 & 5 set out the respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year for IHCS(FC) while Annexes 6 & 7 set out the respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year for EHCCS by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

SWD has only kept the overall number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS in Hong Kong, but does not have the breakdown by DC district and age group.

The number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]

2015-16	2 839
2016-17	4 504
2017-18	5 819
2018-19	7 930
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 961

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons being classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

Annex 1

Number of IHCS(OC) places
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Number of service places [Note]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	588	557	555	563	537
Eastern	1 492	1 486	1 463	1 475	1 415
Wan Chai	502	443	424	424	416
Southern	1 007	957	902	872	909
Islands	244	246	237	232	214
Kwun Tong	1 898	1 903	1 853	1 764	1 769
Wong Tai Sin	1 487	1 505	1 570	1 500	1 478
Sai Kung	400	412	407	415	440
Kowloon City	1 299	1 291	1 342	1 315	1 284
Yau Tsim Mong	921	932	902	912	907
Sham Shui Po	1 702	1 739	1 642	1 559	1 536
Sha Tin	1 435	1 333	1 305	1 302	1 334
Tai Po	667	645	589	566	564
North	1 115	1 253	1 279	1 197	1 167
Yuen Long	1 283	1 231	1 202	1 127	1 080
Tuen Mun	1 255	1 205	1 209	1 096	1 046
Tsuen Wan	398	414	401	418	385
Kwai Tsing	1 097	1 112	1 181	1 200	1 106
Total	**18 790**	**18 664**	**18 463**	**17 937**	**17 587**

[Note] Individual service providers of IHCS(OC) set their own service capacity.

Annex 2

Number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Number of service users throughout the year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	777	768	758	741	697
Eastern	2 012	2 019	2 016	2 047	1 852
Wan Chai	666	664	597	557	548
Southern	1 407	1 380	1 357	1 281	1 167
Islands	335	337	337	323	299
Kwun Tong	2 509	2 441	2 447	2 270	2 211
Wong Tai Sin	1 934	1 983	1 962	1 981	1 783
Sai Kung	551	560	551	547	554
Kowloon City	1 666	1 713	1 763	1 716	1 587
Yau Tsim Mong	1 228	1 289	1 241	1 220	1 176
Sham Shui Po	2 215	2 337	2 267	2 074	1 919
Sha Tin	1 835	1 859	1 728	1 737	1 650
Tai Po	950	938	892	801	731
North	1 563	1 515	1 637	1 643	1 484
Yuen Long	1 684	1 654	1 602	1 566	1 374
Tuen Mun	1 724	1 632	1 602	1 479	1 299
Tsuen Wan	565	602	593	595	550
Kwai Tsing	1 653	1 668	1 729	1 774	1 675
Total	**25 274**	**25 359**	**25 079**	**24 352**	**22 556**

Annex 3

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Number of persons waitlisted				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	61	46	34	28	44
Eastern	179	180	242	106	117
Wan Chai	88	27	39	56	51
Southern	187	214	147	84	71
Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	780	835	889	761	724
Wong Tai Sin	552	546	685	577	518
Sai Kung	63	63	67	87	90
Kowloon City	288	217	150	110	98
Yau Tsim Mong	70	61	144	82	62
Sham Shui Po	254	232	290	251	267
Sha Tin	460	575	646	416	469
Tai Po	274	218	221	103	117
North	86	111	120	55	44
Yuen Long	268	257	224	122	130
Tuen Mun	126	184	230	302	312
Tsuen Wan	53	45	34	9	5
Kwai Tsing	164	187	161	112	69
Total	**3 953**	**3 998**	**4 323**	**3 261**	**3 188**

Annex 4

Number of IHCS(FC) places

District	**Number of service places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	40
Eastern	80
Wan Chai	30
Southern	80
Islands	20
Kwun Tong	150
Wong Tai Sin	100
Sai Kung	30
Kowloon City	30
Yau Tsim Mong	40
Sham Shui Po	90
Sha Tin	120
Tai Po	30
North	30
Yuen Long	90
Tuen Mun	30
Tsuen Wan	40
Kwai Tsing	90
Total	**1 120**

Annex 5

Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

	Number of service users throughout the year				
Year / District	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	56	49	54	61	48
Eastern	108	114	105	113	100
Wan Chai	47	40	39	43	34
Southern	106	112	113	104	97
Islands	26	30	24	26	23
Kwun Tong	208	192	199	184	180
Wong Tai Sin	134	129	120	132	108
Sai Kung	38	43	35	34	38
Kowloon City	35	36	42	41	33
Yau Tsim Mong	52	51	54	56	47
Sham Shui Po	114	109	109	130	114
Sha Tin	158	160	153	155	143
Tai Po	46	41	37	40	37
North	40	45	39	35	40
Yuen Long	106	124	124	117	111
Tuen Mun	32	34	36	32	32
Tsuen Wan	50	48	50	46	41
Kwai Tsing	110	104	103	109	99
Total	**1 466**	**1 461**	**1 436**	**1 458**	**1 325**

Annex 6

Number of EHCCS places (2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	1 April 2015 to 30 September 2019		1 October 2019 to 31 December 2019	
	By district team	By cluster team	By district team	By cluster team
Central & Western	171	347	209	501
Eastern	206		250	
Wan Chai	154		185	
Southern	158		200	
Islands	89	-	105	-
Kwun Tong	421	497	535	675
Wong Tai Sin	406	769	505	952
Sai Kung	228		268	
Kowloon City	290	535	323	682
Yau Tsim Mong	188		210	
Sham Shui Po	255		325	
Sha Tin	192	394	247	548
Tai Po	129		175	
North	141		190	
Yuen Long	178	766	225	1 005
Tuen Mun	160		200	
Tsuen Wan	235		280	
Kwai Tsing	336		450	
Sub-total	**3 937**	**3 308**	**4 882**	**4 363**
Total	**7 245**		**9 245**	

Annex 7

Number of EHCCS users throughout the year (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Year	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
District	**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**	
Central & Western	232	245	238	218	222	245	219	249	228	221	238	224	242	278	317
Eastern	283			267			282			268			292		
Wan Chai	199			202			195			208			220		
Southern	201			214			221			209			234		
Islands	108	N.A.		122	N.A.		117	N.A.		118	N.A.		137	N.A.	
Kwun Tong	548	457	239	551	436	224	568	458	197	566	440	203	655	494	286
Wong Tai Sin	545	1 049 [Note 1]		523	1 013 [Note 1]		531	1 021 [Note 1]		528	1 012 [Note 1]		586	1 154 [Note 1]	
Sai Kung	310			289			292			308			325		
Kowloon City	377	533 [Note 2]		364	541 [Note 2]		395	537 [Note 2]		376	524 [Note 2]		394	576 [Note 2]	
Yau Tsim Mong	254			248			249			256			251		
Sham Shui Po	342		204	341		176	347		194	319		195	365		230
Sha Tin	279	305	249	251	286	242	264	278	234	244	280	237	302	306	314
Tai Po	175			165			194			181			206		
North	181			180			186			186			215		
Yuen Long	247	1 050 [Note 3]		248	1 036 [Note 3]		245	1 033 [Note 3]		240	1 041 [Note 3]		268	1 199 [Note 3]	
Tuen Mun	219			210			225			205			257		
Tsuen Wan	302			301			304			306			321		
Kwai Tsing	435			447			458			439			536		
Total	**9 806**			**9 562**			**9 721**			**9 572**			**10 960**		

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1635)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs over the past 5 years, what is the number of service places, that of users served, that of cases served yearly, that of active cases receiving services, that of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time in each district, the number of persons having left, that of waitlisted persons having passed away, the average cost per month, and the annual expenditure?
2. Regarding the IHCS(frail cases (FC)) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs over the past 5 years, what is the number of service places, that of users served, that of cases served yearly, that of active cases receiving services and the total number of such cases, the number of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time in each district, the number of persons having left, the number of waitlisted persons having passed away, the average cost per month, and the annual expenditure?
3. Regarding IHCS(OC) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs over the past 5 years, what is the number of service places, that of users served, that of cases served and that of waitlisted persons over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service provided.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

Regarding IHCS(OC) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs, the number of service places, that of active cases receiving services, that of cases served yearly, that of waitlisted persons, and that of persons having left from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out as follows:

Year	No. of service places [Note]/ No. of active cases receiving services			No. of cases served yearly			No. of waitlisted person			No. of persons having left		
	elderly persons	persons with disabilities	individuals and families with social needs	elderly persons	persons with disabilities	individuals and families with social needs	elderly persons	persons with disabilities	individuals and families with social needs	elderly persons	persons with disabilities	individuals and families with social needs
2015-16	17 211	1 322	257	23 255	1 629	390	3 670	204	79	6 044	307	133
2016-17	17 194	1 214	256	23 448	1 535	376	3 759	167	72	6 254	321	120
2017-18	17 124	1 118	221	23 338	1 374	367	4 029	198	96	6 214	256	146
2018-19	16 614	1 091	232	22 673	1 331	348	2 981	176	104	6 059	240	116
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	16 307	1 040	240	20 981	1 246	329	2 950	139	99	4 674	206	88

[Note] Individual IHCS(OC) service providers set their own service capacity.

The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs currently operating the services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) in each district and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away, with a breakdown by service provided.

Regarding IHCS(FC) involving elderly persons and persons with disabilities, the number of service places, that of cases served yearly, that of active cases receiving services, that of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time, the number of waitlisted persons having passed away and that of persons having left from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year	Service places	No. of cases served yearly	No. of active cases receiving services	No. of waitlisted persons [Note 1] [Note 2]	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)	No. of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away	No. of persons having left
2015-16	1 120	1 466	1 106	2 840	7	44	360
2016-17	1 120	1 461	1 108	4 504	11	37	349
2017-18	1 120	1 436	1 109	5 819	15	36	317
2018-19	1 120	1 458	1 107	7 930	18	45	340
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 120	1 325	1 109	5 961	15	29	213

[Note 1] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or enhanced home and community care services. The number of waitlisted persons does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

[Note 2] Since the launch of Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS) and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS) in March and November 2014 respectively, IHCS(FC) no longer accept applications from persons with severe physical disabilities aged under 60. These persons may apply for HCS or ISS instead.

SWD does not have the average waiting time in each district for IHCS(FC) with a breakdown by type of service users.

SWD does not keep the average monthly cost for handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The average monthly cost for handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost for handling each case ($)	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	1,838	592.9
2016-17 (Actual)	1,904	621.9
2017-18 (Actual)	1,968	635.8
2018-19 (Actual)	2,215	696.6
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2,346	736.6

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1636)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please advise:

1. the number of service units, the number of service places and the total number of such places, the number of service users throughout the year, the number of cases served yearly, the number of waitlisted persons, the average cost per place per month, the average waiting time and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district and age group;
2. the number of cases receiving services in each district over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service provided;
3. the number of subvented, self-financing and private DEs/DCUs, the number of service places and the number of cases receiving services over the past 5 years; and
4. the cost, the annual total expenditure, the manpower involved and the average cost per case for each unit over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. For the period 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of service units and service places as well as the full-year number of service users for DEs/DCUs by DC district are set out in Annexes 1 to 3, while the number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, the average waiting time, the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting and the cost per place per month are set out in Annexes 4 to 5. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information broken down by age group.
2. For the period 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of cases receiving services at DEs/DCUs by DC district is set out in Annex 6. SWD does not have information on the number of cases receiving services broken down by service type.
3. SWD does not have the various items of information on self-financing and private DEs/DCUs.

4. The cost per place per month from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 5. SWD does not have a breakdown on the cost of each unit, the total annual expenditure and the manpower involved.

Annex 1

Number of DEs/DCUs

District	Number of Units				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	4	4	4	4	4
Eastern	5	5	5	5	5
Wan Chai	2	3	3	3	3
Southern	2	2	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	9	9	9	9	10
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	6	6	6
Sai Kung	4	4	4	4	4
Kowloon City	3	3	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	8	8	8	8	8
Yau Tsim Mong	4	4	4	4	4
Sha Tin	7	7	7	7	7
Tai Po	1	1	1	1	1
North	1	1	1	1	1
Yuen Long	3	3	3	3	4
Tsuen Wan	2	2	5	5	5
Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	3	3	3	3	4
Total	**72**	**73**	**76**	**76**	**79**

Annex 2

Number of places at DEs/DCUs

District	Number of places				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	129	129	129	129	129
Eastern	246	256	256	256	256
Wan Chai	100	110	110	110	110
Southern	108	108	108	108	108
Islands	40	40	40	40	40
Kwun Tong	407	407	407	407	427
Wong Tai Sin	290	290	290	290	290
Sai Kung	205	205	205	205	205
Kowloon City	158	158	158	158	158
Sham Shui Po	280	280	280	280	280
Yau Tsim Mong	152	152	152	152	152
Sha Tin	313	313	318	318	318
Tai Po	64	64	64	64	64
North	44	44	44	44	44
Yuen Long	115	115	115	115	178
Tsuen Wan	84	84	154	154	154
Kwai Tsing	194	194	262	262	262
Tuen Mun	110	110	110	148	208
Total	**3 039**	**3 059**	**3 202**	**3 240**	**3 383**

Annex 3

Full-year number of DE/DCU service users by district

District	Full-year number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	286	281	306	292	278
Eastern	483	546	547	517	497
Wan Chai	164	185	211	196	187
Southern	197	206	216	198	186
Islands	70	79	86	79	76
Kwun Tong	755	773	795	801	790
Wong Tai Sin	553	527	525	551	498
Sai Kung	401	403	439	436	391
Kowloon City	300	287	303	301	286
Sham Shui Po	539	573	579	574	569
Yau Tsim Mong	336	350	303	314	303
Sha Tin	622	614	669	688	607
Tai Po	134	135	141	149	128
North	79	89	108	92	83
Yuen Long	249	235	229	250	289
Tsuen Wan	160	184	269	374	341
Kwai Tsing	371	385	396	487	445
Tuen Mun	248	254	256	265	337
Total	**5 947**	**6 106**	**6 378**	**6 564**	**6 291**

Annex 4

Number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, the average waiting time and the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting

Year	No. of persons waitlisted	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the past 3 months)	No. of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away
2015-16	2 885	9	30
2016-17	3 338	11	23
2017-18	3 568	10	21
2018-19	4 370	12	19
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 612	14	22

The aforesaid figures of the persons waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

Annex 5

Cost per place per month for DEs/DCUs

Year	Cost per place per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	8,380
2016-17 (Actual)	8,755
2017-18 (Actual)	9,109
2018-19 (Actual)	9,942
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	10,730

Annex 6

Number of persons receiving services at DEs/DCUs by district

District	Number of persons receiving services				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	210	221	233	220	225
Eastern	356	392	409	402	400
Wan Chai	119	142	147	143	147
Southern	153	155	155	153	154
Islands	51	55	61	56	63
Kwun Tong	566	572	576	582	610
Wong Tai Sin	397	389	392	395	411
Sai Kung	283	300	308	309	319
Kowloon City	219	224	224	227	230
Sham Shui Po	400	410	419	432	415
Yau Tsim Mong	244	233	221	239	233
Sha Tin	470	472	480	497	473
Tai Po	100	94	94	101	100
North	62	65	67	67	66
Yuen Long	174	175	175	185	230
Tsuen Wan	125	132	195	267	269
Kwai Tsing	277	262	296	352	351
Tuen Mun	182	177	185	186	277
Total	**4 388**	**4 470**	**4 637**	**4 813**	**4 973**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1637)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme), please advise:

1. the number of service places, the number of service users in the whole year, the number of eligible cases, the number of cases receiving services, the number of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time, the number of persons having withdrawn from the service and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
2. the number of service users in the whole year, the number of eligible cases, the number of cases receiving services, the number of waitlisted persons and the number of persons having withdrawn from the service in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by age group; and
3. the number of service places, the number of service users in the whole year, the number of cases served yearly and the subsidy amount granted in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by service unit.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 28 December 2017 with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) being responsible for its implementation. Under the Pilot Scheme, 55 integrated home care services teams under all of the 24 non-governmental organisations operating integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) will assess the elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) within their service area, and provide elderly persons eligible for the Pilot Scheme with home-based community care and support services. It is estimated that about 4 000 service places will be provided under the Pilot Scheme.

The Pilot Scheme will provide necessary home care and support services to elderly service recipients through service teams as soon as practicable. Currently, elderly persons do not need to wait for the services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 3 840 elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) had been invited to participate in the Pilot Scheme and were

assessed by the simple assessment tool. Among them, 3 260 had been assessed to have mild impairment and approved by the CCF to be eligible for the Pilot Scheme, and were referred to service units for follow-up. The cumulative number of persons having received services and granted with the subsidy is 2 801, involving an expenditure of about $62 million. Since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, a total of 548 persons left. SWD does not have information on the breakdown by DC district, age group or service unit.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1638)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (the Pilot Scheme), please advise as to:

A)

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of existing service users			
Cumulative number of eligible service users			
Cumulative number of people having left the Pilot Scheme			

B) Please list by year the types and volume of services received by users since the launch of the Scheme:

Type of service	Number of cases	Percentage out of total number/count of cases	Aggregate volume/count of service used	Percentage out of total volume/count of service	Resources used
Meal service					
Home care services					
Meal and home care services					

C) Please list, by year and the types of services, the distribution of the average monthly volume of service received by users since the launch of the Scheme:

Meal service:

Average monthly volume of service used	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
0 meal			
1-10 meal(s)			
11-20 meals			
21-30 meals			
31-40 meals			
41-52 meals			
Over 52 meals			

Home care services:

Average monthly volume of service used	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
0 hour			
1-4 hour(s)			
5-8 hours			
8-12 hours			
Over 12 hours			

D) What was the maximum standard subsidy for each case each month under the Pilot Scheme?

E) Since the launch of the Scheme, how many cases have warranted an application to increase the subsidy for the services each year, and what were the types of services being applied for?

F) Since the launch of the Scheme, how many cases have withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme on grounds of deteriorating health each year? What were the arrangements and distribution of services upon their withdrawal from the Scheme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 28 December 2017, and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is responsible for its implementation. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of persons assessed to have mild impairment and approved by the CCF to be eligible for the Pilot Scheme, and were referred to service units for follow-up with a breakdown by service type is provided as follows:

Year	No. of persons (percentage) [Note]			
	Home care services	Meal service	Meal and home care services	Cumulative total
2017-18	59 (63.4%)	23 (24.7%)	11 (11.8%)	93 (100%)
2018-19	1 231 (62.5%)	404 (20.5%)	336 (17.0%)	1 971 (100%)
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 615 (57.7%)	580 (20.7%)	606 (21.6%)	2 801 (100%)

[Note] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

SWD does not have the total frequency of services used and the average monthly volume of service received by users.

As at end-December 2019, SWD received a total of 472 applications for increasing the service value. The number of applications with a breakdown by service type is set out as follows:

Service type	Home care services	Meal services	Meal and home care services	Total
Applications	122	78	272	472

SWD does not have information on withdrawals from the Pilot Scheme on grounds of deteriorating health.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1639)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

A)

	No. of Recognised Service Providers (RSPs)	No. of service places	Annual expenditure	Average monthly subsidies for each RCSV holder
2017-18				
2018-19				
2019-20				

B)

	Cumulative no. of eligible applicants for the service	Number of RCSV recipients per year	Number of existing RCSV holders		Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme	
			Have used RCSVs	Have not used RCSVs	Have used RCSVs	Have not used RCSVs
2017-18						
2018-19						
2019-20						

C) The average time taken for the elderly to receive RCSVs, counting from the time they applied for the Pilot Scheme.

D) The average time taken for the elderly to receive the service, counting from the time they obtained RCSVs.

E) The cumulative number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme, and the yearly distribution of their reasons for leaving.

F) The yearly distribution of number of RCSV holders in the Pilot Scheme by co-payment level.

G) On an annual basis, the number of invitation letters already issued on RCSVs, the number of applicants for the service, the number of eligible and ineligible persons and the number of persons who refused to apply for the service, as well as the number of persons who have not replied since the launch of the Pilot Scheme.

H) On an annual basis, the number of service providers for RCSVs, the number of service places for each service provider, the amount of subsidies granted and the number of users since the launch of the Pilot Scheme.

I) On an annual basis, the number of service users throughout the year and the total number of such users, the utilisation rate of RCSVs, the number of cases served throughout the year and the total number of such cases since the launch of the Pilot Scheme.

J) What is the progress of evaluation of the Pilot Scheme by a commissioned consultant? When and how will the evaluation results be published?

K) The subsequent arrangement for the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.:10)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

A), B) & H) The Pilot Scheme has been launched since March 2017. A maximum of 3 000 RCSVs were issued from 2017 to 2019 in batches. There are 8 co-payment levels under the Pilot Scheme. The RCSV value is set at $15,263 per month from 1 October 2019. Each RCSV holder will be subsidised, ranging from $3,816 to $15,263 per month, by the Government. As the time of admission of RCSV holders to RSPs and their respective co-payment levels may vary, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average amount of subsidy per month per RCSV holder. The number of RSPs, service places, RCSV users and amount of subsidies under the Pilot Scheme, and the cumulative number of RCSV holders and persons having left the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by year are provided in Tables 1 and 2 in the Annex.

C) & D) As at end-December 2019, the average time taken for cumulative RCSV holders to receive RCSVs, counting from the receipt of their applications by SWD, is about 3 months. The average time taken for cumulative RCSV elderly users to receive RCSV services, counting from the receipt of RCSVs, is about 18 days.

E) to G) & I) The reasons for RCSV holders to leave the Pilot Scheme, the number of RCSV holders by their respective co-payment levels, the number of applicants and users of RCSV services and the utilisation rate with a breakdown by year are provided in Tables 3 to 6 in the Annex.

J) & K) SWD has commissioned the consultant to conduct evaluation of effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme. The preliminary findings show that service users and RSPs in general respond positively to the Pilot Scheme. Since the launch of the Pilot Scheme, the number of RCSV elderly users and RSPs has been growing steadily. The Government has extended the Pilot Scheme for 3 years from March 2020 to March 2023. During the period, SWD will study the relevant content of the report and continue to collect more data and views for analysis, in order to consider the further enhancement of the Pilot Scheme and evaluate its effectiveness for formulating the way forward.

Annex

Table 1: **Number of RSPs, service places, RCSV users and subsidies under the Pilot Scheme by year**

Year	No. of RSPs	Service places [Note 1]	Cumulative no. of RCSV users	Subsidies granted ($ million)
2017-18	86	4 691	325	15.3 [Note 2]
2018-19	104	5 394	978	92.6 [Note 2]
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	120	5 901	1 665	280.0 [Note 3]

[Note 1] The service places are non-subsidised residential places on offer to RCSV holders by RSPs. The places may also accommodate non-RCSV holders. Subject to availability of residential places, RSPs must provide places to any RCSV holder intending for admission.

[Note 2] The actual expenditure for that year.

[Note 3] 2019-20 Revised Estimate.

Table 2: **Cumulative number of RCSV holders and persons having left the Pilot Scheme by year [Note]**

Year	Number of existing RCSV holders		Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme		Total
	Have used RCSVs	Have never used RCSVs	Have used RCSVs	Have not used RCSVs	
2017-18	304	19	21	9	353
2018-19	849	115	129	70	1 163
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 352	112	313	169	1 946

[Note] Number of applicants for the service and number of persons issued with RCSVs each year is provided in Table 5 in the Annex.

Table 3: Cumulative number of RCSV holders having left the Pilot Scheme with reasons by year

Reasons for leaving the Pilot Scheme	Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Elderly persons had no immediate need for residential care services	-	10	21
Taken care of by carers, like family members, domestic helpers or by Community Care Service	1	29	77
Deceased	19	106	260
No vacancies in preferred RSPs/ No suitable RSPs	3	15	53
Chose to wait for subsidised places in residential care homes for the elderly	4	18	33
Rejected the co-payment arrangement	1	10	21
Others (e.g. long-term hospitalisation, out of town, chose not to leave the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and could not adapt to life at a residential care home, etc.)	2	11	17
Total	**30**	**199**	**482**

Table 4: Cumulative number of RCSV holders and their respective co-payment levels by year

Co-payment level [Note]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	**Cumulative no. of RCSV holders**
Co-payment ratio	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	62.5%	75%	
Distribution of number of RCSV holders by year:									
2017-18	303	46	-	-	-	-	-	4	353
2018-19	1 013	129	4	2	1	-	-	14	1 163
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 693	210	6	4	2	-	-	31	1 946

[Note] There are 8 co-payment levels under the Pilot Scheme. RCSV holders at Level 0 will be fully subsidised by the Government, while RCSV holders from Level 1 to Level 7 are required to pay an amount of co-payment according to their respective co-payment ratios.

Table 5: Number of applicants for RCSV services, eligible and ineligible persons by year [Note]

Year	Number of applicants for RCSV services	Number of eligible persons (No. of RCSV recipients)	Number of ineligible applicants for RCSVs
2017-18	1 730	353	113
2018-19	1 785	810	116
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 159	783	50
Total	**4 674**	**1 946**	**279**

[Note] Based on the application dates from eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list, SWD issued letters in sequence to invite them to apply for different batches of RCSVs. Elderly persons who are eligible for the application of RCSVs can submit their application as necessary at any time. SWD does not have information on the number of invitation letters issues, persons who refused to apply for the service and those who did not reply.

Table 6: Cumulative number of RCSV users, number of cases served and utilisation rate of RCSVs by year

Year	Cumulative no. of RCSV users (a)	No. of cases served (Cumulative no. of RCSV recipients) (b)	Utilisation rate of RCSVs (a)/(b) x 100%
2017-18	325	353	92%
2018-19	978	1 163	84%
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 665	1 946	86%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1640)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please advise:

1. the number of service places for various types of services, the number of service vacancies, the number of service users in the whole year, the number of cases served yearly and the total number of such cases in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by service unit;
2. the number of CCSV service places, the number of elderly voucher users, the number of elderly persons having left, the number of invitation letters issued, the number of service users under mixed mode, and the number of service users under single mode in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by district;
3. the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of service places for various types of services (including day care services, home care services, services delivered in mixed mode, residential respite services, dementia services, speech therapy service) and their vacancy rates in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by district; and
4. the number of replies received in response to the invitation letters issued since its introduction, with a breakdown by type of reply.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information with a breakdown by service unit, year, and service type, and does not have information on utilisation with a breakdown by district, year and service. As at end-December, the number of CCSV users by geographical distribution is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

3. SWD does not have the number of service places and the vacancy rates with a breakdown by district, year and service type. As at end-December 2019, the number of RSPs and the number of service places by district are set out in table 2 of the Annex.

4. Eligible elderly persons may lodge their applications according to their needs at different time upon receipt of invitation letters. As at end-December 2019, a cumulative total of 10 770 elderly persons had applied for participation in the Pilot Scheme.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CCSV users under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme (as at end-December 2019) [Note 1]

District		No. of CCSV users		Total
		Service users of single mode [Note 2]	Service users of mixed mode [Note 3]	
1.	Eastern	252	146	398
2.	Wan Chai	47	26	73
3.	Central & Western	70	10	80
4.	Southern	70	15	85
5.	Islands	6	3	9
6.	Kwun Tong	536	164	700
7.	Wong Tai Sin	391	103	494
8.	Sai Kung	95	32	127
9.	Sham Shui Po	192	40	232
10.	Kowloon City	216	60	276
11.	Yau Tsim Mong	81	36	117
12.	Sha Tin	305	51	356
13.	Tai Po	150	65	215
14.	North	73	46	119
15.	Kwai Tsing	219	98	317
16.	Tsuen Wan	196	103	299
17.	Tuen Mun	149	46	195
18.	Yuen Long	61	13	74
Total：		**3 109**	**1 057**	**4 166**

[Note 1] As at end-December 2019, the cumulative total of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme was 4 779.

[Note 2] Services delivered in the single mode include day care services (single mode) and home care services (single mode).

[Note 3] Services delivered in the mixed mode include day care services and home care services.

Table 2: Number of RSPs and service places under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme (as at end-December 2019)

District		No. of RSPs	Service places [Note]	
			Day care	Home care
1.	Eastern	14	214	482
2.	Wan Chai	3	51	60
3.	Central & Western	6	90	125
4.	Southern	7	130	152
5.	Islands	1	20	20
6.	Kwun Tong	19	467	590
7.	Wong Tai Sin	12	258	566
8.	Sai Kung	4	103	165
9.	Sham Shui Po	13	183	438
10.	Kowloon City	9	177	495
11.	Yau Tsim Mong	5	89	80
12.	Sha Tin	10	221	278
13.	Tai Po	6	134	304
14.	North	5	112	150
15.	Kwai Tsing	16	312	496
16.	Tsuen Wan	10	166	455
17.	Tuen Mun	8	179	225
18.	Yuen Long	5	80	110
Total：		**153**	**2 986**	**5 191**

[Note] Service places for day care and home care services have included dementia service places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1641)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low Income Carers of Persons with Disabilities and Phase III of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families, please advise as to:

1. the units, manpower, total number of applicants and the resources involved for each type of allowance since its rollout;
2. the annual expenditure and administrative costs for each type of allowance since its rollout;
3. the annual number of applicants, applicants approved as eligible and the number of types of payment applied for regarding each type of allowance since its rollout;
4. the number of recipients of living allowance, participants in carers' training courses, recipients of the training payment of $1,000 under the 2 pilot schemes and the utilisation rate of each type of allowance since its rollout;
5. the number of carers quitting the 2 pilot schemes, broken down by reason for leaving, since the rollout of the 2 types of allowance;
6. the progress of evaluation of the second phase of the pilot schemes by a commissioned consultant; when and how the evaluation results will be published;
7. the subsequent arrangement for the schemes.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers), 50 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating district elderly community centres and/or neighbourhood elderly centres (159 elderly centres in total) provided support services to carers and elderly persons. Under Phase II of

the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low Income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers), 24 NGOs operating parents/relatives resource centres, integrated community centres for mental wellness/ parents/relatives resource centres for ex-mentally ill persons or district support centres for persons with disabilities (46 centres in total) provided support services to carers and persons with disabilities. The total allocated funding for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers is about $538 million and $224 million respectively. The manpower deployed is about 457 man-months and 155 man-months respectively.

2. As at end-December 2019, the amount of approved grant for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers is about $340 million and $150 million respectively (including service fees for approved service providers). The administrative cost involved is about $10.19 million and $4.15 million respectively.

3. & 4. As at end-December 2019, the number of applications, number of cases having received the allowances and training fees under the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers are set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has information on the number of beneficiaries for each phase and in total, but not the information on number of beneficiaries and utilisation rate of each type of allowance with a breakdown by year.

5. As at end-December 2019, a total of 3 259 elderly carers and 446 carers of persons with disabilities have withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers respectively. Their reasons for leaving and the relevant number of cases are set out in Annex 2.

6. & 7. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on both the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers and the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers, with a view to assisting the Government in considering the way forward. The final report of the evaluation study has been already drafted, and is now being studied and analysed by SWD. SWD will report the result of the effectiveness review and the way forward of the Pilot Schemes to the Community Care Fund Task Force in due course.

Annex 1

The number of applications, number of cases having received the allowances and training fees under Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers (as at end-December 2019)

	Number of applications			**Number of cases having received the allowances**			**Number of cases having received the training fees**
	Phase I	**Phase II**	**Phase III**	**Phase I**	**Phase II**	**Phase III**	
Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers	2 928	2 917	2 330	2 001	1 968	1 740	233 [Note 2]
Total	**8 175**			**5 709** [Note 1]			
Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers	1 934	1 069	N.A.	1 528	783	N.A.	433 [Note 4]
Total	**3 003**			**2 311** [Note 3]			

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] 5 463 of them took care of 1 elderly person, while 246 took care of 2 elderly persons/1 elderly person and 1 person with disabilities.

[Note 2] 35 of them have received $1,000 training fees.

[Note 3] 2 284 of them took care of 1 person with disabilities, while 27 took care of 2 persons with disabilities/1 person with disabilities and 1 elderly persons.

[Note 4] 183 of them have received $1,000 training fees.

Annex 2

Number of persons having withdrawn from Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers and their reasons for withdrawal (as at end-December 2019)

Reason for having withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme	Number of cases	
	Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers	**Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers**
Elderly persons/persons with disabilities started receiving residential care services (including boarding schools or infirmary service)	1 353	158
Elderly persons/persons with disabilities passed away	1 080	24
Elderly carers/carers of persons with disabilities started receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance/ Old Age Living Allowance	294	91
Carers/elderly persons/carers of persons with disabilities/ persons with disabilities faced changing circumstances	357	109
Did not apply for Phase II/III of Pilot Scheme upon completion of Phase I/II	175	64
Total	**3 259**	**446**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1642)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please advise the following:

1. the number of service places, the number of cases, the number of service users, the age distribution of the service users, the utilisation rate, the number of waitlisted applicants and the waiting time under ISS and the HCS respectively each year since their launch;
2. the number of service places, the utilisation rate, the age distribution of service users, the number of users, the number of sessions provided and the waiting situation for each of the various services that come under ISS and the HCS;
3. the average service cost per case;
4. the total amount of funding for each year;
5. the number of persons under ISS and the HCS who are waiting for residential care places; and
6. does the Government have any plan to increase the respective services and funding so as to cope with the needs of persons with disabilities residing in community?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2019-20, there were 900 and 3 550 places for ISS and HCS respectively. The number of cases served each year for the 2 services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the age distribution of the service users, the utilisation rate, the number of waitlisted applicants and the waiting time under ISS and HCS.
2. The service volume of ISS and HCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 in Annex 2 respectively. SWD does not have information on the utilisation rate, age distribution of service users and waiting situation for each of the various services.

3. SWD does not have information on the average service cost per case.

4. The service expenditure on ISS and HCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 3.

5. In 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (April to December), there were 124, 96, 90, 55 and 29 persons among the users of HCS waiting for residential care services for severely disabled persons respectively. SWD does not have information on the users of ISS waiting for residential care services.

6. In the past, service users of HCS and ISS include persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes. With the introduction of the Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Teams for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities and the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly in the first quarter of 2019, the support services for persons with disabilities living in private residential care care homes, previously provided under HCS and ISS, will be gradually covered by the 2 pilot schemes. The 2 home-based care services have undergone resources redeployment in 2019-20, and are estimated to be able to provide home-based care service for 1 500 persons with disabilities in the community. Apart from that, SWD has increased its allocation to 6 HCS service teams in the first quarter of 2020 to provide an additional 300 service quotas.

Annex 1

Number of cases served each year under ISS and HCS

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
ISS	721	982	1 148	1 193	1 128
HCS	2 942	3 929	4 507	4 730	4 342

Annex 2

Table 1: Volume of various services utilised by ISS users

Service/Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Nursing care (number of sessions/hours [Note])	5 758 sessions	17 603 sessions	16 637 hours	20 672 hours	12 662 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/hours [Note])	7 691 sessions	15 309 sessions	20 810 hours	26 338 hours	19 482 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	12 539	28 625	37 786	42 168	33 236
Escort service (number of hours)	1 438	4 705	6 456	8 143	5 700
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	42	43	54	51	49
Home respite service (headcount of users)	869	1 581	4 941	7 995	6 370
Social work service (number of users)	721	982	1 148	1 193	1 128
Meal support service (number of users)	1	10	18	13	13
Household cleaning service (number of users)	32	62	59	55	49

[Note] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standard for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours. For statistical purposes, the full-year service output of these nursing care and rehabilitation services in 2017-18 has been standardised into hours.

Annex 2

Table 2: Volume of various services utilised by HCS users

Service/Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Nursing care (number of sessions/hours [Note 1])	14 414 sessions	24 149 sessions	32 482 hours	39 502 hours	32 766 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/hours [Note 1])	29 686 sessions	48 541 sessions	63 279 hours	73 552 hours	57 069 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	37 984	53 901	65 850	84 730	65 869
Escort service (number of hours)	31 622	44 077	48 453	61 629	51 448
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	107	106	149	162	109
Home respite service (headcount of users)	4 158	6 173	7 995	11 666	10 490
Social work service (number of users)	2 942	3 929	4 507	4 730	4 342
Meal support service (number of users)	10	11	21	76	155 [Note 2]
Household cleaning service (number of users)	1	2	2	16	24

[Note 1] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standard for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours.

[Note 2] 80 of the users have only used the service once.

Annex 3

The service expenditure on the ISS and the HCS

	2015-16 (Actual) ($ million)	**2016-17 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)**
ISS	61.6	61.9	61.6	64.9	68.7
HCS	201.0	254.1	262.8	287.0	304.7

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1643)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please provide the following information for the period from 2013-14 to 2018-19:

a) the yearly figures of the cases served, service places, persons on the waiting list and the waiting time;

b) the number of users of various services:

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Nursing care service							
Rehabilitation training							
Personal care service							
Carer support service							
Home respite service							
Social work service							
Meal support service							
Household cleaning service							

c) the service cost per case on average;

d) the total funding allocation for each year; and

e) the number of such service users waiting for residential care services.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The 6 non-governmental organisations operating HCS across the territory served a total of 2 942, 3 929, 4 507, 4 730 and 4 342 cases in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) respectively. In 2019-20, the number of places for HCS was about 3 550. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted or the waiting time.

b) The service volume of HCS by service type is set out in the Annex.

c) Since the needs of individual service users and the services required differ, SWD does not have information on the service cost per case under HCS.

d) The actual expenditures on HCS in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 were about $200 million, $250 million, $260 million and $290 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $300 million.

e) In 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019), there were 124, 96, 90, 55 and 29 persons respectively among the users of HCS waiting for residential care services for severely disabled persons.

Annex

Service volume of HCS by service type

Service/Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Nursing care service (no. of sessions/hours [Note 1])	14 414 sessions	24 149 sessions	32 482 hours	39 502 hours	32 766 hours
Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions/hours [Note 1])	29 686 sessions	48 541 sessions	63 279 hours	73 552 hours	57 069 hours
Personal care service (no. of hours)	37 984	53 901	65 850	84 730	65 869
Escort service (no. of hours)	31 622	44 077	48 453	61 629	51 448
Carer support activities (frequency)	107	106	149	162	109
Home respite service (headcount)	4 158	6 173	7 995	11 666	10 490
Social work service (no. of persons)	2 942	3 929	4 507	4 730	4 342
Meal support service (no. of persons)	10	11	21	76	155 [Note 2]
Household cleaning service (no. of persons)	1	2	2	16	24

[Note 1] "Session" was used as the unit for measuring the service output standards for 2015-16 and 2016-17 (45 minutes per session). According to the Funding and Service Agreements between SWD and the service operators with effect from 1 March 2017, the unit for measuring the service output standards for the nursing care services provided by nurses/health workers and the rehabilitation training services provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from "session" to "hour" starting from 2017-18.

[Note 2] 80 of the users have only used the service once.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1644)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2018 Policy Address that "the Government will also allocate new resources to provide home-based care services for about an additional 1 800 persons with disabilities living in the community and to enhance transport support for the services." Please advise the following:

1. the type of units allocated with the new resources and the implementation timetable;
2. the details of the home-based care services receiving new resources;
3. the reason why the Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Team for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (POTs) is included in the home-based care services.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

In the past, service users of home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) include persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes. With the introduction of POTs and the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly in the first quarter of 2019, the support services for persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes, previously provided under HCS and ISS, will be gradually covered by the 2 pilot schemes. The 2 home-based care services have undergone resources redeployment in 2019-20, and are estimated to be able to provide home-based community care service for 1 500 persons with disabilities in the community. Apart from that, the Social Welfare Department has increased its allocation to 6 HCS service teams in the first quarter of 2020 to provide an additional 300 service quotas. The service units under HCS, ISS and POTs have been funded by the Lotteries Fund to procure transport vehicles in September 2019. The vehicles are expected to be in service upon the completion of modification and licensing procedure in the third quarter of 2020, and will provide transport support for service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1645)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please advise this Committee by listing the following since the launch of the services:

1. the quarterly number of users of the various service units under ISS and HCS (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
2. the total number of service places, number of service places of the various services that come under ISS and HCS, number of users, number of waitlisted persons, number of refused persons and the distribution of users in various districts, with a breakdown by age group;
3. the total number of service places, number of service places of the various services that come under ISS and HCS, number of users, number of waitlisted persons, number of refused persons and the age group distribution of users, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
4. the total number of service places, number of users, number of waitlisted persons and number of refused persons, with a breakdown by the various services that come under ISS and HCS.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of users of ISS and HCS per quarter from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019) by service unit is set out in Annex 1.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought by age group.
3. SWD does not have the information sought by DC district or administrative district of SWD.
4. In 2019-20, there were 900 and 3 550 places under ISS and HCS respectively. The volume of services provided by the 2 services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out respectively in Table 1 and Table 2 in Annex 2. SWD does not have information on the distribution of number of waitlisted persons and persons having been refused broken down by the various services.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of ISS users per quarter from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service Unit	Financial Year											
	2015-16				2016-17				2017-18			
	April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	January to March 2016	April to June 2016	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	January to March 2017	April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018
Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	269	288	302	318	365	395	420	456	477	497	502	479
New Territories	206	282	309	315	330	348	384	423	451	459	474	474
Total	**475**	**570**	**611**	**633**	**695**	**743**	**804**	**879**	**928**	**956**	**976**	**953**

Service Unit	Financial Year						
	2018-19				2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)		
	April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019	April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019
Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	463	481	479	480	475	474	466
New Territories	473	499	502	524	512	518	535
Total	**936**	**980**	**981**	**1 004**	**987**	**992**	**1 001**

Table 2: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2015-16

Service Unit	April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	January to March 2016
Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands; Eastern and Wan Chai	327	358	392	412
Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	375	390	409	437
Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	287	372	441	504
Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	268	300	351	382
Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	318	327	357	378
Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	279	438	474	496
Total	**1 854**	**2 185**	**2 424**	**2 609**

Table 3: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2016-17

Service Unit	April to June 2016	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	January to March 2017
Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands; Eastern and Wan Chai	455	503	483	504
Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	452	484	505	529
Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	612	639	654	660
Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	413	434	455	497
Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	416	438	470	499
Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	525	548	569	575
Total	**2 873**	**3 046**	**3 136**	**3 264**

Table 4: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2017-18

Service Unit	April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018
Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands; Eastern and Wan Chai	526	573	608	619
Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	546	539	546	554
Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	673	673	677	682
Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	540	555	558	564
Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	518	531	536	537
Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	605	625	636	697
Total	**3 408**	**3 496**	**3 561**	**3 653**

Table 5: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2018-19

Service Unit	April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019
Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands; Eastern and Wan Chai	629	628	624	635
Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	542	536	552	562
Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	722	731	755	748
Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	580	586	618	627
Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	545	545	554	558
Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	729	768	786	802
Total	**3 747**	**3 794**	**3 889**	**3 932**

Table 6: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Service Unit	April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019
Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands; Eastern and Wan Chai	606	597	603
Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	556	556	563
Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	736	682	673
Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	627	604	595
Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	550	532	485
Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	773	775	769
Total	**3 848**	**3 746**	**3 688**

Annex 2

Table 1: Volume of various services under ISS utilised by service users

Service	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Nursing care (number of sessions/hours [Note])	5 758 sessions	17 603 sessions	16 637 hours	20 672 hours	12 662 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/hours [Note])	7 691 sessions	15 309 sessions	20 810 hours	26 338 hours	19 482 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	12 539	28 625	37 786	42 168	33 236
Escort service (number of hours)	1 438	4 705	6 456	8 143	5 700
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	42	43	54	51	49
Home respite service (headcount of users)	869	1 581	4 941	7 995	6 370
Social work service (number of users)	721	982	1 148	1 193	1 128
Meal support service (number of users)	1	10	18	13	13
Household cleaning service (number of users)	32	62	59	55	49

[Note] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standards for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours. For statistical purposes, the full-year service output of these nursing care and rehabilitation services in 2017-18 has been standardised into hours.

Table 2: Volume of various services under HCS utilised by service users

Service	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Nursing care (number of sessions/hours [Note 1])	14 414 sessions	24 149 sessions	32 482 hours	39 502 hours	32 766 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/hours [Note 1])	29 686 sessions	48 541 sessions	63 279 hours	73 552 hours	57 069 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	37 984	53 901	65 850	84 730	65 869
Escort service (number of hours)	31 622	44 077	48 453	61 629	51 448
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	107	106	149	162	109
Home respite service (headcount of users)	4 158	6 173	7 995	11 666	10 490
Social work service (number of users)	2 942	3 929	4 507	4 730	4 342
Meal support service (number of users)	10	11	21	76	155 [Note 2]
Household cleaning service (number of users)	1	2	2	16	24

[Note 1] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) that came into effect on 1 March 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standards for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours.

[Note 2] 80 of the users have only used the service once.

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LWB(WW)182

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1646)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in this year's Budget Speech that the Government "will allocate an additional $75 million to subsidised elderly service units for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties". Please advise:

1. the number of beneficiaries under the scheme, the estimated per capita cost for soft meals, the number and the list of units receiving the allocation; and
2. the implementation schedule and arrangements of the subsidy scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

To enable elderly persons with swallowing difficulties to enjoy food consumption and ensure their sufficient intake of nutrients, the Government will provide additional resources to subsidised residential care homes for the elderly, day care centres/units for the elderly, integrated home care services and enhanced home and community care services for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties, with a view to enhancing their quality of life and slowing down their deterioration rate. About 12 000 elderly persons is expected to benefit. The annual expenditure involved is about $75 million, which does not involve additional manpower expenditure. The measure is expected to be implemented in 2020-21.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)183

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1647)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in this year's Budget Speech that "a total of 3 000 additional home care service quotas will be provided for frail elderly persons in the 2 years". Please advise:

1. the estimated number of additional places with a breakdown by service unit and district;
2. the estimated subsidy amount for each unit, the manpower involved and the costs in terms of land and resources; and
3. the implementation schedule and arrangements.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

The Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for integrated home care services (frail cases) in 2 phases in the fourth quarter of 2020 and the second quarter of 2021, involving a full-year expenditure of $303 million. The Government will arrange the geographical distribution of the 3 000 service places having regard to factors such as the service demand and supply in each district and the operational situation of each service team, and the overall home care services provided to frail elderly persons.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)184

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1648)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in this year's Budget Speech that "an additional 1 000 community care service vouchers will be issued to elderly persons with moderate or severe impairment in 2020-21". Please advise:

1. the estimated number of additional vouchers with a breakdown by service unit and district;
2. the estimated subsidy amount for each unit, the manpower involved and the costs in terms of land and resources; and
3. the implementation schedule and arrangements.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

Starting from the fourth quarter of 2020, the Social Welfare Department will provide an additional 1 000 community care service vouchers (CCSVs) under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, involving an estimated additional annual expenditure of about $62 million. Based on the principle of "money-following-the-user", CCSVs are issued directly to eligible elderly persons, instead of increasing subsidised places in each service unit.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1649)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards supporting needy carers living in the community who are taking care of frail elderly persons, please inform this Committee:

1. of the service details, number of service places, number of applicants, number and headcount of service users and number of activities held for support services provided to these carers in the past 5 years;
2. of the units, manpower and resources involved in support services provided to these carers in the past 5 years;
3. for carers served by subvented elderly centres and home care services teams, of the number of applicants, service places, service users and activities held in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service received; and
4. whether the Government has any plan to introduce relevant support schemes to carers of persons with disabilities or other needy carers.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated additional resources to all subvented elderly centres (including 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) and 169 neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs)) and 60 integrated home care services (IHCS) teams across the territory since October 2018, and 34 enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) teams since March 2019 to enhance outreach services for supporting needy carers living in the community who are looking after frail elderly persons, including carers with disabilities or aged carers. The measures will incur a recurrent expenditure of about $238 million, which is mainly used for the elderly service units to recruit more social workers and personal care workers. The additional resources will enable elderly centres and home care services teams to make use of various outreach services and community networks to identify needy elderly persons and offer them the necessary support services, such as temporary elder-sitting and on-site carer training, thereby relieving the pressure of carers of the elderly.

Support services for needy carers of the elderly have been implemented since October 2018. The details of the services, the number of service users and the frequency of relevant activities are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of service places, the number of applicants and the headcount of service users regarding support services for such carers of the elderly with a breakdown by service type.

4. As regards support for persons with disabilities and their carers, SWD provides them with a range of integrated home-based services through Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS), with a view to relieving the pressure on their families/carers and improving their quality of life. The ISS provides special subsidies to support eligible persons with severe physical disabilities, so as to reduce their burden arising from the costs of medical equipment and medical consumables. In September 2017, the Community Care Fund rolled out a three-year Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables. SWD will regularise the Pilot Scheme upon its completion.

Persons with disabilities and their carers/families may also use the services provided by parents/relatives resource centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated community centres for mental wellness, support centres for persons with autism, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and day and residential respite services to receive appropriate support.

Annex

Number of Users, Frequency of Activities and Details of Support Services for Carers of the Elderly

Service	**DECCs**		**NECs**		**IHCS Teams**		**EHCCS Teams**	
Year	**2018-19 [Note 1]**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**	**2018-19 [Note 1]**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**	**2018-19 [Note 2]**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Number of service users (Total number of needy carers of the elderly served)	2 600	4 173	5 539	9 590	587	454	143	1 084
Frequency of Activities	5 525	11 184	12 505	30 162	346	647	117	914
Service details	To identify needy elderly persons and their carers in the community through various outreach services and community networks, for example by liaising with different neighbourhoods and mobilising members of the community, and offer them the necessary support services.							
Details of Activities	Services for needy carers of the elderly provided include such support services as organising support groups, training activities and arranging visits by volunteers, escort service and respite care for the elderly (home-based or centre-based).				Counselling Service, referrals, personal or group training, support groups and programmes, etc. aimed at meeting the physical/emotional/social needs of needy carers of the elderly.			

[Note 1] Support services for needy carers of the elderly were launched in October 2018. Therefore, the figures in 2018-19 were taken from October 2018 to March 2019.

[Note 2] As allocation of additional resources to the 34 EHCCS teams will only be effective in March 2019, the figures for 2018-19 only include the number of persons in 1 March to 31 March 2019.

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LWB(WW)186

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1650)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On supporting carers of persons with disabilities living in the community, please advise this Committee:

1. the number of carers who have used home respite service, carer training service, carer emotional support service and case management service over the past 5 years;
2. the number of carers served, number of members and total headcount of activities participants with a breakdown by different services (including the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS)) over the past 5 years;
3. the service places, number of applicants, number of relevant activities organised and number of activity participants of DSCs, PRCs, ICCMWs, HCS and ISS, with a breakdown by type of services in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides various types of community support services for persons with disabilities and their families/carers through non-governmental organisations. These services include ISS, HCS, DSCs, PRCs and ICCMWs, to help persons with disabilities continue to live in and integrate into the community, and reduce the pressure on their families/carers. SWD does not have information on the number of carers who have used home respite service, carer training service, carer emotional support service and case management service of the above mentioned services.

2. & 3. Among the above services, the number of service places of ISS and HCS in 2019- 20 was 900 and 3 550 respectively, and there were no designated service places for the remaining services. SWD does not have information on the number of service places, number of applicants and total headcount and number

of activity participants in the various community support services. From 2015-16 to 2019- 20, the number of members (including the families/carers of persons with disabilities) of PRCs and ICCMWs is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of cases being carers of persons with disabilities and the number of activities organised for these carers are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of members being carers in PRCs and ICCMWs [Note 1]

Year	PRCs (Average no. of family membership per month)	ICCMWs (No. of families/carers) [Note 2]
2015-16	5 002	3 069
2016-17	5 115	4 073
2017-18	5 360	4 376
2018-19	5 553	5 174
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	7 704 [Note 3]	4 144

[Note 1] SWD does not have information on the number of service users being carers of persons with disabilities in DSCs, HCS and ISS.

[Note 2] The figure of family members/carers in ICCMW refers to the number of service users.serveds

[Note 3] 6 additional PRCs will be put in service in March 2019.

Table 2: Number of cases being carers of persons with disabilities in various services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 [Note 1]

Service type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
PRCs	199 [Note 2]	332	380	396	533 [Note 3]
ICCMWs [Note 4]	-	2 439	2 432	2 658	1 579

[Note 1] SWD does not have information on the number of cases being carers of persons with disabilities in DSCs, HCS and ISS.

[Note 2] The manpower of social workers in PRCs has been enhanced since October 2015 in order to strengthen the support for persons with disabilities and their families/carers and to provide better services.

[Note 3] 6 additional PRCs have been put in service in March 2019.

[Note 4] ICCMWs started to collect the information of the number of cases involving families/carers of ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems from April 2016.

Table 3: Number of related activities organised for carers of persons with disabilities by various services from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of service	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
	No. of activities	No. of activities	No. of activities	No. of activities	No. of activities
PRC	2 667	2 645	3 360	3 736	3 761 [Note 3]
DSC [Note 1]	1 264	1 372	1 180	1 485	833
HCS	107	106	149	162	109
ISS	42	43	54	51	49
ICCMW [Note 1 & 2]	-	509	530	667	722

[Note 1] The figure provided represents the number of sessions of the activities.

[Note 2] ICCMWs started to collect the information of the number of activity sessions held for families/carers of ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems from April 2016.

[Note 3] 6 additional PRCs have been put in service in March 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1651)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Respite service is a very important community support service to give carers of persons with disabilities temporary relief and facilitate the long-term integration into the community of persons with disabilities. According to some persons with disabilities and their families, they often encounter great difficulties when trying to reserve this service. In this connection, please advise the following:

1. the number of service places, cases handled, number and headcount of service users and average vacancy rate of designated residential respite places, casual vacancies of subsidised places and the provision of residential respite service under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) respectively in each of the past 5 years;
2. the daily amount of subsidy and daily average cost of each designated residential respite place;
3. the daily amount of subsidy and daily average cost of the provision of residential respite service under BPS;
4. the Government's relevant plan on increasing the places of the residential respite service, the expenditure involved and its implementation timetable;
5. whether the Government will consider introducing specialised complexes for residential respite service in each district.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The number of service places and headcount of service users of the residential respite service for persons with disabilities for the past 5 years is set out in Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average vacancy rate, daily amount of subsidy and daily average cost of the residential respite service.

With regard to the need for residential respite services for persons with disabilities, SWD will continue to provide designated residential respite places in the newly established subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). Apart from that, SWD will purchase more than 40 places from private RCHDs participating in the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs (BPS) in 2020-21 for the provision of designated residential respite service, so as to increase the supply of residential respite places and alleviate the stress on the carers.

Annex

Number of service places and headcount of service users of residential respite services for persons with disabilities from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Residential respite services for persons with disabilities			
	Service places			Headcount of service users [Note]
	Designated	Casual	Total	
2015-16	93	192	285	3 294
2016-17	93	198	291	3 331
2017-18	93	199	292	3 370
2018-19	95	202	297	3 013
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	100	218	318	2 012

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1652)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the day care service for persons with disabilities, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of service places, quarterly number of users, number of waitlisted persons, service utilisation rate, number of persons who have left the service, and their reasons for leaving of each day care service unit over the past 5 years (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
2. the number of users and number of waitlisted persons of each day care service unit for each quarter broken down by type of disabilities (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
3. the number of users and number of waitlisted persons of each day care service unit broken down by District Council (DC) district (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The current day care service for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are attached to 10 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of day care services users per quarter, number of persons waitlisted, number of persons who have left service and their reasons for leaving. SWD also does not have information on the number of users and waitlisted persons of each day care service unit, broken down by type of disabilities and DC district.

Annex

The yearly number of service places and the utilisation rate of day care service for persons with severe disabilities from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	Number of service places [Note]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	5	5	5	5
Eastern/Wan Chai	15	15	15	15	15
Kwun Tong	20	20	25	25	30
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	15	15	25	30	30
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	10	10	10
Sham Shui Po	12	12	17	17	17
Sha Tin	10	10	15	15	15
Tai Po/North	15	20	30	30	30
Yuen Long	15	15	25	25	25
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	17	17	37	37	37
Tuen Mun	15	15	20	20	20
Total	**144**	**149**	**224**	**229**	**234**
Utilisation rate%	89.1%	88.8%	81.8%	81.8%	85.1%

[Note] The number of service places is broken down by districts in which service units are set up, and the service targets of some units are not exclusive to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1653)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES), please advise:

1. the annual number of cases arranged for assessment under SCNAMES, the number of cases having completed assessment under SCNAMES, the number of accredited assessors under SCNAMES, the number of cases for pre-appeal mediation and the number of appeal cases lodged by service users, the average number of cases handled by each assessor, and the average duration of case handling in days over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service unit;

2. please set out the following figures over the past 5 years in the table below:

Units lodging the appeal	Number of cases for pre-appeal mediation	Number of appeal cases
Service users		
Service provider (residential care home for the elderly (RCHE))		
Service provider (community service unit)		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

The number of referrals received for MDS-HC assessment, that of MDS-HC assessment completed, that of trained and accredited assessors, the average number of cases handled by each assessor, and the average duration of case handling in days, and the number of cases for pre-appeal mediation from 2015 to 2019 are set out in Annexes 1 to 4.

From 2015 to 2019, there were no appeal cases under SCNAMES.

Annex 1

Number of referrals received for MDS-HC assessment

Organisation	Service Type	No. of cases				
		2015	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Social Welfare Department (SWD)	Placement Unit under Standardised Care Need Assessment Management Offices (Elderly Services) (SCNAMO(ES))	6 005	5 842	5 974	6 735	5 717
	Medical Social Services Unit (MSSU)	2 965	2 952	2 997	3 364	3 442
	Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC)	905	873	991	1 156	1 142
	Others (e.g. Family and Child Protective Services Unit (FCPSU))	18	10	67	199	300
Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)	Elderly Services Unit (e.g. District Elderly Community Centre (DECC), Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC), Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DE), Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) Team, etc)	15 829	17 144	18 744	20 901	22 394
	IFSC	849	854	938	966	897
Hospital Authority (HA)	MSSU	4 286	4 366	3 861	3 646	3 182
Total		**30 857**	**32 041**	**33 572**	**36 967**	**37 074**

Annex 2

Number of MDS-HC assessment completed

Organisation	Service Type	No. of cases				
		2015	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
SWD	SCNAMO(ES)	16 121	15 526	15 466	17 013	16 012
	MSSU	2 837	2 921	2 916	3 269	3 259
	IFSC	812	832	938	1 120	1 055
	Others (e.g. FCPSU)	18	10	19	93	255
NGOs	Elderly Services Unit (e.g. DECC, NEC, DE, IHCS Team, etc)	8 017	9 522	10 827	11 476	12 576
	IFSC	695	734	797	811	763
HA	MSSU	173	176	162	197	264
Total		**28 673**	**29 721**	**31 125**	**33 979**	**34 184**

Annex 3

Details of accredited assessors

Number of trained and accredited assessors				
As at end-December 2015	**As at end-December 2016**	**As at end-December 2017**	**As at end-December 2018**	**As at end-December 2019**
3 042	3 215	3 218	3 374	3 467

According to the Manual of Procedures on Registration and Allocation of Long Term Care Services, assessment is generally completed within 3 weeks. Apart from exceptional circumstances, assessors have been able to complete relevant assessments within the deadline in the past 5 years. Besides, the number of cases handled by each assessor will vary according to different factors, such as the referral office concerned, service type and service district. Therefore, the average number of cases handled by each assessor is not available.

Annex 4

Number of cases for pre-appeal mediation

Party showing disagreement towards assessment results	No. of cases				
	2015	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Service users	44	41	38	46	36
Service providers (RCHEs)	13	15	14	14	19
Service providers (Community care service units)	1	1	-	1	-
Total	**58**	**57**	**52**	**61**	**55**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1654)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Elderly persons assessed to have proven long term care needs may be placed on the central waiting list (CWL) for subsidised long-term care services (i.e. residential care services (RCS) or community care services (CCS)). In this connection, please advise:

(1) the respective reasons for withdrawal of applications and refusal of service allocation among the applicants waitlisted for subsidised residential care services for the elderly on the CWL, and the respective numbers of persons by reason over the past 5 years; and

(2) the number of applicants assessed to be equally suitable for either RCS or CCS, the number of those solely suitable for RCS and the number of those solely suitable for CCS among all assessment categories over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) The number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly (including care-and-attention (C&A) homes and nursing homes (NHs)) having withdrawn their applications from 2015 to 2019 is as follows:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 244	2 191	1 961	2 606	1 640

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the reasons for withdrawal of application.

From 2015 to 2019, the number of waitlisted elderly persons who refused the C&A places and NH places allocated is as follows:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 283	2 221	1 988	3 355	2 333

SWD does not have information on the reasons for refusal of allocation.

(2) The number of elderly persons assessed as "RCS only", "CCS only" or "dual option" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are tabulated as follows:

Long-term care services matched	No. of elderly persons				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
RCS only	10 562	11 048	11 634	11 334	8 428
CCS only	503	418	447	441	270
Dual option	16 187	18 072	19 210	20 169	17 216

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1655)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following since its implementation:

1. the details, the number of users and the number of cases for each of the services each year;
2. the number of participants each year, with a breakdown by co-payment level;
3. the number of participants having left the Pilot Scheme each year and their reasons for leaving;
4. the number of ineligible applicants for the Pilot Scheme each year and the reasons for their ineligibility;
5. the total expenditure and the breakdown of various expenditure items each year, including the subsidy for service provision, the staff cost of the Discharge Support Team of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the expenditure on consultancy study and evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with SWD being responsible for its implementation.

In 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), the number of elderly persons having received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by service type is provided as follows:

Service type	No. of elderly persons in 2018-19	No. of elderly persons in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Transitional residential care services	347	611
Transitional community care and support services	195	397
Using both services	43	94
Total	585	1 102

The number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by co-payment level is provided as follows:

Co-payment level (Co-payment percentage)	No. of elderly persons in 2018-19	No. of elderly persons in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
I (5%)	79	155
II (8%)	301	549
III (12%)	67	120
IV (16%)	83	164
V (25%)	13	27
VI (40%)	42	87
Total	585	1 102

As at end-December 2019, there were no ineligible applications under the Pilot Scheme. The number of persons having left the Pilot Scheme with the breakdown by reason for leaving is provided as follows:

Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme	No. of elderly persons in 2018-19	No. of elderly persons in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Independent living or being taken care of by family members	217	505
Allocated with subsidised community care and support services	40	69
Allocated with subsidised/ private residential care service	54	165
Others (including deceased, hospitalised, out of town, etc.)	40	91
Total	351	830

As at 2018-19, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about $20.5 million (including about $12.75 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about $6.92 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and $830,000 as the expenses for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). As at 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), the cumulative subsidy amount disbursed under the Pilot Scheme was about $43.88 million (including about $31.51 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about $10.35 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and $2.02 million as the expenses for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1657)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of various elderly care services, please advise the following:

Relevant figures of elderly service units in each of the years from 2015 to 2020:

	Number of units	Number of cases	Number of service users	Number of places	Expenditure
Nursing homes					
Subvented residential care homes for the elderly					
Day care centres/units for the elderly					
District elderly community centres					
Neighbourhood elderly centres					
Social centres for the elderly					
Integrated home care services (IHCS) (ordinary cases)					
IHCS (frail cases)					
Enhanced home and community care services					
Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme					
Enhanced Bought Place Scheme					
Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly					
Contract homes					
Enhanced home and community care services					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The respective numbers of various elderly care service units, cases, persons served, service places and expenditure from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 to 5.

The Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (the RCSV Pilot Scheme) has been launched since March 2017. A maximum of 3 000 RCSVs will be issued in batches, offering eligible elderly persons an additional choice. As at end-December 2019, a total of 120 residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) have participated in the RCSV Pilot Scheme as recognised service providers. The cumulative number of RCSV users is 1 665. The Revised Estimate for 2019-20 is about $280 million.

Annex 1

Number of units for various elderly services
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	No. of units				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Subvented RCHEs	123	123	123	122	122
Subvented nursing homes (NHs)	6	6	6	6	6
Self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)	6	5	5	5	5
Contract homes	26	28	30	31	32
Private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	142	142	139	140	147
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	72	73	76	76	79
District elderly community centres (DECCs)	41	41	41	41	41
Neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs)	168	169	169	169	169
Social centres for the elderly	1	1	1	1	1
IHCS (ordinary cases (OC))	60	60	60	60	60
IHCS (frail cases (FC))	60	60	60	60	60
Enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS)	34	34	34	34	34

Annex 2

Number of cases for various elderly services
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	No. of cases				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Subvented RCHEs	14 508	14 683	14 713	14 979	14 993
Subvented NHs	1 502	1 513	1 506	1 520	1 522
Self-financing homes participating in NHPPS	216	268	278	284	278
Contract homes	1 952	2 121	2 266	2 335	2 404
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	7 661	7 808	7 699	7 728	8 178
DEs/DCUs	4 388	4 470	4 637	4 813	4 973
DECCs [Note 1]	12 428	12 331	12 452	12 447	13 035
NECs [Note 2]	14 944	16 601	17 825	19 121	20 324
Social centres for the elderly [Note 3]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IHCS(OC)	18 790	18 664	18 463	17 937	17 587
IHCS(FC)	1 106	1 108	1 109	1 107	1 109
EHCCS	7 085	7 135	7 112	7 147	9 052

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] As the Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council offers counselling services to various types of service targets, including family, children and youth, and elderly persons, in an integrated model, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of counselling cases of elderly persons handled by this centre.

[Note 2] As the H.K.S.K.H. Tung Chung Integrated Services - The Lodge of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited offers counselling services to various types of service targets, including family, children and youth, and elderly persons, in an integrated model, SWD does not have the number of counselling cases of elderly persons handled by this centre.

[Note 3] According to the Funding and Service Agreement of social centres for the elderly, case counselling service is not included.

Annex 3

Number of persons served under various elderly services (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	No. of persons served				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Subvented RCHEs	14 508	14 683	14 713	14 979	14 993
Subvented NHs	1 502	1 513	1 506	1 520	1 522
Self-financing homes participating in NHPPS	216	268	278	284	278
Contract homes	1 952	2 121	2 266	2 335	2 404
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	7 661	7 808	7 699	7 728	8 178
DEs/DCUs	5 947	6 106	6 378	6 564	6 291
DECCs	70 561	70 242	71 899	72 969	68 144
NECs	143 930	142 767	147 660	148 411	149 388
Social centres for the elderly	2 783	2 933	2 865	2 104	1 743
IHCS(OC)	25 274	25 359	25 079	24 352	22 556
IHCS(FC)	1 466	1 461	1 436	1 458	1 325
EHCCS	9 806	9 562	9 721	9 572	10 960

Annex 4

Number of service places for various elderly services (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	No. of service places				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Subvented RCHEs	14 992	15 080	15 221	15 293	15 346
Subvented NHs	1 574	1 574	1 574	1 574	1 574
Self-financing homes participating in NHPPS	241	296	294	289	288
Contract homes [Note 1]	1 991	2 150	2 324	2 390	2 471
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	8 048	8 087	8 009	7 991	8 859
DEs/DCUs	3 039	3 059	3 202	3 240	3 383
DECCs [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
NECs [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Social centres for the elderly [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IHCS(OC)	18 790	18 664	18 463	17 937	17 587
IHCS(FC)	1 120	1 120	1 120	1 120	1 120
EHCCS	7 245	7 245	7 245	7 245	9 245

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Excluding the number of non-subsidised residential places.

[Note 2] DECCs, NECs and social centres for the elderly are open to all persons aged 60 or above with no specific service quota.

Annex 5

Full-year expenditure for various elderly services (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Service type	2015-16 (Actual) ($ million)	2016-17 (Actual) ($ million)	2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)	2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)
Subvented RCHEs	2,481.2	2,620.6	2,723.3	2,948.9	3,159.6
Subvented NHs	402.5	422.2	432.7	461.7	484.5
Self-financing homes participating in NHPPS	41.4	55.1	57.5	59.0	60.3
Contract homes	339.3	407.7	467.2	525.8	610.4
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	979.3	1,019.3	1,069.3	1,161.7	1,439.8
DEs/DCUs	293.2	315.5	330.1	375.8	420.1
DECCs	387.5	407.8	418.9	478.6	636.3
NECs	499.9	527.5	541.0	699.6	864.8
Social centres for the elderly	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
IHCS(OC)	592.9	621.9	635.8	696.6	736.6
EHCCS	376.0	389.2	398.1	419.0	680.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1658)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has adopted a case management service (CMS) approach for home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs). Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of case managers, yearly number of persons served, yearly expenditure, details of the service and evaluation of service effectiveness of the relevant service?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

SWD has implemented the CMS for HCS, ISS and DSCs since 2014. Case managers co-ordinate necessary services for service users, covering personal care, rehabilitation training and nursing care services, and make timely referrals so that service users can be provided with appropriate social and medical services. Joining forces with a multi-disciplinary team comprising allied health staff, nurses, social workers, etc., case managers draw up individual care plans with service users and/or their families. They also collaborate with social and medical service units that accept referrals to enable service users and their families to obtain appropriate services. In July 2014, SWD set up a working group on case management, with members comprising academics from universities, and representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), groups for persons with disabilities and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. The working group completed the formulation of the Handbook on CMS in March 2016 to give case managers a more lucid understanding of their role and scope of work, and for them to be equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills for the provision of quality CMS. Following consultation with the relevant service operators, the Handbook on CMS came into full implementation in September 2016.

In 2019-20, 3 550, 900 and 1 440 persons with disabilities were expected to receive CMS under HCS, ISS and DSCs respectively. As at end-December 2019, 4 342, 1 128 and 1 547 persons with disabilities have received the service they needed through CMS, meaning that the number of persons served has surpassed the full-year service target.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not have information on the number of case managers in HCS, ISS and DSCs and the yearly expenditure on CMS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1659)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please advise this Committee:

1. For each of the past 10 years, please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery and household cleaning services among the cases of IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)).
2. For each of the past 10 years, please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery and household cleaning services among the cases of IHCS (frail cases (FC)).
3. For each of the past 10 years, please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery and household cleaning services among the cases of enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS).
4. Please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery services on holidays among the cases of IHCS(OC) for each year. If no statistics are available, please explain why. Will relevant statistics be compiled in the future for increase of resources?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of meal delivery service users under IHCS(OC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	No. of meal delivery service users [Note]
2015-16	8 699
2016-17	8 824
2017-18	9 154
2018-19	10 670
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	9 104

[Note] The figures reflect the number of persons using the relevant services at the year-end, and the aforesaid number of cases cover elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of persons receiving household cleaning services under IHCS(OC).

2. SWD has not kept the number of persons receiving meal delivery services and household cleaning services under IHCS(FC).

3. The number of elderly persons having used the meal delivery services under EHCCS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	No. of elderly persons having used meal delivery services [Note]
2015-16	1 123
2016-17	1 088
2017-18	1 069
2018-19	1 055
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 307

[Note] The figures reflect the number of persons using the relevant services at the year-end.

SWD does not have the number of persons having used household cleaning services under EHCCS.

4. SWD has only kept the overall number of persons receiving meal delivery services, but does not keep the breakdown figures of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery services on holidays among the cases of IHCS(OC).

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LWB(WW)195

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1661)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government's plan to purchase premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years, please advise the following:

1. the number of properties purchased, the total floor area of the properties, the locations of the premises with a breakdown by the 18 districts, the distribution of types of properties and the relevant estimated expenditures;
2. the types of services to be provided by the purchased properties and the distribution of those properties;
3. how will the Government assess the value of properties and determine the principle for purchase, and whether there is any monitoring mechanism to avoid potential conflicts of interests;
4. the implementation schedule of the relevant plan, and the estimated time for the relevant properties to be commissioned into service.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with a list of premises proposed to be purchased, which details the distribution by type of welfare facilities, district and floor area requirements, for Members' information. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Government Property Agency (GPA) will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

SWD and GPA will be responsible for preparing and following up on arrangements for the purchase of premises. A steering committee and subcommittees, comprising representatives from relevant departments, will be set up to conduct pre-purchase study on areas such as exploring the supply of the property market and formulating purchase strategies. Consultation will be made with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Independent Commission Against Corruption in respect of the purchase arrangements and procedures, so as to ensure the proper use of public funds. Regarding the time for commissioning the facilities, it will be subject to factors such as the availability of suitable and reasonably priced premises in the market, and the time for completing the purchase procedures and conducting internal fitting-out works.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1662)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE), please advise:

1. the number of beneficiaries, the average frequency of services provided to each case each year, the headcount of service users each year, and the average cost of a single service session, with a breakdown by service type since service commencement;
2. the staffing establishment, the number and the list of service teams and their geographical distribution, the total number of beneficiaries, the average cost per case per month and the annual total expenditure for MOSTE;
3. the respective numbers and the list of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), contract homes and self-financing homes participating in MOSTE; and
4. the administrative costs and evaluation plan for relevant services.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has progressively implemented a four-year Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE) since mid-February 2019. District-based professional teams comprising social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists have been set up to provide outreach services for residents in private RCHEs, so as to address their social and rehabilitation needs. Apart from residents in private RCHEs, the speech therapy outreach service under MOSTE will also be provided for elderly residents with swallowing difficulties or speech impairment in contract homes (including the Day Care Units (DCUs) attached to contract RCHEs) and self-financing RCHEs/nursing homes (NHs). The Pilot Scheme is a territory-wide project. Having regard to factors such as the distribution and number of homes, number of places and geographical factors, SWD has implemented the Pilot Scheme in 8 regional clusters. The list of operating agencies in various districts is set out in the Annex.

As at end-December 2019, a total of 588 RCHEs, comprised of 530 private RCHEs, 29 contract homes (including the DCUs attached) and 29 self-financing RCHEs/NHs, were participating in MOSTE, which accounts for 94% of the total number of various types of RCHEs.

As at end-December 2019, the number of beneficiaries of MOSTE was over 25 000, including about 18 300 participants of linkage activities provided by social workers, about 6 100 physiotherapy service recipients, 5 200 occupational therapy service recipients and about 6 800 speech therapy service recipients. Service users may receive more than one service items on a need basis. An average of 6 to 8 rehabilitation training sessions were arranged for each service user of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services.

The total expenditure involved in the four-year MOSTE is about $873 million, and a lump sum grant will be disbursed to service operators. Since the social and rehabilitation needs of residents in each private RCHE vary, operating agencies will deploy resources flexibly to recruit and arrange the deployment of various professionals having regard to the situation and service needs of RCHEs in the districts, so as to meet the specified output standard and outcome requirement, and ensure the proper provision of services.

SWD will keep in view the implementation, the service mode and effectiveness of MOSTE.

Annex

Operating agencies under the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly

District	Operating agencies
Hong Kong East (Eastern and Wan Chai)	Methodist Centre
Hong Kong West (Central, Western, Southern & Islands)	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
Kowloon East (Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung)	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
Kowloon West (Sham Shui Po)	Hong Kong Christian Service
Kowloon Central (Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong)	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
New Territories East (Sha Tin, Tai Po & North)	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
New Territories West (1) (Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing)	Po Leung Kuk
New Territories West (2) (Tuen Mun & Yuen Long)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1663)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), please advise:

1. the number of young persons participating in the Navigation Scheme in each year since its introduction, the age distribution, the number of graduates having stayed in the care sector upon completion of the course(s) and the amount of subsidy involved;
2. the number of young persons in each cohort with a breakdown by residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Navigation Scheme;
3. the number of dropouts each year and their reasons for dropping out; and
4. the details of enhancements.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited. The age range of the young persons participating in the Navigation Scheme is from 18 to 25. The information sought with a breakdown by year is provided as follows:

Year	No. of persons participating in the Navigation Scheme	No. of persons continued to be employed in social welfare service units upon completion of the Navigation Scheme [Note 1]	Actual expenditure of the Navigation Scheme ($ million)
2015-16	180	Trainees not having completed the Navigation Scheme were still under training	24.7
2016-17	389	-Ditto-	56.3
2017-18	288	75	34.6
2018-19	161	114	22.6
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	135	64	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] 445 trainees have graduated, while 222 trainees are still under the Navigation Scheme. Based on the information provided by some trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units.

[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $2.8 million, which is mainly used in publicity work for the enhanced Navigation Scheme in the first quarter of 2020. In that year, operating agencies operated the Navigation Scheme by means of the surplus from the past few years.

2. A total of 625 trainees under the Navigation Scheme have worked in RCHEs since its launch in July 2015.

3. Based on the information provided by the trainees, their reasons for withdrawal are as follows:

Reasons	2015-16 (No. of persons)	2016-17 (No. of persons)	2017-18 (No. of persons)	2018-19 (No. of persons)	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) (No. of persons)
Pursuing further studies	21	55	49	14	2
Finding the job nature not suitable	7	41	24	17	5
Having secured another job	13	11	13	4	-
Personal reasons	32	69	71	30	8

4. SWD will continue to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies will recruit trainees starting from the second quarter of 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1664)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

At the end of 2018, the Planning Department has incorporated planning guidelines for elderly services in the revised Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG). Please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of places needed, the number of actual places, the difference between the current number of places and the number of places required by the planning guidelines, and the actual percentage of various services (including neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), district elderly community centres (DECCs), residential care services and community care services), broken down by 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the calculation approach of the aforesaid percentage; and
3. the Government's plan to increase the supply of elderly services in the coming 5 years and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. As at end-December 2019, the statistical figures for various types of elderly services by 18 DC districts are set out in Annexes 1 to 5. The Government formulated population-based planning ratios in the HKPSG with regard to subsidised residential care services (RCS) for the elderly, community care services (CCS) for the elderly, DECCs and NECs in December 2018.

For elderly centres, according to the HKPSG, the key consideration for planning the service provision of DECCs and NECs is the convenient accessibility of such centres to their users. In most existing built-up areas, the coverage of existing DECCs and NECs with reasonable accessibility to the elderly living in the community is already quite extensive. To ensure that such elderly centres are within the catchment areas of the elderly persons in new residential areas/communities, the HKPSG has prescribed that the establishment of new DECCs and NECs should take account of the following broad principles:

(i) there should be 1 DECC in each new development area with a population of around 170 000 or above; and (ii) where appropriate, there should be 1 NEC in a cluster of new and redeveloped housing areas with a population of 15 000 to 20 000 persons, including both public and private housing.

As for subsidised RCS, the HKPSG has stipulated that the planning ratio is to provide 21.3 subsidised beds per 1 000 elderly persons aged 65 or above. The RCS are planned by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on a five-cluster basis (namely Hong Kong, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West). The above planning standard should be applied flexibly and at a cluster level, having regard to a number of factors to be considered by SWD. In particular, SWD would take into account the distribution of RCS in various districts in the cluster. Other factors to be considered by SWD include the land supply in different districts in the cluster, service demand as a result of population growth and demographic changes, as well as provision of different RCS of the clusters.

Regarding subsidised CCS, the HKPSG has stipulated that the planning ratio is 17.2 subsidised service places per 1 000 elderly persons aged 65 or above. The relevant planning standards should be applied at the district level. Such standards should be applied flexibly having regard to a number of factors to be considered by SWD, including the distribution of CCS, land supply and service demand as a result of population growth and demographic changes.

3. The Government plans to provide an additional 320 subsidised day care service places in 2020-21. It will also provide an additional 3 000 service places in total under integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021 and the full-year expenditure involved is about $303 million. Having regard to factors such as the service volume and needs in each district, the operational situation of the service teams, and the overall home care services provided to frail elderly persons, the Government will arrange for the geographical distribution of the 3 000 service places.

In 2020-21, under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (CCSV Pilot Scheme), the Government will issue an additional 1 000 CCSVs, bringing the total to 8 000. The additional estimated expenditure involved is about $62 million each year.

The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase elderly service places. Since 2019-20, the Government has implemented 51 development projects to construct new contract homes and day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), with about 7 100 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 1 800 day care service places for the elderly expected to come on stream.

Regarding elderly centres, the Government plans to set up 7 additional NECs in the coming 5 years to meet the relevant needs.

The Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (RCSV) has been implemented since March 2017. A maximum of 3 000 RCSVs will be issued in batches, offering elderly persons in need of residential care service with an additional choice. Besides, the Government will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) over 5 consecutive years starting

from 2019-20 (1 000 additional places to be bought each financial year) to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs.

Apart from the aforesaid measures, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to implement the Special Sites Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Scheme) with a view to encouraging non-governmental organisations to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services in particular to increase the provision of elderly, rehabilitation and child care service places. According to the latest proposals from applicant organisations in Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services, a total of about 9 000 additional elderly service places could be provided, including about 7 500 residential care places and about 1 500 day care service places. To further increase the provision of welfare facilities in keen demand, including elderly services, the Government launched a new phase of the Special Sites Scheme in April 2019.

Annex 1

Number of DE/DCU places

District	**No. of places (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	129
Eastern	256
Wan Chai	110
Southern	108
Islands	40
Kwun Tong	427
Wong Tai Sin	290
Sai Kung	205
Kowloon City	158
Sham Shui Po	280
Yau Tsim Mong	152
Sha Tin	318
Tai Po	64
North	44
Yuen Long	178
Tsuen Wan	154
Kwai Tsing	262
Tuen Mun	208
Total	**3 383**

[Note] The number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs was 4 612. The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

Annex 2

Number of IHCS(FC) places

District	**No. of service places (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	40
Eastern	80
Wan Chai	30
Southern	80
Islands	20
Kwun Tong	150
Wong Tai Sin	100
Sai Kung	30
Kowloon City	30
Yau Tsim Mong	40
Sham Shui Po	90
Sha Tin	120
Tai Po	30
North	30
Yuen Long	90
Tuen Mun	30
Tsuen Wan	40
Kwai Tsing	90
Total	**1 120**

[Note] There were a total of 5 961 elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

Annex 3

Number of EHCCS places

District	**No. of places (as at end-December 2019)**	
	by district team	**by cluster team**
Central & Western	209	501
Eastern	250	
Wan Chai	185	
Southern	200	
Islands	105	-
Kwun Tong	535	675
Wong Tai Sin	505	952
Sai Kung	268	
Kowloon City	323	682
Yau Tsim Mong	210	
Sham Shui Po	325	
Sha Tin	247	548
Tai Po	175	
North	190	
Yuen Long	225	1 005
Tuen Mun	200	
Tsuen Wan	280	
Kwai Tsing	450	
Total	**9 245**	

[Note] There were a total of 5 961 elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

Annex 4

The number of DECCs and NECs
(as at end-December 2019)

District	DECCs	NECs
Central & Western	2	8
Eastern	4	12
Wan Chai	2	3
Southern	2	8
Islands	1	4
Kwun Tong	4	21
Wong Tai Sin	4	14
Sai Kung	2	5
Kowloon City	3	9
Yau Tsim Mong	2	10
Sham Shui Po	3	12
Sha Tin	3	13
Tai Po	1	7
North	1	5
Yuen Long	2	8
Tuen Mun	2	8
Tsuen Wan	1	7
Kwai Tsing	2	15
Total	**41**	**169**

[Note] DECCs and NECs do not have specific service quota.

Annex 5

Number of subsidised residential care places/service places by district (as at end-December 2019)

District	No. of residential care places/service places by service type			
	Home for the aged places	**Care-and-attention (C&A) places** [Note]	**Nursing Home (NH) places** [Note]	**EBPS places**
Central & Western	-	257	191	607
Eastern	-	459	135	320
Wan Chai	-	468	50	95
Southern	-	1 465	-	515
Islands	67	293	67	-
Kwun Tong	-	1 165	494	653
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 071	468	212
Sai Kung	-	1 001	281	-
Kowloon City	-	659	99	1575
Yau Tsim Mong	-	124	242	774
Sham Shui Po	-	757	501	341
Sha Tin	-	1 356	109	-
Tai Po	-	1 226	-	219
North	-	923	299	319
Yuen Long	-	943	67	725
Tuen Mun	-	940	264	639
Tsuen Wan	-	623	474	951
Kwai Tsing	-	1 699	347	914
Total	**67**	**15 429**	**4 088**	**8 859**

[Note] C&A places include places in contract RCHEs and subvented C&A homes. NH places include places in contract RCHEs and subvented NHs, and places purchased under Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS). As at end-December 2019, there were 41 011 eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list for subsidised residential C&A places and NH places. Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised RCHEs may make a maximum of 3 choices regarding the location of RCHEs, including the cluster, the district or even a specified RCHE, etc. Elderly persons may also choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places in subvented/contract RCHEs, homes participating in the EBPS and the NHPPS. SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1666)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please advise this Committee:

(1) Regarding integrated family service centres (IFSCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 535m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

(2) For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 501)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1)

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Number of IFSCs with total floor area above or close to the standard SoA	45 [Note]	-	-
Number of IFSCs with total floor area below the standard SoA	18	2	-

[Note] Including 34 centres with total floor area meeting the standard SoA and 11 centres with total floor area close to the standard SoA (i.e. reaching 90% or above of the standard).

(2) While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for IFSCs, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for IFSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual IFSCs having regard to the service demand and development in relevant service areas.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1667)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Regarding district elderly community centres (DECCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 424m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 502)

Reply:

Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision of DECCs by 83m^2 so as to dovetail with the enhanced functions of DECCs. The number of DECCs with internal floor area meeting/below the standard is set out as follows:

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area meeting/above the standard SoA	10	20	4
Total floor area below the standard SoA	5	2	-

SWD will help those DECCs not meeting the standard SoA to be relocated elsewhere or to set up sub-bases as far as practicable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1668)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:
Regarding neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 303m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 503)

Reply:

Since the launch of the re-engineering exercise of elderly services in 2003, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the standard internal floor area provision of NECs by 156m^2 to dovetail with the enhanced functions of NECs. Since 2014-15, the Government has provided an additional full-year recurrent funding of some $82.5 million for 51 social centres for the elderly to upgrade their standard of services to that of NECs by, among others, increasing their standard internal floor area by 156m^2 correspondingly. The number of NECs (including those that were upgraded in 2014-15) with internal floor area meeting/below the standard is set out as follows:

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area meeting/above the standard SoA	41	34	2
Total floor area below the standard SoA	78	14	-

SWD will help those NECs not meeting the standard SoA to be relocated elsewhere or to set up sub-bases as far as practicable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1670)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Regarding integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA)? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 505)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

	Number of ICCMWs without sub-bases	Number of ICCMWs with 1 sub-base	Number of ICCMWs with more than 1 sub-base	Total
Total floor area meeting or above standard SoA [Note 1]	2	1	1	4
Total floor area below standard SoA [Note 1]	11	2	7	20 [Note 2]

[Note 1] Since the SoA of ICCMWs was revised in March 2018, there are more ICCMWs with a total floor area below the revised standard SoA.

[Note 2] Including 3 ICCMWs to be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of renovation/construction/conversion works.

Apart from taking the standard SoA as a planning parameter, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will also consider other factors in determining whether certain premises are suitable for ICCMW purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will keep in view the overall service demand and the service situation of individual ICCMWs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1671)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Regarding district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 345m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 506)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base	Total
Total floor area above standard SoA	1	-	-	1
Total floor area below standard SoA [Note]	13	2	-	15

[Note] Since the SoA of DSCs was revised in December 2019, there are more DSCs with a total floor area below the revised standard SoA.

Apart from taking the standard SoA as a planning parameter, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will also consider other factors in determining whether certain premises are suitable for DSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will keep in view the overall service demand and the service situation of individual DSC.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.1673)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Regarding Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 631m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 508)

Reply:

The number of ICYSCs occupying a total floor area above and below the standard SoA is provided as follows:

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA	44	42	1
Total floor area below the standard SoA	35	13	1

While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for ICYSCs, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for ICYSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual ICYSCs having regard to new service demand and development in relevant service areas.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.1674)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Regarding District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams (DYOTs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 137m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA			
Total floor area below the standard SoA			

For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 509)

Reply:

A total of 19 DYOTs/Youth Outreaching Teams (YOTs) are operated by non-governmental organisations under subvention of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), with 17 of them located in standalone premises and 2 attached to Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres. Among the 17 standalone premises, the standard SoA for total floor area is met in 2 while the total floor area is either above or below the standard SoA in 15.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Total floor area above the standard SoA	5	1	-
Total floor area below the standard SoA	9	-	-

While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for DYOTs/YOTs, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for DYOT/YOT purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual DYOTs/YOTs having regard to new service demand and development in relevant service areas.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1675)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the table below the number of social welfare services launched by way of fixed-price bidding (FB) and competitive bidding (CB) in each of the past 5 years.

	FB	CB
Family and Child Welfare		
Services for the Elderly		
Rehabilitation Services		
Community Development		
Services for Young People		
Services for Offenders		

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 510)

Reply:

The number of new service agreements/contracts awarded [Note 3] by way of FB [Note 1] and CB [Note 2] by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019) is set out as follows:

Type of service	Programme	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
		Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts
Family and Child Welfare	FB	-	2	2	27	31
	CB	3	5	-	3	1
Services for the Elderly	FB	5	1	1	11	13
	CB	5	2	3	2	2
Rehabilitation Services	FB	14	3	8	41	25
	CB	-	1	-	1	-
Community Development	FB	-	-	-	-	-
	CB	-	-	-	-	-
Services for Young People	FB	37	40	11	15	14
	CB	-	-	-	-	-
Services for Offenders	FB	-	-	-	-	-
	CB	-	-	-	-	-

[Note 1] The price for the service provision was fixed by SWD in advance. SWD awarded service agreements/contracts by comparing the service quality of the proposals submitted by the non-governmental organisations.

[Note 2] Service contracts awarded by tender through CB.

[Note 3] Referring to the number of agreements/contracts awarded to the service operators within a specific timeframe.

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LWB(WW)207

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1676)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the total accumulated Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Reserve of the subvented organisations in each of the past 5 years.

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 511)

Reply:

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total accumulated LSG Reserve ($ million)	3,190	3,490	3,516	3,487 [Note]	3,833

[Note] The provisional figure provided last year has been updated.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)208

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.1677)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the amount of cumulative reserve in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative reserve	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above HK$100,000,000					
HK$90,000,001 to 100,000,000					
HK$80,000,001 to 90,000,000					
HK$70,000,001 to 80,000,000					
HK$60,000,001 to 70,000,000					
HK$50,000,001 to 60,000,000					
HK$40,000,001 to 50,000,000					
HK$30,000,001 to 40,000,000					
HK$20,000,001 to 30,000,000					
HK$10,000,001 to 20,000,000					
HK$5,000,001 to 10,000,000					
HK$1,000,001 to 5,000,000					
HK$500,001 to 1,000,000					
HK$1 to 500,000					
HK$0					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 512)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Reserve from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Amount of cumulative LSG Reserve ($)	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note]	**2018-19**
Above 100,000,000	9	10	9	9	8
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	1	-	-	-	3
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	3	2	1	2	4
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	4	6	7	5	3
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	1	2	3	3	4
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	6	2	2	1	-
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	1	3	3	5	5
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	4	6	6	5	5
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	5	4	5	7	7
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	14	19	21	19	21
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	21	18	15	18	19
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	47	55	57	56	57
500,001 to 1,000,000	18	14	16	18	12
1 to 500,000	16	14	12	12	9
0	14	10	8	5	8
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)209

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.1678)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by their amount of reserve after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts in each of the past 5 years.

Amount of reserve after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above HK$100,000,000					
HK$90,000,001 to 100,000,000					
HK$80,000,001 to 90,000,000					
HK$70,000,001 to 80,000,000					
HK$60,000,001 to 70,000,000					
HK$50,000,001 to 60,000,000					
HK$40,000,001 to 50,000,000					
HK$30,000,001 to 40,000,000					
HK$20,000,001 to 30,000,000					
HK$10,000,001 to 20,000,000					
HK$5,000,001 to 10,000,000					
HK$1,000,001 to 5,000,000					
HK$500,001 to 1,000,000					
HK$1 to 500,000					
HK$0					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 513)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by their amount of cumulative Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Amount of cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) ($)	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note]	**2018-19**
Above 100,000,000	1	1	1	1	2
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	-	1	1	-	-
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	1	-	-	-	2
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	2	2	3	4	1
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	-	3	1	1	2
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	3	3	1	1	4
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	4	2	6	6	6
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	3	4	5	4	4
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	6	9	6	5	6
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	10	11	12	14	12
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	18	16	15	15	21
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	48	60	67	66	67
500,001 to 1,000,000	19	17	14	20	15
1 to 500,000	28	21	16	16	15
0	21	15	17	12	8
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)210

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.1679)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention for the year in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention for the year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above 51%					
46% to 50%					
41% to 45%					
36% to 40%					
31% to 35%					
26% to 30%					
21% to 25%					
16% to 20%					
11% to 15%					
6% to 10%					
1% to 5%					
0%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 514)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG Reserve to the amount of LSG subvention for the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG Reserve to the amount of LSG subvention for the year [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note 3]	**2018-19**
51% or above	22	26	24	13	13
46% to 50%	8	8	6	7	4
41% to 45%	10	9	12	11	13
36% to 40%	7	17	8	11	9
31% to 35%	17	9	15	16	16
26% to 30%	18	18	23	26	32
21% to 25%	18	24	17	18	21
16% to 20%	13	11	17	19	23
11% to 15%	19	14	16	16	11
6% to 10%	8	12	13	15	10
1% to 5%	9	5	5	7	5
0%	15	12	9	6	8
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (including Provident Fund subvention) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

[Note 3] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)211

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.2296)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention for the year in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention for the year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above 50%					
46% to 50%					
41% to 45%					
36% to 40%					
31% to 35%					
26% to 30%					
21% to 25%					
16% to 20%					
11% to 15%					
6% to 10%					
1% to 5%					
0%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 515)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention for the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention for the year [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note 3]	**2018-19**
51% or above	7	13	13	4	4
46% to 50%	4	4	3	2	2
41% to 45%	2	3	3	4	7
36% to 40%	3	4	4	4	5
31% to 35%	2	3	2	3	4
26% to 30%	6	5	10	11	11
21% to 25%	20	27	27	28	24
16% to 20%	29	26	27	32	38
11% to 15%	23	26	22	22	20
6% to 10%	26	20	20	22	23
1% to 5%	18	16	15	19	18
0%	24	18	19	14	9
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (including Provident Fund subvention) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

[Note 3] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.2297)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund (PF)) for the year in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding expenditure on PF) for the year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above 45%					
40% to under 45%					
35% to under 40%					
30% to under 35%					
25% to 30%					
20% to 25%					
15% to 20%					
10% to 15%					
5% to 10%					
Below 5%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 516)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department only has information on the allocation excluding subvention (rather than expenditure) on PF. The information compiled on such basis is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG Reserve to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) received in the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG Reserve to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) received in the year **[Note 1] [Note 2]**	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** **[Note 3]**	**2018-19**
46% or above	35	39	36	27	23
41% to 45%	8	12	11	10	13
36% to 40%	13	13	11	12	9
31% to 35%	15	12	16	20	25
26% to 30%	18	19	20	20	25
21% to 25%	14	22	16	19	21
16% to 20%	17	7	15	15	17
11% to 15%	14	14	14	15	10
6% to 10%	6	11	12	14	10
5% or below	24	16	14	13	12
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (excluding subvention on PF) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

[Note 3] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.2298)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention (excluding subvention on Provident Fund (PF)) for the year in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) for the year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above 45%					
40% to under 45%					
35% to under 40%					
30% to under 35%					
25% to 30%					
20% to 25%					
15% to 20%					
10% to 15%					
5% to 10%					
Below 5%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 517)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG Reserve to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) received in the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG Reserve to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) received in the year [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note 3]	**2018-19**
46% or above	35	39	36	27	23
41% to 45%	8	12	11	10	13
36% to 40%	13	13	11	12	9
31% to 35%	15	12	16	20	25
26% to 30%	18	19	20	20	25
21% to 25%	14	22	16	19	21
16% to 20%	17	7	15	15	17
11% to 15%	14	14	14	15	10
6% to 10%	6	11	12	14	10
5% or below	24	16	14	13	12
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (excluding subvention on PF) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

[Note 3] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.2299)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund (PF)) for the year in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding expenditure on PF) for the year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above 45%					
40% to under 45%					
35% to under 40%					
30% to under 35%					
25% to 30%					
20% to 25%					
15% to 20%					
10% to 15%					
5% to 10%					
Below 5%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 518)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department only has information on the allocation excluding subvention (rather than expenditure) on PF. The information compiled on such basis is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) for the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) for the year [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note 3]	**2018-19**
46% or above	11	19	17	8	10
41% to 45%	4	3	2	4	5
36% to 40%	3	2	4	4	5
31% to 35%	3	4	4	5	6
26% to 30%	8	7	12	15	15
21% to 25%	23	32	34	30	29
16% to 20%	26	23	20	27	32
11% to 15%	20	25	22	20	15
6% to 10%	24	18	18	20	23
5% or below	42	32	32	32	25
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (excluding subvention onPF) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

[Note 3] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)215

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3214)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention (excluding subvention on Provident Fund (PF)) for the year in each of the past 5 years.

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) for the year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Above 45%					
40% to under 45%					
35% to under 40%					
30% to under 35%					
25% to 30%					
20% to 25%					
15% to 20%					
10% to 15%					
5% to 10%					
Below 5%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 519)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) for the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG Reserve (after deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of LSG subvention (excluding subvention on PF) for the year [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note 3]	**2018-19**
46% or above	11	19	17	8	10
41% to 45%	4	3	2	4	5
36% to 40%	3	2	4	4	5
31% to 35%	3	4	4	5	6
26% to 30%	8	7	12	15	15
21% to 25%	23	32	34	30	29
16% to 20%	26	23	20	27	32
11% to 15%	20	25	22	20	15
6% to 10%	24	18	18	20	23
5% or below	42	32	32	32	25
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (excluding subvention on PF) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

[Note 3] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)216

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3215)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention by the amount of cumulative reserve and by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention in 2017-18.

Cumulative reserve/proportion of the cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention for that NGO for the year	Above 50%	46% to 50%	41% to 45%	36% to 40%	31% to 35%	26% to 30%	21% to 25%	16% to 20%	11% to 15%	6% to 10%	1% to 5%	0%
Above HK$100,000,000												
HK$90,000,001 to 100,000,000												
HK$80,000,001 to 90,000,000												
HK$70,000,001 to 80,000,000												
HK$60,000,001 to 70,000,000												
HK$50,000,001 to 60,000,000												
HK$40,000,001 to 50,000,000												
HK$30,000,001 to 40,000,000												
HK$20,000,001 to 30,000,000												
HK$10,000,001 to 20,000,000												
HK$5,000,001 to 10,000,000												
HK$1,000,001 to 5,000,000												
HK$500,001 to 1,000,000												
HK$1 to 500,000												
HK$0												

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 520)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative LSG Reserve and by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention in 2017-18

Cumulative LSG Reserve/ proportion of such reserve to the LSG subvention [Note 1] [Note 2] / number of NGOs ($)	**51% or above**	**46% to 50%**	**41% to 45%**	**36% to 40%**	**31% to 35%**	**26% to 30%**	**21% to 25%**	**16% to 20%**	**11% to 15%**	**6% to 10%**	**1% to 5%**	**0%**	**Total**
Above 100,000,000	-	-	1	-	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	**9**
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	**2**
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	**5**
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	**3**
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	**1**
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	**5**
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	**5**
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	**7**
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	-	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	2	2	-	-	**19**
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	4	-	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	**18**
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	7	3	4	4	3	7	8	7	6	3	4	-	**56**
500,001 to 1,000,000	-	1	-	1	2	1	4	4	4	1	-	-	**18**
1 to 500,000	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	4	3	1	**12**
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	**5**
Total	**13**	**7**	**11**	**11**	**16**	**26**	**18**	**19**	**16**	**15**	**7**	**6**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (including subvention on Provident Fund) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)217

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2252)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please inform this Committee of the details about the vocational education and training programmes related to the elderly service sector organised by various training institutions in the past 3 years, broken down by name and category of the programme, professional discipline, mode of study or training period, number of places and actual student intakes, number of graduates or trainees having completed the training, and percentage of graduates employed in the elderly service sector.
2. Please inform this Committee of the measures implemented to improve the manpower shortage in elderly services and the relevant expenditure in the past 3 years.
3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided additional resources in 2018-19 for subsidised elderly service units to increase the salaries of personal care workers and home helpers. How will the Bureau assess the effectiveness of these measures?
4. The Government has planned to launch the enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in 2020-21. What are the specific details and estimated expenditure involved? Besides, what new measures does the Government have in 2020-21 to tackle the labour shortage in the elderly service sector?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD does not have the information sought.

2. & 3. The Government has been closely monitoring the manpower demand of the welfare sector. In this connection, the Government has implemented the following measures to increase manpower supply and strengthen their professional skills.

Having regard to the results of the report on the Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development published in 2017, the Government proposed to increase the University Grants Committee

(UGC)-funded places for professionals (including doctors, dentists, nurses and allied health professionals) during the UGC triennium from 2019/20 to 2021/22 in light of shortage of manpower, and continue to encourage self-financing institutions to offer healthcare programmes.

The proposal received positive feedback from UGC-funded universities in the Planning Exercise for the 2019/20 to 2021/22 triennium, with more places provided for the programmes concerned. The recurrent grants to the UGC-funded universities are in the form of a block grant. As funding for the above programmes is subsumed under the block grants, the UGC is unable to provide information on the actual subvention for individual programmes.

The Government will also continue to strengthen overseas promotion and publicity of the relevant arrangements for registration and proactively launch recruitment exercise aiming at attracting non-locally trained healthcare professionals to practise in Hong Kong.

Furthermore, the number of subsidised first-year places of the designated undergraduate programmes in the healthcare discipline under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors has been increased from 420 in the 2015/16 academic year to 1 320 in the 2020/21 academic year. The relevant expenditure from the 2017/18 academic year to the 2019/20 academic year (as of February 2020) was $97.72 million, $259 million and $307 million respectively. Starting from the 2019/20 academic year, the subsidy scheme has been expanded to cover designated self-financing sub-degree programmes in selected disciplines. The number of subsidised first-year places of the designated self-financing sub-degree programmes in the healthcare discipline in the 2019/20 academic year and the 2020/21 academic year is 690 and 1 036 respectively. The expenditure in subsidising students to pursue the relevant sub-degree programmes in the 2019/20 academic year (as of February 2020) was about $42.52 million.

SWD has also implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor in full the tuition fees of students recruited by these NGOs after their completion of the two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and the two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme offered by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with a view to encouraging graduates of these 2 programmes to join the welfare sector. The sponsored students must work for the NGOs for at least 2 to 3 years after graduation. Sponsored students from the first to third cohort programmes have graduated and entered the job market in 2014, 2016 and 2019 respectively. The fourth cohort programmes started in January 2019, with 73 of the sponsored students having been recruited by NGOs taking part in the Scheme.

In addition, SWD has commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 920 Enrolled Nurse (EN)(General) and EN(Psychiatric) training places under the EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) for 4 consecutive years starting from 2017-18. The Training Programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector continuously for

2 years upon graduation. In the past 3 years, the Training Programme involved an expenditure of about $83 million.

For frontline care workers, SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young participants of the Navigation Scheme were also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a two-year part-time diploma course. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited with 445 graduates under the Navigation Scheme, involving an expenditure of some $34.6 million and $22.6 million in 2017-18 (Actual) and 2018-19 (Actual) respectively.

To address the difficulty of subsidised welfare service units in recruiting and retaining frontline care staff, the Government, starting June 2018, provides additional resources for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively. The measure involves a recurrent expenditure of about $352 million.

4. The Government will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The total expenditure involved will be around $266 million. Besides, the Government will continue to implement the $1 billion "Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care" launched in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units in the procurement/ rental/trial use of technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users and reduce the burden and pressure on care staff and carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2253)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please inform this Committee of the number of training places under the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), the number of applications received, the number of trainees having completed the entire course and the expenditure for the Navigation Scheme over the past 5 years.
2. Please inform this Committee of the number of young graduates joining the elderly service sector upon completion of the entire course, and the dropout rate so far. Besides, how does the Government assess the effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. In 2019-20, operating agencies continued to provide additional training places. As at end-December 2019, operating agencies received a total of 2 057 applications, and recruited a total of 1 153 trainees. There are 222 trainees remaining in, while 486 trainees have left the Navigation Scheme. Another 445 trainees have graduated. According to the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates will continue to be employed in social welfare service units, among whom 113 have joined the elderly services. The expenditure for the Navigation Scheme from 2015-16 to 2018-19 is provided as follows:

Actual expenditure ($ million)			
2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
24.7	56.3	34.6	22.6

SWD will continue to provide a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures. The publicity work for the enhanced Navigation Scheme has commenced in the first quarter of 2020, and the revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $2.8 million. SWD will continue to exchange views on the implementation and effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme in regular meetings with the operating agencies, so as to ensure that arrangements of individual agencies are consistent with the objectives of the Navigation Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1311)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services under this Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of child care places and utilisation rate for aided child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), residential child care centres (RCCCs) and special child care centres (SCCCs) by the 18 districts in the past 3 years;
2. the average waiting time in applying for the above services, from being waitlisted to receiving service;
3. the existing number of places and number of service users for subvented extended hours service (EHS), occasional child care service (OCCS) and "full-day" child care service by the 18 districts;
4. whether the additional places on day child care services mentioned were fully implemented in the past 3 years; if not, the number of places yet to be delivered, and the reasons;
5. whether priority will be accorded to districts without standalone CCCs to enhance the service when purchasing premises for the provision of welfare services, given that the utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs have reached 100% but among the 18 districts, some have long been lacking such centres; and when will the Government be able to have aided standalone CCCs in each of the 18 districts to provide such service; and
6. it is mentioned under the Programme that the Department will "re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres, and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children", what are the details, estimated expenditure and schedule?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) by 18 districts are set out at Annex 1.

   RCCCs are not district-based service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of places and service users for RCCCs by district. The overall figures for RCCCs in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) are listed below:

RCCCs	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Number of places [Note]	212	212	212
Number of service users	274	261	263

   [Note] The figures include the number of places for ordinary service and emergency service.

2. At present, applications for aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs are directly handled by the service operators. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for these services.

   The average waiting time for RCCCs in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is 7.5 months. The figures only reflect the average waiting time for ordinary service. Regarding emergency residential care services, caseworkers may approach the service units concerned directly for enquiries, and arrange for admission as soon as vacant places are available. SWD does not have statistics on the average waiting time for emergency placement for residential care services.

   The average waiting time for SCCCs in 2018-19 is 18.4 months.

3. The existing number of places and the average utilisation rate of aided "full-day" CCC service (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs), EHS and OCCS by district are set out at Annex 2.

4. To further enhance day child care services, SWD has planned to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval, etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases. Among them, 56, 88, 105 and 88 service places will be provided in the new aided standalone CCCs at Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, North District; Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong; Shek Mun Estate, Sha Tin; and Tin Shui Estate, Yuen Long respectively, which are expected to commence service in 2020-21. The number of additional places and implementation timetable for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing, however, has yet to be confirmed.

5. The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget a provision of $20 billion for the Government to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating such welfare facilities as child care centres to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. During the meeting on 10 June 2019, the Government has briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on the measures, and has prepared a list of premises proposed for acquisition with detailed distribution of the welfare facilities by type, district and their floor area requirements for Members' reference. SWD will initiate the acquisition work with the Government Property Agency as soon as

possible, subject to the funding approval from the Finance Committee of Legislative Council.

6. MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources. The recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about $28 million. A total of 800 child beneficiaries are expected every month upon the re-engineering of all MHCCCs.

   SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of the re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2020-21.

Annex 1

Table 1: **Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs (2017-18)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs [Note 1]		SCCCs [Note 2]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Eastern	64	100.0	3 540	67.0	96	98.1
Wan Chai	48	100.0	848	80.0	120	98.3
Central & Western	48	100.0	2 092	32.0	12	91.7
Southern	-	N.A.	1 241	54.0	157	97.8
Islands	-	N.A.	874	39.0	30	96.7
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 573	86.0	66	98.5
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	828	80.0	186	100.0
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	3 058	42.0	147	100.0
Kowloon City	67	99.0	4 481	58.0	30	100.0
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	1 229	94.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	973	75.0	205	99.0
Sha Tin	72	100.0	2 187	88.0	138	99.3
Tai Po	-	N.A.	777	80.0	119	94.1
North District	48	100.0	778	71.0	108	99.1
Yuen Long	64	100.0	1 163	98.0	108	98.1
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	1 169	82.0	168	99.4
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	1 203	86.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	1 770	70.0	144	100.0
Total	**744**	**100.0**	**29 784**	**67.0**	**1 834**	**98.7**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2017.

[Note 2] Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2018 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3] SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

Table 2: **Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs (2018-19)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs [Note 1]		SCCCs [Note 2]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Eastern	64	100.0	3 796	62.0	96	100.0
Wan Chai	48	100.0	872	77.0	120	99.2
Central & Western	48	100.0	2 237	33.0	12	83.3
Southern	-	N.A.	1 190	62.0	211	96.9
Islands	-	N.A.	1 033	36.0	30	100.0
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 319	85.0	66	100.0
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	813	78.0	186	98.9
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	3 603	37.0	147	99.3
Kowloon City	67	100.0	4 825	54.0	30	100.0
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	1 196	95.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	1 208	68.0	205	99.5
Sha Tin	72	100.0	2 132	85.0	138	99.3
Tai Po	-	N.A.	874	76.0	191	90.6
North District	51	100.0	1 058	61.0	108	99.1
Yuen Long	64	100.0	1 462	89.0	108	98.1
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	1 195	79.0	168	97.6
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	1 168	81.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	1 873	70.0	144	99.3
Total	**747**	**100.0**	**31 854**	**63.0**	**1 960**	**98.0**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2018.

[Note 2] Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2019 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3] SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs (2019-20) (as at December 2019)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs [Note 1]		SCCCs [Note 2]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Eastern	64	100.0	3 684	60.0	96	100.0
Wan Chai	48	100.0	840	74.0	120	96.7
Central & Western	48	100.0	2 198	30.0	12	75.0
Southern	-	N.A.	1 270	56.0	211	95.3
Islands	-	N.A.	1 041	35.0	30	100.0
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 403	84.0	126	99.2
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	737	77.0	186	98.9
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 934	47.0	147	99.3
Kowloon City	67	100.0	4 308	57.0	30	100.0
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	1 352	87.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	99.0	1 310	68.0	205	99.0
Sha Tin	72	100.0	2 063	81.0	138	96.4
Tai Po	-	N.A.	966	66.0	191	88.0
North District	51	100.0	934	61.0	108	100.0
Yuen Long	64	100.0	1 396	90.0	108	97.2
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	1 228	73.0	168	98.8
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	1 388	63.0	- [Note 3]	N.A.
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	1 914	67.0	144	100.0
Total	**747**	**100.0**	**30 966**	**63.0**	**2 020**	**97.2**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019.

[Note 2] Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-December 2019 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3] SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

Annex 2

Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided full-day CCC service, EHS and OCCS by district (2019-20) (as at December 2019)

District	Aided full-day CCC service				EHS		OCCS	
	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs [Note]					
	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average Utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	459	30.0	99	47.0	13	42.0
Southern	-	N.A.	343	60.0	73	83.0	17	70.0
Islands	-	N.A.	195	35.0	27	16.0	12	51.0
Eastern	64	100.0	361	63.0	189	39.0	24	46.0
Wan Chai	48	100.0	161	76.0	94	50.0	17	62.0
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	582	83.0	226	47.0	52	64.0
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	379	78.0	210	54.0	36	59.0
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	609	49.0	94	51.0	21	40.0
Kowloon City	67	100.0	479	56.0	151	36.0	22	57.0
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	240	87.0	139	42.0	22	61.0
Sham Shui Po	62	99.0	304	69.0	165	59.0	28	72.0
Sha Tin	72	100.0	450	82.0	112	45.0	29	46.0
Tai Po	-	N.A.	189	65.0	94	38.0	17	62.0
North District	51	100.0	282	61.0	82	61.0	16	40.0
Yuen Long	64	100.0	340	92.0	122	47.0	33	60.0
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	223	76.0	98	43.0	19	59.0
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	410	64.0	138	34.0	35	53.0
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	510	67.0	173	48.0	36	51.0
Total	**747**	**100.0**	**6 516**	**66.0**	**2 286**	**47.0**	**449**	**57.0**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019, including only full-day places provided by aided KG-cum-CCCs for children aged below 3.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0543)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To enhance the service quality of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would allocate an additional provision of about $24 million to service operators under NSCCP from January 2020, enabling them to increase manpower to strengthen training for home-based child carers. In this connection, would the Government set out in table form the additional number of places to be provided and service demand for home-based child carers in respective districts over the past 3 years? What are the specific measures to strengthen training for home-based child carers and the expenditure involved? In the light of the recent epidemic of COVID-19, will anti-epidemic training be included in the training for home-based child carers?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)

Reply:

Service operators under NSCCP are required to provide no less than 53 places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be no less than 954). Service operators can flexibly increase the number of home-based child care service places on top of the minimum requirement so as to meet the service demand in the districts. For 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019), the number of service users is 13 410, 12 586 and 9 054 respectively.

To enhance the service quality of NSCCP, SWD provides additional provisions for service operators to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff in each service unit, and to strengthen training for home-based child carers by employing registered nurses/midwives trained on child care to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care commencing from January 2020. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to $25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service. The additional provisions for the above measures is about $24 million. Service operators will review and update the content of training courses, including equipping home-based child carers with up-to-date information on health protection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2060)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) was launched in September 2013. How many eligible elderly persons have lodged their applications? How many elderly persons were issued with CCSVs? What is the total number of CCSVs issued? (Please list the figures by 2 phases, broken down by 18 districts.)

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented in 8 districts from September 2013 to August 2017. The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016 which has been extended to 18 districts across the territory. The respective cumulative numbers of eligible elderly applicants and those issued with CCSVs in the first and second phases of the Pilot Scheme are set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: The first phase of the Pilot Scheme [Note]

District		Cumulative number of eligible elderly applicants	Cumulative number of elderly persons issued with CCSVs
1.	Eastern	494	494
2.	Kwun Tong	460	460
3.	Wong Tai Sin	487	487
4.	Sham Shui Po	337	337
5.	Sha Tin	466	466
6.	Tai Po	210	210
7.	Tsuen Wan	212	212
8.	Tuen Mun	302	302
	Total:	**2 968**	**2 968**

[Note] The eligible elderly persons under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme should reside in selected districts, and have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) of the Social Welfare Department to have impairment at moderate level. They must be on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services without having received any residential care services (RCS) or subsidised community care services (CCS).

Table 2: The second phase of the Pilot Scheme [Note 1]
(As at 31 December 2019)

District		Cumulative number of eligible elderly applicants [Note 2]	Cumulative number of elderly persons issued with CCSVs [Note 3]
1.	Eastern	1 153	1 149
2.	Wan Chai	130	129
3.	Central & Western	200	196
4.	Southern	281	278
5.	Islands	40	38
6.	Kwun Tong	1 429	1 424
7.	Wong Tai Sin	1 252	1 248
8.	Sai Kung	466	462
9.	Sham Shui Po	489	488
10.	Kowloon City	567	565
11.	Yau Tsim Mong	309	309
12.	Sha Tin	1 072	1 067
13.	Tai Po	547	542
14.	North	361	358
15.	Kwai Tsing	962	955
16.	Tsuen Wan	484	482
17.	Tuen Mun	676	673
18.	Yuen Long	352	351
	Total:	**10 770**	**10 714**

[Note 1] The eligible elderly persons under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme must be on the waiting list on or before the designated date, and should have been assessed by the SCNAMES to have impairment at moderate or severe level, without having received any RCS or subsidised CCS.

[Note 2] including applications being processed.

[Note 3] including 1 054 CCSV holders who migrated from the first phase to the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2061)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (the RCSV Pilot Scheme) was launched in March 2017. How many eligible elderly persons have lodged their applications? How many elderly persons were issued with RCSVs? What is the total number of RCSVs issued? (Please provide the figures with a breakdown by year.)

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

Launched in March 2017, the RCSV Pilot Scheme issued a maximum of 3 000 RCSVs in batches from 2017 to 2019. Based on the application dates for long-term care services on the central waiting list, the Social Welfare Department issued letters in batches to invite eligible elderly persons to apply for RCSVs. As at end-December 2019, the number of applicants and the number of those issued with RCSVs with a breakdown by year are as follows:

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of applicants for RCSVs	Number of persons issued with RCSVs
2017	967	290
2018	1 673	685
2019	2 034	971
Total	4 674	1 946

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2062)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) under this Programme, please inform this Committee of:

(1) the detailed number of service places by 18 districts;

(2) the number of persons waitlisted for the services and the average waiting time over the past 3 financial years; and

(3) the reasons for the enrolment rate of the services remaining at 105% for 3 consecutive financial years.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) As at end-December 2019, the number of DE/DCU service places by 18 District Council districts is set out in the Annex.

(2) The number of applicants waitlisted for DE/DCU places and the average waiting time from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are:

Year	No. of applicants waitlisted	Average waiting time (in months) (based on the average of the previous 3 months)
2017-18	3 568	10
2018-19	4 370	12
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	4 612	14

The aforesaid numbers of applicants waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

(3) Some elderly persons only receive part-time services at DEs/DCUs and stay for half a day, or they may not visit DEs/DCUs for services on a daily basis. It is therefore possible for DEs/DCUs to take in additional elderly persons to fill the unused time slots and places. The enrolment rate is therefore set at 105% in order to maximise the utilisation of day care places.

Annex

Number of DE/DCU places
(As at end-December 2019)

District	**No. of places**
Central & Western	129
Eastern	256
Wan Chai	110
Southern	108
Islands	40
Kwun Tong	427
Wong Tai Sin	290
Sai Kung	205
Kowloon City	158
Yau Tsim Mong	152
Sham Shui Po	280
Sha Tin	318
Tai Po	64
North	44
Yuen Long	178
Tuen Mun	208
Tsuen Wan	154
Kwai Tsing	262
Total	**3 383**

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)224

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3268)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Department plans to implement a host of enhancement measures on the After School Care Programme (ASCP) and Enhanced ASCP in 2020-21. How much resources will be involved? What are the enhancement measures? How many people will benefit?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

In view of the keen demand for after-school care services, the Government will regularise the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under the Community Care Fund (CCF) and introduce a host of enhancement measures to strengthen the services and further support the needy families. These include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxation of application eligibility, increase of subsidy level, provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, and streamlining the financial vetting process.

The above enhancement measures are expected to roll out in October 2020 in phases, following the completion of the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under CCF. The additional recurrent expenditure involved is $65 million. More than 5 700 students and their families are expected to benefit from the measures.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)225

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0401)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the preparation for the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of premises to be purchased in the coming year, the expenditure involved for each premise, the service types and the number of service places to be provided with the premises, broken down by District Council (DC) districts;
2. the estimated number of premises to be purchased in the next 2 years and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with a list of premises proposed to be purchased, which details the distribution by type of welfare facilities, district and floor area requirements, for Members' information. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0402)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the launch of an enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) to encourage more young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services, please inform this Committee of:

1. the expected enhancements, the time of launching the enhancements and the expenditure involved;
2. the number of recruits under the Navigation Scheme in each of the past 3 years;
3. the number of recruits having completed the two-year part-time course under the Navigation Scheme in the past 3 years;
4. the number of dropouts from the Navigation Scheme and the reasons for dropping out in each of the past 3 years;
5. the estimated number of trainees to be recruited in the coming year, their salary and the number of training places to be provided in the coming year;
6. the number of recruits admitted to other courses of the care sector through the Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 5. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide a total of 1 200 training places under the Navigation Scheme within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020. The respective salaries of trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme as care worker (entry level) and health worker (after promotion) are $14,150 and $17,090 in 2020-21. The total expenditure involved will be around $266 million.

2. & 4. SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 445 trainees graduated, while 222 trainees are still in the Navigation Scheme. 486 trainees have left the Navigation Scheme mainly for reasons such as pursuing further studies, finding the job nature not suitable, having secured another job or personal reasons.

6. SWD does not have the relevant information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0406)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the $1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to try out and procure/rent technology products, please inform this Committee of:

1. the projected distribution of the $1 billion and the amount used;
2. the number of approved applications from eligible elderly and rehabilitation services units, and the number of and reasons for unsuccessful applications;
3. the number of applications from eligible elderly and rehabilitation services units still under vetting and the manpower involved in vetting since the launch of the I&T Fund;
4. the number and types of technology products currently available for service units to try out and procure/rent, among which, the top 10 products selected by service units.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The I&T Fund has been launched since December 2018. The Social Welfare Department has set up the Secretariat to the I&T Fund which comprises 11 time-limited posts of social work officer grade and general supporting grade to co-ordinate the operation of the Fund and support the Assessment Panel.

The I&T Fund was open for application for two tranches in 2019. In the first tranche, a total grant of some $37 million was approved for more than 210 elderly and rehabilitation services units to procure/rent over 870 items of technology products. Applications made by 58 service units were rejected by the Assessment Panel for failing to meet the assessment criteria of the Fund. For the second tranche of application, a total of about 2 300 items of technology products from over 650 service units were received. As at February 2020, the Assessment Panel has approved 1 248 items of technology products while the remaining applications are still under vetting. The types of products that got more applications by the service units included electric climbers, smart hospital bed with extra low position, equipment for occupational/physio/speech therapy, assessment tools, etc. It is estimated that the Fund will be progressively disbursed within 5 years starting from 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0408)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned that the Department would regularise the "Pilot Scheme on Relaxing the Household Income Limit of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme (ASCP) for Low-income Families and Increasing Fee-waiving Subsidy Places" (the Pilot Scheme) with a host of enhancement measures on the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP. Please inform this Committee:

1. of the number of places, number of users, utilisation rate and waiting time under the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
2. of the enhancement measures to be rolled out for the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP;
3. of the number of places and beneficiaries of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS) under the ASCP and the Pilot Scheme; and
4. whether the Government will increase service provision in the coming year and the number of places to be increased, with a breakdown by DC district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places, number of users and utilisation rate under the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP in the 18 districts as at end-December 2019 is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on waiting time.

2. & 4. In view of the keen demand for after-school care services, the Government will regularise the Pilot Scheme under the Community Care Fund (CCF) and introduce a host of enhancement measures to strengthen the services and further support the needy families. These include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxation of application eligibility, increase of subsidy level, provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, and streamlining the financial vetting process.

The above enhancement measures will be rolled out in October 2020 in phases, following the completion of the Pilot Scheme under CCF. The additional recurrent expenditure involved is $65 million. The measures are expected to benefit more than 5 700 students and their families.

3. The ASCP is operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on a self-financing and fee-charging basis. With the FWSS under the ASCP, SWD, through after-school care centres, provides fee-waiving and fee-reduction subsidies to needy and eligible families for the ASCP, so as to render assistance to parents of low-income families who are engaged in open employment or receiving vocational training. At present, there are 156 after-school care centres participating in the FWSS with a total of 1 615 full fee-waiving places. As at end-December 2019, there were 1 744 beneficiaries. Moreover, an additional 2 000 full fee-waiving places are provided under the Pilot Scheme. The number of beneficiaries was 939 as at end-February 2020.

Annex

Number of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP places and utilisation status by district (as at end-December 2019)

District	ASCP			Enhanced ASCP		
	Number of places	**Number of users**	**Utilisation rate [Note 1]**	**Number of places**	**Number of users [Note 2]**	**Utilisation rate [Note 3]**
Central & Western	90	85	94%	-	N.A.	N.A.
Southern	286	247	86%	16	18	73%
Islands	248	217	88%	42	75	82%
Eastern	365	298	82%	44	67	79%
Wan Chai	174	153	88%	8	10	80%
Kowloon City	211	175	83%	8	19	89%
Yau Tsim Mong	171	148	87%	20	37	74%
Sham Shui Po	262	225	86%	43	80	57%
Kwun Tong	485	438	90%	14	27	72%
Wong Tai Sin	387	356	92%	12	11	74%
Sai Kung	125	115	92%	-	N.A.	N.A.
Sha Tin	623	592	95%	54	102	83%
Tai Po	203	199	98%	6	2	15%
North	315	224	71%	28	22	29%
Yuen Long	412	355	86%	91	94	70%
Tsuen Wan	175	153	87%	8	11	53%
Kwai Tsing	503	425	84%	69	77	69%
Tuen Mun	494	411	83%	35	32	78%
Total	**5 529**	**4 816**	**87.1%**	**498**	**684**	**70.1%**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 2] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 3] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)229

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0409)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2020-21, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up additional day care units for the elderly (DCUs) at selected private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and continue to purchase EA1 places. Please inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated number of additional day and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) places to be provided in the coming year, broken down by District Council (DC) district;
2. the number of additional EA1 places to be purchased under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), broken down by DC district;
3. the number of designated residential respite places provided in private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, broken down by DC district;
4. the number of persons waitlisted for day and EHCCS places in the past 3 years, broken down by DC district; and
5. the number of persons waitlisted for RCHEs in the past 3 years, broken down by DC district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD plans to provide 320 additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly in 2020-21. The geographical distribution of the additional places is set out at the Annex 1.

   SWD has provided an additional 2 000 places under EHCCS since October 2019 with a view to helping frail elderly persons age in place.

2. SWD will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS for 5 consecutive years (1 000 places each year) from 2019-20 onwards to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. SWD has commenced the work to purchase a total of about 2 000 additional places in 2019-20 and 2020-21. The first batch of 319 additional EA1 places have commenced service at the end of 2019, with the relevant homes and distribution of places provided in Annex 2. The remaining 1 600 additional places are expected to commence service in 2020-21.

3. As at end-December 2019, a total of 142 private RCHEs participating in the EBPS across the territory had provided designated residential respite places. Each RCHE provided 2 such places, giving a total of 284 places. RCHEs concerned and the distribution of places are set out in Annex 3.

4. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of persons waitlisted for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and EHCCS are as follows:

Year	No. of waitlisted persons	
	DEs/DCUs	EHCCS [Note]
2017-18	3 568	5 819
2018-19	4 370	7 930
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 612	5 961

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may wait for integrated home care services (frail cases) and/or EHCCS.

The aforesaid numbers of persons waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. SWD does not have the number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs and EHCCS by DC district.

5. As at end-December 2017, end-December 2018 and end-December 2019, there were respectively 38 286, 40 569 and 41 011 eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list for subsidised care and attention places and nursing home places.

Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised RCHEs may make a maximum of 3 choices regarding the location of RCHEs, including the cluster, the district or even a specified RCHE, etc. Elderly persons may also choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places of subvented/contract RCHEs, homes participating in the EBPS and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme. The SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each district.

Annex 1

Estimated number of additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly and its geographical distribution (2020-21)

District	**No. of places**
Wan Chai	20
Kwun Tong	20
Wong Tai Sin	60
Sai Kung	20
Sha Tin	60
Yuen Long	20
Tuen Mun	60
Tsuen Wan	20
Kwai Tsing	40
Total	**320**

Annex 2

Number of additional EA1 places purchased under the EBPS in 2019-20 with a breakdown by DC district (As at 31 December 2019)

District	No. of participating homes	No. of additional EA1 places
Eastern	-	-
Wan Chai	-	-
Central & Western	2	54
Islands	-	-
Southern	2	4
Sham Shui Po	4	12
Kowloon City	5	102
Yau Tsim Mong	2	24
Wong Tai Sin	-	-
Sai Kung	-	-
Kwun Tong	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-
Tai Po	-	-
North	1	1
Yuen Long	2	21
Tuen Mun	2	15
Tsuen Wan	3	14
Kwai Tsing	4	72
Total	**27**	**319**

Annex 3

Number of designated residential respite places provided by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS by DC district

District	Number of participating homes [Note]	Number of designated residential respite places [Note]
Central & Western	11	22
Eastern	10	20
Wan Chai	3	6
Southern	7	14
Islands	-	-
Kwun Tong	7	14
Wong Tai Sin	4	8
Sai Kung	-	-
Kowloon City	20	40
Yau Tsim Mong	11	22
Sham Shui Po	9	18
Sha Tin	-	-
Tai Po	5	10
North	6	12
Yuen Long	16	32
Tuen Mun	11	22
Tsuen Wan	9	18
Kwai Tsing	13	26
Total	**142**	**284**

[Note] As at end-December 2019, there were 142 private RCHEs participating in the EBPS each providing 2 designated residential respite places.

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LWB(WW)230

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0410)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government allocated an additional $352 million in recurrent expenditure in 2018-19 to provide more resources for units of subsidised (internal reference: 2017 Policy Agenda) rehabilitation services, elderly services, and family and child welfare services to increase the salaries of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants (i.e. the salaries of these posts will be increased by 2 pay points in the current calculation of the subsidy for salaries) (internal reference: the description in () is basically the same as para. 16 of WS Panel Paper dated 24.10.2017). Please inform this Committee of:

1. the respective salaries of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants over the past 3 years;
2. the results of a data analysis completed in the second quarter of 2019 in relation to a survey conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the first quarter of 2019 on the manpower situation (internal reference: para. 4 of Manpower Panel Paper dated 25.6.2019) of frontline care workers of relevant organisations after the salary increase of such workers with the additional resources.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The Government, starting from June 2018, provides additional resources for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively. The measure involves a recurrent expenditure of about $352 million. In the first quarter of 2019, the SWD conducted a questionnaire survey on the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned, which indicated that the vacancy rate of the relevant posts was about 19% as at 1 January 2019. The average monthly emoluments (including salaries and allowances) received by personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants before and after the implementation of remuneration enhancement measure in NGOs in 2018 is set out as follows:

Post	Average monthly emoluments	
	Before the remuneration enhancement measure in 2018 ($)	After the remuneration enhancement measure in 2018 ($)
Personal care workers	15,994	17,819
Home helpers	15,912	17,325
Ward attendants	13,835	14,856

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0412)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

During 2020-21, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-school children. Please advise:

1. the number of places provided by aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS) and MHCCCs, and the utilisation rate of these services over the past 3 years, listing out by District Council (DC) district;
2. the details of re-engineering in phases and converting the existing MHCCCs, including the anticipated timeline of re-engineering; number of MHCCCs to be converted; districts, types of services and expenditure involved and the estimated number of children affected, etc.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs by DC district over the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex 1.
2. MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources. The recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about $28 million. A total of 800 child beneficiaries are expected every month upon the re-engineering of all MHCCCs.

   SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of the re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2020-21.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2017-18)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places [Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	2 092	32	13	41	74	49	14	24.5
Southern	-	N.A.	1 241	54	17	69	70	86	28	0.2
Islands	-	N.A.	874	39	12	67	14	37	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100	3 540	67	21	35	190	43	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100	848	80	11	56	94	51	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 573	86	52	63	232	52	42	13.1
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	828	80	33	58	196	57	14	22.2
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	3 058	42	21	57	88	47	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	99	4 481	58	22	49	156	46	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	1 229	94	22	53	146	40	14	0.1
Sham Shui Po	62	100	973	75	28	73	164	65	37	11.9
Sha Tin	72	100	2 187	88	29	49	110	43	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	777	80	17	60	96	45	14	11.1
North	48	100	778	71	16	46	74	55	14	10.7
Yuen Long	64	100	1 163	98	33	65	130	52	42	0.3
Tsuen Wan	76	100	1 169	82	16	63	94	46	14	1.7
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 203	86	35	61	146	39	42	14.1
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 770	70	36	53	180	47	-	N.A.
Total	**744**	**100**	**29 784**	**67**	**434**	**57**	**2 254**	**50**	**275**	**8.5**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Information provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2017.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2018-19)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places [Note 1]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	2 237	33	13	42	80	52	14	24.3
Southern	-	N.A.	1 190	62	17	63	70	85	28	3.2
Islands	-	N.A.	1 033	36	12	50	14	22	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100	3 796	62	24	37	198	43	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100	872	77	17	70	94	55	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 319	85	52	59	232	52	42	14.7
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	813	78	36	58	196	54	14	16.2
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	3 603	37	21	48	88	47	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100	4 825	54	22	52	164	41	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	1 196	95	22	55	138	42	-	0 [Note 2]
Sham Shui Po	62	100	1 208	68	28	70	164	63	37	12.2
Sha Tin	72	100	2 132	85	29	53	110	50	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	874	76	17	54	96	46	14	16.2
North	51	100	1 058	61	16	41	74	62	14	0.3
Yuen Long	64	100	1 462	89	33	67	122	46	42	0.3
Tsuen Wan	76	100	1 195	79	16	60	94	44	14	1.7
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 168	81	35	58	146	33	42	12.3
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 873	70	36	50	180	45	-	N.A.
Total	**747**	**100**	**31 854**	**63**	**446**	**56**	**2 260**	**49**	**261**	**9.0**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Information provided by the EDB as at September 2018.

[Note 2] 1 MHCCC stopped its service on 15 October 2018. The figure denotes the average utilisation rate from April to September 2018.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (April to December 2019)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		OCCS		EHS		MHCCCs	
	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places [Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	2 198	30	13	42	99	47	14	36.6
Southern	-	N.A.	1 270	56	17	70	73	83	28	1.9
Islands	-	N.A.	1 041	35	12	51	27	16	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100	3 684	60	24	46	189	39	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100	840	74	17	62	94	50	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 403	84	52	64	226	47	42	14.6
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	737	77	36	59	210	54	14	11.6
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 934	47	21	40	94	51	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100	4 308	57	22	57	151	36	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	1 352	87	22	61	139	42	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100	1 310	68	28	72	165	59	37	13.0
Sha Tin	72	100	2 063	81	29	46	112	45	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	966	66	17	62	94	38	14	29.7
North	51	100	934	61	16	40	82	61	14	0.9
Yuen Long	64	100	1 396	90	33	60	122	47	42	0.1
Tsuen Wan	76	100	1 228	73	19	59	98	43	14	0.5
Kwai Tsing	32	100	1 388	63	35	53	138	34	42	5.3
Tuen Mun	64	100	1 914	67	36	51	173	48	-	N.A.
Total	**747**	**100**	**30 966**	**63**	**449**	**57**	**2 286**	**47**	**261**	**9.7**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Information provided by the EDB as at September 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0414)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2020-21, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional service quota under integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)). Please inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated number of additional places under IHCS(FC) in the coming year and the expenditure involved, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
2. the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time and the annual expenditure under IHCS (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by DC district;
3. the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time and the annual expenditure for IHCS(FC) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by DC district;
4. the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time, the number of users served and the annual expenditure for enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by DC district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for IHCS(FC) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021, involving a full-year expenditure of $303 million. The Government will arrange the geographical distribution of the 3 000 service places having regard to factors such as the supply of services in each district, the demand and the operational situation of each service team, and the overall home care services provided to frail elderly persons.

2. to 4. The number of waitlisted persons under IHCS(OC) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by DC district is set out in Annex 1. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs operating the service. SWD does not have the waiting time for IHCS(OC).

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the overall number of persons waitlisted in the territory and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS without a breakdown by DC district.

The number of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	No. of waitlisted persons [Note]	Average waiting time [Note] (in months) (Average of the past 3 months)
2017-18	5 819	15
2018-19	7 930	18
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 961	15

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The number of service users for EHCCS from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by DC district is set out in Annex 2.

SWD does not keep the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	635.8
2018-19 (Actual)	696.6
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	736.6

The total annual expenditure under EHCCS from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	398.1
2018-19 (Actual)	419.0
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	680.0

Annex 1

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(from 2017-18 to 2019-20)

District	No. of waitlisted persons		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	34	28	44
Eastern	242	106	117
Wan Chai	39	56	51
Southern	147	84	71
Islands	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	889	761	724
Wong Tai Sin	685	577	518
Sai Kung	67	87	90
Kowloon City	150	110	98
Yau Tsim Mong	144	82	62
Sham Shui Po	290	251	267
Sha Tin	646	416	469
Tai Po	221	103	117
North	120	55	44
Yuen Long	224	122	130
Tuen Mun	230	302	312
Tsuen Wan	34	9	5
Kwai Tsing	161	112	69
Total	**4 323**	**3 261**	**3 188**

Annex 2

Annual number of service users under EHCCS (from 2017-18 to 2019-20)

Year	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
District	**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**		**By district team**	**By cluster team**	
Central & Western	219	249	228	221	238	224	242	278	317
Eastern	282			268			292		
Wan Chai	195			208			220		
Southern	221			209			234		
Islands	117	N.A.		118	N.A.		137	N.A.	
Kwun Tong	568	458	197	566	440	203	655	494	286
Wong Tai Sin	531	1 021 [Note 1]		528	1 012 [Note 1]		586	1 154 [Note 1]	
Sai Kung	292			308			325		
Kowloon City	395	537 [Note 2]		376	524 [Note 2]		394	576 [Note 2]	
Yau Tsim Mong	249			256			251		
Sham Shui Po	347		194	319		195	365		230
Sha Tin	264	278	234	244	280	237	302	306	314
Tai Po	194			181			206		
North	186			186			215		
Yuen Long	245	1 033 [Note 3]		240	1 041 [Note 3]		268	1 199 [Note 3]	
Tuen Mun	225			205			257		
Tsuen Wan	304			306			321		
Kwai Tsing	458			439			536		
Total	**9 721**			**9 572**			**10 960**		

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2980)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the staffing establishment and expenditure for the 5 specialised co-parenting support centres in the past year, setting out details of the activities and services launched by each of these centres, and the number of participants. Has the Government assessed the effectiveness of these centres, and what is the criteria of assessment?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up 1 specialised co-parenting support centre (centre) operated by non-governmental organisations in each of the 5 regions in Hong Kong (namely Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West) in October 2019 to provide one-stop co-parenting support services to separated/divorced parents and their children including co-parenting service, child-focused counselling service, parenting co-ordination service, structured co-parenting groups and programmes, as well as children contact service. Each centre will receive an allocation of about $6.23 million from the Government each year (not including subsidies on rent and rates), with no less than 7 registered social workers and 4 clerical and supporting staff. It is expected that each centre will provide co-parenting support service for no less than 90 new cases every year. The expenditure for the 5 centres in 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) is about $22 million.

As at December 2019, the 5 centres provided support services for a total of 171 cases as well as 670 parents and their children. The table below shows the number of cases each centre handled and the number of service users:

Name of Centre	Number of cases handled	Number of service users
KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Kowloon East)	33	127
KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Hong Kong)	23	120
Parent-child Connect Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	72	272
Parent Child LINK Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	18	57
Circle of Love Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	25	94
Total	171	670

SWD monitors the service performance of subvented organisations through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under the SPMS, SWD assesses and monitors the performance of related services through the regular reports submitted by service operators. Scheduled assessments and surprise visits to the service units are also conducted on a random basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2981)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Government will launch the third phase of a three-year pilot scheme to provide social work service for subsidised/aided Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs). In this connection, please advise the Committee of the following: the number of eligible kindergartens and child care centres having received social work service and the amount of subsidy for each institution in the previous 2 phases. Please set out the specific details of various institutions by administrative district; the number of pre-school children having benefitted from the service and its percentage in the total number of pre-school children in the territory to this date; details of the work plan of the third phase, and the manpower and expenditure involved; has the Government considered regularising the scheme upon the completion of the three-year pilot scheme; if yes, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has allocated about $990 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch a three-year pilot scheme to provide social work service in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided PPIs (including aided child care centres (CCCs), kindergartens (KGs) and KG-cum-CCCs) across the territory. The pilot scheme is implemented in 3 phases. About 16 social work teams will be set up in each phase giving a total of about 48 teams. Given that each social work team with 8 social workers will provide service for not more than 16 PPIs serving about 3 200 pre-primary children and their families, each social worker will serve on average 400 pre-primary children and their families.

Phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme, which will last for 3 and 2.5 years, have commenced operation in February and August 2019 respectively serving 246 and 239 eligible PPIs respectively. Phase 3 of the pilot scheme will commence operation in August 2020 and will last for 1.5 years. Information on aided PPIs joining phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme by 18 districts are set out at Annex. Provisions for operators in various phases with different dates of service commencement are set out below:

Phase	Implementation period	Provisions for each social work team [Note]	
		Full team	Half team
1	February 2019 to January 2022 (3-year period)	About $24 million	About $12 million
2	August 2019 to January 2022 (2.5-year period)	About $20.5 million	About $10.25 million
3	August 2020 to January 2022 (1.5-year period)	About $12.7 million	About $6.35 million

[Note] The amount of provisions does not include the lump sum payment to each social work team for reimbursement on purchasing furniture and equipment on an actual basis (up to $196,000 for a full team and up to $98,000 for a half team), as well as the subsidies on rent, rates and government rent of the office base.

Based on the information submitted by aided PPIs to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Education Bureau (EDB) in September 2019, there is a total of about 99 000 children in the 485 PPIs joining phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme, which takes up about 70% of the children (about 143 000) in some 770 aided PPIs eligible for the pilot scheme.

During the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the Government has commissioned the City University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study on the current mode of service operation, as well as the service performance and service outputs/outcomes of the Pilot Scheme as to shed light on the way forward of the service.

Annex

Pilot scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions
Number of aided PPIs [Note] joining phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme by district

District	Number of eligible aided PPIs		
	Phase 1	**Phase 2**	**Total**
Eastern	18	11	**29**
Wan Chai	6	4	**10**
Central & Western	10	9	**19**
Southern	4	7	**11**
Islands	4	9	**13**
Kwun Tong	20	23	**43**
Wong Tai Sin	11	13	**24**
Sai Kung	14	11	**25**
Kowloon City	16	19	**35**
Yau Tsim Mong	11	8	**19**
Sham Shui Po	18	10	**28**
Sha Tin	17	18	**35**
Tai Po	6	12	**18**
North	16	11	**27**
Yuen Long	22	21	**43**
Tsuen Wan	10	14	**24**
Kwai Tsing	20	20	**40**
Tuen Mun	23	19	**42**
Total	**246**	**239**	**485**

[Note] "Aided pre-primary institutions" refer to CCCs receiving subventions from SWD as well as KGs and KGs-cum-CCCs joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme of EDB.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0036)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Policy Address 2019 announced that a 3-year Ethnic Minority District Ambassador pilot scheme will be launched in 9 districts with higher Ethnic Minority (EM) population in 2020-21. In this regard, please advise this Committee:

1. of the details, implementation timetable and number of EM participants and district centres/service units;
2. of financial provision and manpower earmarked for implementing the pilot scheme;
3. whether and how the effectiveness of this pilot scheme to be evaluated, and whether consideration would be given to extending the pilot scheme in view of good response.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a 3-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme in 2020-21 to enhance EM services provided by district centres/service units in 9 districts with higher EM population, i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Under the pilot scheme, additional resources will be provided to some welfare service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations, including medical social services units, integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, parent/relatives resource centres, district elderly community centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated service centres for ex-offenders and their families. A total of 46 "EM District Ambassadors" will be employed so as to enhance service provision for EM communities. The pilot scheme will involve a total expenditure of about $29 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about $4.95 million.

As the pilot scheme is expected to launch in October 2020, SWD would not be able to provide figures on EMs receiving welfare services in individual districts. SWD will review the effectiveness of the pilot scheme and draw up the way forward with reference to findings of the review.

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LWB(WW)236

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0567)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Among the children who received residential child care services (RCCS) in the past 5 financial years, how many of them had to be re-admitted after having previously ceased to receive/having withdrawn from the services (including cases of transferring to other types of care services)? Please provide the information in the following table:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	April to December 2019
Total number of children re-admitted after having previously ceased to receive/having withdrawn from RCCS					
Among the aforementioned children,					
the number of children receiving the services for the second time					
the number of children receiving the services for the third time					
the number of children receiving the services for the fourth time					
the number of children receiving the services for the fifth time or above					

2. What was the number of children who withdrew from RCCS for reasons listed below, the average duration of stay in days and the average age when they withdrew from RCCS in the past 5 financial years?

	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			April to December 2019		
	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (day)	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (day)	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (day)	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (day)	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (day)	Average age upon withdrawal
Transfer to other types of care services															
Family reunion															
Adoption															
Independent living															
Others															

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1 The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of children who were re-admitted after having previously ceased to receive/having withdrawn from RCCS in 2015-16.

The figures of children re-admitted after having ceased to receive RCCS from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019) are as follows:

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Children re-admitted after having ceased to receive RCCS	59	46	30	21

SWD does not have information on children receiving RCCS for the second, third, fourth and fifth time or above.

2 Reasons for children to withdraw from RCCS and other information sought for the past 5 years are set out at Annex.

Annex

Reasons for children to withdraw from RCCS, number of children withdrawn, average duration of stay in months and average age upon withdrawal

Year	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (month) [Note]	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (month) [Note]	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (month) [Note]	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (month) [Note]	Average age upon withdrawal	No. of children withdrawn	Average duration of stay (month) [Note]	Average age upon withdrawal
Independent living	16	43.5	18.5	23	43.1	18.8	22	43.6	18.5	22	31.1	17.0	20	68.6	17.4
Adoption	53	23.6	3.1	25	22.6	3.2	34	17.4	2.1	22	16.8	2.8	18	16.3	2.6
Family reunion	881	24.9	11.7	822	25.2	11.6	815	27.7	12.1	765	25.4	12.0	775	26.1	12
Transfer to other types of care service	504	19.8	9.5	519	18.7	8.8	521	20.0	9.1	488	19.7	8.8	507	22.8	9.0
Other reasons	68	17.7	13.8	49	23.4	13.3	49	22.9	15.8	62	15.7	15.2	81	25.5	15.7

[Note] SWD usually calculates the average duration of stay of children upon their withdrawal from RCCS by month. To ensure the consistency of information and for ease of cross reference, the above figures are also calculated by month.

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LWB(WW)237

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0568)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of reported cases of confirmed/suspected abuse regarding users of residential child care services (RCCS) received under the mechanism of Special Incident Report over the past 3 financial years? Please provide the relevant figures by the nature of abuse and the identity of suspected perpetrators involved:

Identity of suspected perpetrator	Year	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse	Psychological abuse	Neglect	Others	Sub-total
Staff members	2017-18						
	2018-19						
	April to end of December 2019						
Residents	2017-18						
	2018-19						
	April to end of December 2019						
Total							

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department received 13, 15 and 8 special incident reports respectively in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in respect of suspected abuse of RCCS users. Figures on the identity of the suspected perpetrator and the nature of abuse are set out as follows:

	2017		2018		2019 (as at end of Dec 2019)	
	Staff members/ Carers	Residents	Staff members/ Carers	Residents	Staff members/ Carers	Residents
Physical abuse	3	-	4	-	4	-

	2017		2018		2019 (as at end of Dec 2019)	
	Staff members/ Carers	Residents	Staff members/ Carers	Residents	Staff members/ Carers	Residents
Sexual harassment or sexual abuse	-	10	1	10	-	4
Psychological abuse	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neglect	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3 [Note 1]	10 [Note 2]	5 [Note 3]	10 [Note 4]	4 [Note 5]	4 [Note 6]

[Note 1] 1 case of physical abuse has been established.

[Note 2] 3 cases of sexual abuse or sexual harassment have been established.

[Note 3] 2 cases of physical abuse have been established.

[Note 4] 5 cases of sexual abuse or sexual harassment have been established.

[Note 5] 1 case of physical abuse has been established.

[Note 6] 1 case of sexual abuse or sexual harassment has been established.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0569)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The monthly cost per resident of the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH) is close to $150,000. Please provide a breakdown of cost distribution (including the staff emoluments, facilities and maintenance, meals and basic necessities, education and vocational training, counselling and casework services, community service, recreational activities and health care).
2. What were the average meal expenses per day per resident of the probation home and place of refuge under TMCJH in the past 3 years?
3. What are in the list of basic daily necessities (item and quantity) for residents of the probation home and place of refuge under TMCJH? If there is no specified list of basic daily necessities, what are the procedures for allocating daily necessities to residents?
4. Further to the above, what criteria does the Department use to determine the list of basic daily necessities? How does the Department assess whether the provision of the above basic daily necessities is sufficient to meet the needs of residents?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The design, operation and manpower of TMCJH, which can accommodate 388 children and young people, must meet the arrangements in relation to receiving such children and young people in accordance with different statutory requirements at all times. The cost per resident per month hinges on the enrolment rate, which is subject to various factors like crime rate, court disposals, children's welfare needs, family support and length of stay, etc. A breakdown of the average cost per resident under care per month calculated on the basis of 100% enrolment rate and the individual sums for 2020-21 (Estimate) are as follows:

Item	Average cost per resident under care per month calculated on the basis of 100% enrolment rate ($)	2020-21 (Estimate) ($)
Staff costs	21,982	93,407
Departmental expenses	7,351	31,238
Administrative overheads	2,858	12,143
Depreciation/maintenance of premises and equipment	2,519	10,702
Total	34,710	147,490

2. TMCJH provides meal services (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner) within the institution through its contractor. The contractor must follow the requirement of relevant legislations, the meals provided should also fulfil requirements on food hygiene and nutrition, etc., and meet the needs of the residents as regards religion and health. With regard to the contract entered into with the contractor, the average expenses on meals per resident per day in the probation home and place of refuge of TMCJH in the past 3 years was $85.

3. & 4. TMCJH's probation home and place of refuge provide residents with basic daily necessities including uniforms, undergarments, laundry bags, shoes, socks, face towels, bath towels, toothbrushes, mugs for mouth rinsing, combs, toothpastes, toilet paper, shampoo and body wash, and female sanitary items. Residents will be provided with the above basic daily necessities on their first day of admission to TMCJH. TMCJH will give residents replenishment in due course, either on a regular basis or according to the consumption of individual daily necessities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3068)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Starting from 2020-21, additional funding will be provided to SWD-subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating day service units to meet the electricity costs of providing air conditioning for their activity areas, involving an annual recurrent expenditure of about $46 million. It is expected that over 1 100 subvented service units and more than 1 million service users will benefit from this initiative. Please provide a list of the relevant types of subvented services and units.
2. Further to the above, please provide a breakdown (including the electricity costs, cleansing and maintenance of air conditioning) of the additional recurrent expenditure (about $46 million).
3. Further to Question 1, what is the electricity cost of providing air conditioning per square metre of the activity areas? What criteria will be used for calculation?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 88)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The type of subvented day services and number of units covered by the funding are set out as follows:

Service type	**No. of units**
Services for the Elderly	
District Elderly Community Centre	41
Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	171
Day Care Centre for the Elderly	71
Day Care Unit for the Elderly	7
Integrated Home Care Services	63
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services	34
Subtotal for Services for the Elderly	**387**
Family and Child Welfare Services	
Foster Care Service	11

Service type	No. of units
Integrated Family Services	24
Services for Street Sleepers	3
Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence	1
Subtotal for Family and Child Welfare Services	**39**
Rehabilitation Services	
Communication and Information Service for Visually Impaired Persons	1
Community Rehabilitation Network	6
Community Rehabilitation Day Centre	4
Day Activity Centre	95
District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities	21
Early Education and Training Centres	58
Home Care Services for Persons with Severe Disabilities	7
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness	24
Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities	4
Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre	35
Multi-service Centre for the Hearing Impaired Persons	3
On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	45
Parents/Relatives Resource Centre	19
Professional Support Team to Parents/Relatives Resource Centre	1
Rehabilitation and Training Centre for Visually Impaired Persons	2
Sheltered Workshop	34
Social and Recreational Centres for the Disabled	18
Special Child Care Centres	50
Support Centre for Persons with Autism	5
Supported Employment	8
Counselling Centre for Psychotropic Substance Abusers	11
Centre for Drug Counselling	1
Subtotal for Rehabilitation Services	**452**
Services for Young People	
Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres	139
Children and Youth Centres	6
Children and Youth Centres with Reading/Study Room	9
Children Centres	2
Children Centres with Reading/Study Room	3
Youth Centres	3
Youth Centres with Reading/Study Room	1
School Social Work Service	27
District Youth Outreaching Social Work Service	19
Cyber Youth Support Teams	5
Hotline Service for Youth at Risk	1
Overnight Outreaching Service for Young Night Drifters	18
Subtotal for Services for Young People	**233**

Service type	No. of units
Services for Offenders	
Integrated Service Centres for Ex-offenders and Discharged Prisoners	5
Subtotal for Services for Offenders	**5**
Community Development Services	
Community Centre	13
Neighbourhood Level Community Development Project	17
Care and Support Networking Team	1
Subtotal for Community Development Services	**31**
Total	**1 147**

2 & 3. The additional recurrent expenditure is to meet the electricity costs of providing air conditioning, and is calculated based on the floor area of the activity area, its air-conditioning load density, the operating hours and the flat unit rates of electricity tariff from the power company in the district, etc.

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LWB(WW)240

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3069)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the information on child abuse or suspected child abuse victims admitted to residential child care services (RCCS) over the past 5 financial years in the following table, including:

A. the total number of children admitted to emergency placement of RCCS and the types of service;

B. the total number of children admitted to long-term placement of RCCS, types of service, the number of children admitted or not admitted to emergency placement while waiting and the average waiting time.

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	April to December 2019
Total number of child abuse or child abuse victims admitted to emergency placement of RCCS					
Breakdown of the above number of children admitted to emergency placement of RCCS below:					
Foster care					
Small group homes (SGHs)					
Residential homes for children (RHCs)					

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	April to December 2019
Total number of child abuse or child abuse victims admitted to long-term placement of RCCS					
Breakdown of the above number of children admitted					

Year	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		April to December 2019	
to long-term placement of RCCS below:										
Foster care										
SGHs										
RHCs										
Average waiting time for the above number of children to be admitted to RCCS (by type of service below):	Admitted to emergency placement while waiting		Admitted to emergency placement while waiting		Admitted to emergency placement while waiting		Admitted to emergency placement while waiting		Admitted to emergency placement while waiting	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Foster care										
SGHs										
RHCs										

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) collects statistical figures on the admission of child abuse or suspected child abuse victims to RCCS on an annual basis. As to how many children are admitted to emergency placement of RCCS/placement of RCCS, SWD does not keep separate data by type of service. The number of child abuse or suspected child abuse victims admitted to RCCS (including foster care, SGH and RHC) in the past 5 years is as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of children admitted to emergency placement of RCCS [Note]	116	146	126	149	147
Number of children admitted to placement of RCCS [Note]	128	169	155	167	198

[Note] Child abuse or suspected child abuse victims may be admitted to emergency placement of RCCS and/or placement of RCCS.

SWD does not have a breakdown of the average waiting time for the child abuse or suspected child abuse victims to be admitted to foster homes, SGHs and RHCs or the information on whether the children are admitted to emergency placement of RCCS while waiting for RCCS. The average waiting time for child abuse or suspected child abuse victims to be admitted to RCCS (including foster care, SGH and RHC) in the past 5 years is as follows:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Average waiting time for admission (in months)	2.8	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.1

For children with urgent needs, the referring social worker may arrange emergency residential child care placement for the child on the same day or within a few days, depending on the circumstances of each case.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3070)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. For various residential child care services, please list the unit cost per place per month for the past 5 financial years in the following table:

	Unit cost per place per month ($)						
	Foster care	Small Group Home (SGH)	Children's home	Boys'/ Girls' hostel	Boys'/ Girls' home	Residential creche/ nursery	Children's reception centre
2015-16							
2016-17							
2017-18							
2018-19							
2019-20							

2. For various residential child care services, please list the number of places and additional places, the average number of children on the waiting list and waiting time, enrolment rate, the average duration of stay in days and the average age of children receiving the services for the past 5 financial years in the following table:

Item	Year	Ordinary service									Emergency service				
		Foster care	Residential creche/nursery	SGH	Children's home	Boys' hostel	Girls' hostel	Boys' home	Girls' home	Children's reception centre	Foster care (emergency)	Residential creche (emergency placement)	Emergency/Short-term care in SGH	Children's home (emergency placement)	Children's reception centre
No. of places	2015-16														
	2016-17														
	2017-18														
	2018-19														
	April to December														

Item	Year	Ordinary service									Emergency service				
		Foster care	Residential creche/nursery	SGH	Children's home	Boys' hostel	Girls' hostel	Boys' home	Girls' home	Children's reception centre	Foster care (emergency)	Residential creche (emergency placement)	Emergency/Short-term care in SGH	Children's home (emergency placement)	Children's reception centre
	2019														
No. of additional places	2015-16														
	2016-17														
	2017-18														
	2018-19														
	April to December 2019														
No. of children on the waiting list (monthly average)	2015-16														
	2016-17														
	2017-18														
	2018-19														
	April to December 2019														
Average waiting time (day)	2015-16														
	2016-17														
	2017-18														
	2018-19														
	April to December 2019														
Enrolment rate	2015-16														
	2016-17														
	2017-18														
	2018-19														
	April to December 2019														
Average duration of stay (day)	2015-16														
	2016-17														
	2017-18														
	2018-19														
	April to December 2019														

Average age of children	As at end-December 2015														
	As at end-December 2016														
	As at end-December 2017														
	As at end-December 2018														
	As at end-December 2019														

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

1. The unit cost per place per month for foster care, SGHs and residential homes for children (including children's homes and boys'/girls' homes/hostels and etc.) for the past 5 financial years by type of services is set out below:

Year	Unit cost per place per month ($)		
	Foster care	SGHs	Residential homes for children
2015-16 (Actual)	13,703	20,610	16,720
2016-17 (Actual)	13,076	20,943	17,616
2017-18 (Actual)	15,239	22,037	18,623
2018-19 (Actual)	19,072	23,165	20,291
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	18,735	27,294	22,172

2. The number of places and additional places, average number of children on the waiting list and average waiting time, enrolment rate, average duration of stay in days and average age of children in various residential child care services are set out at Annex.

Annex

Number of places and additional places, average number of children on the waiting list and average waiting time, enrolment rate, average duration of stay in days and average age of children in various residential child care services

Item	Year	Ordinary service					Emergency service				
		Foster care	Residential creche/nursery	SGH	Children's home	Boys'/Girls' home Boys'/Girls' hostel	Foster care (emergency)	Residential creche (emergency placement)	Emergency/Short-term care in SGH	Children's home (emergency placement)	Children's reception centre
No. of places	2015-16	975	192	864	413	983	95	20	34	5	95
	2016-17	975	192	864	413	983	95	20	34	5	95
	2017-18	1 015	192	894	413	1 053	115	20	39	5	95
	2018-19	1 015	192	894	413	1 053	115	20	37	5	95
	2019-20	1 015	192	924	413	1 098	115	20	42	5	95
No. of additional places	2015-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2016-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2017-18	40	-	30	-	70	20	-	5	-	-
	2018-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2019-20	-	-	30	-	45	-	-	5	-	-
No. of children on the waiting list (monthly average) [Note 1]	2015-16	22	25	324	63	84	N.A.				
	2016-17	24	36	261	39	50					
	2017-18	23	55	196	40	68					
	2018-19	19	39	222	39	86					
	2019-20 [Note 3]	25	39	259	38	104					
Average waiting time (day) [Note 1]	2015-16	48	86	121	163	43.24	N.A.				
	2016-17	51	105	135	120	33.33					
	2017-18	46	139	131	102	26.48					
	2018-19	59	198	109	94	42.32					
	2019-20 [Note 3]	56	229	138	127	38.61					
Enrolment rate [Note 2]	2015-16	87%	93%	92%	90%	79%	N.A.				83%
	2016-17	86%	88%	93%	85%	79%					86%
	2017-18	83%	91%	91%	90%	78%					84%
	2018-19	79%	94%	94%	91%	75%					86%
	2019-20 [Note 3]	81%	93%	93%	90%	78%					75%
Average duration of stay (day) [Note 2]	2015-16	665	688	973	1 236	631	N.A.				149
	2016-17	686	897	916	1 038	633					153
	2017-18	1 006	823	822	1 286	639					171
	2018-19	800	562	999	1 140	625					188
	2019-20 [Note 3]	845	762	1 020	1 560	649					224
Average age of children (year) [Note 2]	As at end-December 2015	The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics.									
	As at end-December 2016	7.2	2.9	12.3	13.5	14.9	N.A.				4.6
	As at end-December 2017	7.2	2.7	12.1	12.3	14.9					3.6
	As at end-December 2018	7.3	2.8	12.1	13.5	14.8					5.3
	As at end-December 2019	7.4	2.7	12.2	13.6	14.7					4.2

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Regarding emergency residential care service, caseworkers may approach the service units concerned directly for enquiries, and arrange for admission as soon as vacant places are available. SWD does not have statistics on the number of children on the waiting list and average waiting time for emergency placement for residential care services.

[Note 2] The figures include ordinary service and emergency service. SWD does not have a breakdown of figures by these 2 types of service.

[Note 3] Statistics from April to December 2019.

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LWB(WW)242

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3072)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. using the table below, the number of approved service providers (ASPs), the number of places, the number of persons currently using the vouchers, the number of persons having left and the expenditure involved since the introduction of the Pilot Scheme;

	No. of ASPs	No. of cases			Amount of subsidy for the Pilot Scheme ($ million)	Average amount of subsidy per elderly person participating in the Pilot Scheme per month
		Home services			Meal services	Meal services and home services
2017-18						
2018-19						
2019-20						

2. the average time taken for the elderly persons to receive services, counting from the time they applied for the Pilot Scheme;

3. the average time taken for the elderly persons to receive services, counting from the time they joined the Pilot Scheme;

4. the distribution of the elderly persons who have left the Pilot Scheme each year by reason for leaving;

5. the distribution of persons participating in the Pilot Scheme in various co-payment categories.

6. the progress of evaluation of the Pilot Scheme by a commissioned consultant; when and how the evaluation results will be published; and

7. the subsequent arrangement for the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 245)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 28 December 2017, and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is responsible for its implementation. Under the Pilot Scheme, 55 integrated home care services (IHCS) teams under all of the 24 non-governmental organisations operating IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) will assess the elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) within their service area, and provide elderly persons eligible for the Pilot Scheme with home care and support services. It is estimated that about 4 000 service places will be provided under the Pilot Scheme.

The Pilot Scheme does not subsidise elderly persons for services by means of voucher. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, a cumulative total of 93, 1 971 and 2 801 persons have received services and granted with the subsidy, involving a total amount of around $3.15 million, $32 million and $62 million respectively. The number of such persons with a breakdown by co-payment level is set out in the Annex. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of persons having left the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by reason is set out as follows:

Year	Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme				
	Deceased	Received residential care services	Received subsidised community care services	Withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme [Note]	Total
2017-18	-	-	-	1	1
2018-19	22	19	8	112	161
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	114	87	47	300	548

[Note] The main reasons for withdrawal include elderly persons having to receive treatment in hospitals or experiencing changes in family support (e.g. elderly persons being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers.)

SWD does not have the average amount of subsidy per elderly person participating in the Pilot Scheme per month and the average time taken for the elderly persons to receive services after they applied for the Pilot Scheme.

SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to evaluate the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation report is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020. The Government will formulate the way forward for the Pilot Scheme with reference to the evaluation results.

Annex

Cumulative number of beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment by co-payment level

Co-payment level [Note]	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
I	56	859	1 182
II	31	913	1 332
III	2	95	141
IV	4	96	133
V	-	8	13
Total	**93**	**1 971**	**2 801**

[Note] The 5 co-payment ratios for meal service are 20%, 30%, 35%, 40% and 45% of the service value respectively, while those for home services are 0%, 9%, 15%, 21% and 27% of the service value respectively.

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LWB(WW)243

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3073)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1)

	No. of invitation letters issued	Annual no. of applicants for services	Annual no. of eligible cases	Annual no. of ineligible cases	Annual no. of rejected cases	No. of cases yet to be responded
2016-17						
2017-18						
2018-19						
2019-20						

2) The number of CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme

	Cumulative no. of participants in the Pilot Scheme	Annual no. of persons issued with CCSVs	No. of CCSV holders		Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme	
			who had used CCSVs	who had not yet used CCSVs	who had used CCSVs	who had not used CCSVs
2016-17						
2017-18						
2018-19						
2019-20						

3) distribution of elderly persons having left the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving.

4) distribution of CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by co-payment level.

5) distribution of CCSV holders by different values of CCSV issued in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

6) distribution of CCSV holders by service type used each year in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

	Day care service	Home care service	Day care and home care services	Residential respite service	Dementia service	Speech therapy service
2016-17						
2017-18						
2018-19						
2019-20						

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 247)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of invitation letters issued, the annual number of eligible or ineligible cases, the number of rejected cases and the number of cases yet to be responded.

The information sought in relation to the usage of CCSV under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme is set out in tables 1 to 5 in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CCSV applicants and holders

Year	Cumulative no. of applicants for CCSV	Cumulative no. of participants in the Pilot Scheme (cumulative no. of persons issued with CCSVs)	No. of CCSV holders		Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme	
			who had used CCSVs	who had not yet used CCSVs	who had used CCSVs	who had not yet used CCSVs
2016-17	3 902	3 373	1 871	1 185	109	208
2017-18	6 588	6 520	3 031	1 357	831	1 301
2018-19	8 892	8 813	3 608	1 535	1 745	1 925
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	10 770	10 714	4 166	1 769	2 456	2 323

Table 2: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2019)

Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme	**Number of persons**
Natural turnover	
Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	2 192
Deceased	1 243
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	628
Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town)	429
Service-related	
No suitable service units/service packages	287
Total	**4 779**

Table 3: Distribution of CCSV holders by co-payment level (as at end-December 2019)

Co-payment Level [Note]	**Number of CCSV Holders**
I	951
II	2 898
III	556
IV	598
V	109
VI	823
Total	**5 935**

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI), being 5%(I), 8%(II), 12%(III), 16%(IV), 25%(V) and 40%(VI) of CCSV value.

Table 4: Distribution of CCSV holders by different values of CCSV used (at end-December 2019)

CCSV values ($)	**Number of users**
4,020	1 587
5,810	917
7,260	396
8,150	266
9,600	1 000
Total	**4 166**

Table 5: Distribution of CCSV holders by service type used each year [Note]

Year	Day care service	Home care service	Day care and home care services
2016-17	905	278	688
2017-18	1 409	680	942
2018-19	1 605	1 043	960
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 785	1 324	1 057

[Note] Speech therapy service has been provided under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme since July 2019. As at end-December 2019, the total number of service users was 193, and the cumulative number of elderly persons who had procured residential respite service with CCSVs was 212. SWD does not have the number of elderly service users with dementia.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3074)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the number of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), contract homes, self-financing RCHEs and nursing homes (NHs) participating in the Pilot Scheme since its implementation, with a breakdown by district;
2. the number of residents or service users of private RCHEs, contract homes and self-financing RCHEs and NHs participating in the Pilot Scheme, with a breakdown by district;
3. the total number of service sessions provided by social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech therapists with a breakdown by district; the average number of sessions used by each resident or service user participating in the Pilot Scheme;
4. the total number of consultation service sessions provided for home staff and carers, and the number of participants, with a breakdown by district; and
5. the total number of training activities provided for home staff and carers, and the number of participants, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 248)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has progressively implemented a four-year Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE) since mid-February 2019. District-based professional teams comprising social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists have been set up to provide outreach services for residents in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), so as to address their social and rehabilitation needs. Apart from residents in private RCHEs, the speech therapy outreach service under MOSTE will also be provided for elderly residents with swallowing difficulties or speech impairment in contract homes (including the Day Care Units (DCUs) attached to contract RCHEs) and self-financing RCHEs/nursing homes (NHs).

As at end-December 2019, a total of 588 RCHEs, comprised of 530 private RCHEs, 29 contract homes (including the DCUs attached) and 29 self-financing RCHEs/NHs, were participating in MOSTE, which accounts for 94% of the total number of various types of RCHEs.

As at end-December 2019, the number of beneficiaries of MOSTE was over 25 000. Services provided under MOSTE include about 3 900 sessions of linkage activities, about 93 000 physiotherapy and occupational therapy sessions and about 48 000 speech therapy sessions. An average of 6 to 8 rehabilitation training sessions were arranged for each service user of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services. Besides, MOSTE provides a total of about 4 300 consultation sessions/training activities to home staff and carers, involving a service headcount of about 4 800.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3084)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the work to set up additional day care units for the elderly (DCUs) at private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) on a bought place basis, please advise the number of service places currently provided in eligible participating homes and the number of service places used in the table below:

District	Name of RCHEs	Number of service places available	Number of service places used
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement True Light Home for the Aged		
Kwun Tong	Shui Jun Nursing Centre (Yau Tong) Company Limited		
Sai Kung	Pine Villa		
Tsuen Wan	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)		
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited		
Kwai Tsing	Shui On Nursing Centre (Kwai Shing E.) Co. Limited		
Yuen Long	Pine Care Place		

2. What is the total expenditure for this bought place scheme?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 249)

Reply:

The Bought Place Scheme on Day Care Units for the Elderly aims to set up DCUs at qualified private and self-financing RCHEs through purchase of places from them. It provides a total of 120 day care places for the elderly, involving 7 eligible RCHEs and a full-year expenditure of about $14 million. The number of service places to be provided by RCHEs participating in the BPS is set out at the Annex.

The Scheme was originally scheduled to commence in March 2020. To prevent and control the epidemic of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of its spread in the community, the implementation date of the Scheme may be postponed.

Annex

Number of service places provided under the Scheme

District	Name of RCHEs	Number of service places available
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement True Light Home for the Aged	20
Kwun Tong	Shui Jun Nursing Centre (Yau Tong) Company Limited	20
Sai Kung	Pine Villa	20
Tsuen Wan	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	10
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	10
Kwai Tsing	Shui On Nursing Centre (Kwai Shing E.) Co. Limited	20
Yuen Long	Pine Care Place	20

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LWB(WW)246

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3085)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. For elderly people who have been arranged to receive the services of day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in the past 3 years (2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), please inform this Committee of the distribution of scorers of various marks for【Item B: Cognitive Style】when they underwent standardised assessment. Please provide the information in the table below.

	Number of people arranged to receive the service		
Scores for【Item B: Cognitive Style】	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
0-1 mark			
2-3 marks			
4-5 marks			
6-7 marks			
8-9 marks			
Total number of people in the year			

2. Please advise on the current number of people waiting for the services of DEs and the estimated waiting time as well as their distribution as regards scores for【Item B: Cognitive Style】when undergoing standardised assessment. Please provide the information in the table below.

Marks on 【Item B: Cognitive Style】	Number of people
0-1 mark	
2-3 marks	
4-5 marks	
6-7 marks	
8-9 marks	
Number of people waiting for the services	

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 250)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Elderly applicants for long-term care services must be assessed by an assessment tool, i.e. Minimum Data Set-Home Care, to ascertain their care needs and match them with appropriate services. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the duration (years) and number of the elderly persons waiting for or receiving services of DEs as regards their scores for【Item B: Cognitive Style】when undergoing standardised assessment.

2. As at end-December 2019, there were 4 612 elderly persons waitlisted for services of DE/day care units for the elderly. The average waiting time (average of the previous 3 months) is about 14 months. The figure does not include elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3086)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Funding and Service Agreements, district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) are required to provide counselling services and services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons, and conduct Minimum Data Set-Home Care (MDS-HC) assessments. Please advise:

1. Figures of various services in the past 3 years (i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)) in the table below:

	DECCs	NECs
Counselling services		
Services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons		
MDS-HC assessments		

2. Manpower currently provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the following services in various DECCs and NECs

A) Counselling services

Rank	DECCs	NECs
Social Work Officer (SWO)		
Assistant SWO		
Senior Social Work Assistant (SSWA)		
Social Work Assistant (SWA)		
Others		

B) Services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons

Rank	DECCs	NECs
SWO		
ASWO		
SSWA		
SWA		
Others		

C) MDS-HC assessments

Rank	DECCs	NECs
SWO		
ASWO		
SSWA		
SWA		
Others		

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 251)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of cases in respect of counselling services, services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons and MDS-HC assessments provided in DECCs and NECs across the territory in the past 3 years is set out in Annex 1.

2. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services. SWD does not have information on the manpower for counselling services, services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons and MDS-HC assessments in DECCs and NECs.

Annex 1

The number of cases in respect of counselling services, services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons and MDS-HC assessments provided in the past 3 years

	DECCs	NECs
2017-18		
Counselling services [Note]	12 452	17 825
Services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	2 013	9 036
MDS-HC assessments	3 336	7 391
2018-19		
Counselling services [Note]	12 447	19 121
Services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	1 988	8 989
MDS-HC assessments	3 243	7 965
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
Counselling services [Note]	13 035	20 324
Services for hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	1 898	6 729
MDS-HC assessments	2 975	7 337

[Note] The figure does not include individual integrated services centres that provide counselling services to various types of persons (including family, children and youth, and elderly persons, etc.) in an integrated model.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3087)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the progress of the Improvement Programme of Elderly Centres (IPEC) in the past 3 years? How many centres have yet to meet the area requirement prescribed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) according to the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA)? (Please reply by using the table below.)

   District elderly community centres (DECCs) (41 centres in total)

	Number of centres having completed IPEC	Number of centres having met the area requirement of the standard SoA	Number of centres having met the area requirement of the standard SoA if the sub base(s) is/are included	Number of centres not having met the area requirement of the standard SoA
2017-18				
2018-19				
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)				

   Neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs) (170 centres in total)

	Number of centres having completed IPEC	Number of centres having met the area requirement of the standard SoA	Number of centres having met the area requirement of the standard SoA if the sub base(s) is/are included	Number of centres not having met the area requirement of the standard SoA
2017-18				
2018-19				
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)				

2. Is there any service unit having to rent properties in the private market on its own as premises for provision of services? If yes, please provide the number of service units involved in the past 3 years, the floor area and the expenditure involved in the table below:

DECCs

	Number of service units involved	Total floor area	Total expenditure
2017-18			
2018-19			
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			

NECs

	Number of service units involved	Total floor area	Total expenditure
2017-18			
2018-19			
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 252)

Reply:

1. In 2012-13, $900 million was earmarked under the Lotteries Fund (funding to be met under Subhead 948 IPEC) to launch the IPEC in order to improve the physical setting and facilities of DECCs, NECs and social centres for the elderly (including subsidised and self-financing elderly centres). Currently, a total of 237 elderly centres have joined the IPEC and the works have commenced in succession, with 212 elderly centres having completed the works and were re-opened for services with a new visage.

   As the aim of the IPEC is to improve the physical setting and facilities of elderly centres, it is not directly relevant to the question of whether elderly centres meet the area requirement of the standard SoA. The progress of the IPEC in the past 3 years is provided as follows:

   DECCs

	Number of centres having completed IPEC [Note]	Number of centres which meet the area requirement of the standard SoA	Number of centres which meet the area requirement of the standard SoA if the sub base(s) is/are included	Number of centres which have yet to meet the area requirement of the standard SoA
2017-18	7	1	6	-
2018-19	6	1	3	2
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	3	1	2	-

NECs

	Number of centres having completed IPEC [Note]	Number of centres which meet the area requirement of the standard SoA	Number of centres which meet the area requirement of the standard SoA if the sub base(s) is/are included	Number of centres which have yet to meet the area requirement of the standard SoA
2017-18	23	12	5	6
2018-19	30	9	6	15
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	8	2	3	3

[Note] 22 DECCs and 76 NECs had completed their IPEC before 2017-18 and 37 self-financing elderly centres have completed their works.

Besides, as at end-December 2019, the number of DECCs and NECs which have yet to meet the area requirement prescribed by SWD according to the SoA is set out as follows:

	Number of centres which meet the area requirement of the standard SoA	Number of centres which meet the area requirement of the standard SoA if their sub-base(s) is/are included	Number of centres which have yet to meet the area requirement of the standard SoA
No. of DECCs	10	24	7
No. of NECs	41	36	92

2. Information on the service units having rented properties in the private market as service sub-bases in the past 3 years is provided as follows:

DECCs

	Number of service units involved	Total rented floor area (square metre)	Total expenditure ($ million) [Note 1]
2017-18	4	462	2.81
2018-19	4	462	2.97
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4	462	2.28

NECs

	Number of service units involved	Total rented floor area (square metre)	Total expenditure ($ million) [Note 1]
2017-18	3	466	2.08
2018-19	3	536 [Note 2]	2.20
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5	641	2.24

[Note 1] The total expenditure only includes rental expenses but not the expenses on rates, government rent and management fee.

[Note 2] Among the 3 service units, 1 NEC has set up 1 additional service sub-base in 2018-19.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3088)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that a total of 3 000 additional service quotas will be provided under integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)). Please advise:

1. the number of cases having received the services and the number of waitlisted cases by District Council (DC) district in the table below (please provide the number of cases waitlisted for IHCS(FC) only):

	No. of cases having received the services	No. of waitlisted cases
Central & Western		
Wan Chai		
Eastern		
Southern		
Sham Shui Po		
Yau Tsim Mong		
Kowloon City		
Wong Tai Sin		
Kwun Tong		
Kwai Tsing		
Tsuen Wan		
Tuen Mun		
Yuen Long		
North		
Tai Po		
Sha Tin		
Sai Kung		
Islands		

2. the total expenditure currently incurred in providing IHCS(FC), and the estimated total expenditure on IHCS(FC) with the additional 3 000 service places.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 253)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service users throughout the year for IHCS(FC) by DC district in 2019-20 is set out at the Annex.

   The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only keeps the statistical information on the overall number of persons waitlisted in the territory for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS without a breakdown by DC district. Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. As at end-December 2019, there were 5 961 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

2. SWD does not keep the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The revised estimate for IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) in 2019-20 is $736.6 million. Besides, the Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for IHCS(FC) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021, involving a full-year expenditure of $303 million.

Annex

Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year (2019-20)

District	**Number of service users throughout the year (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	48
Eastern	100
Wan Chai	34
Southern	97
Islands	23
Kwun Tong	180
Wong Tai Sin	108
Sai Kung	38
Kowloon City	33
Yau Tsim Mong	47
Sham Shui Po	114
Sha Tin	143
Tai Po	37
North	40
Yuen Long	111
Tuen Mun	32
Tsuen Wan	41
Kwai Tsing	99
Total	**1 325**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3089)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme), what are the statistics on the following services since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme?

1. The number of elderly persons who have undergone assessment
2. The number of elderly persons assessed as eligible by the Community Care Fund (CCF)
3. The number of elderly persons who have been refused service (Please reply using the following table)

	Number of Elderly Person(s)
Assessed to be without any impairment	
Assessed to be of impairment of more than a mild level	
Assessed to be of mild impairment but failed the means test by the CCF	
Others	

4. The number of elderly persons who have been assessed as eligible but have refused to use the service
5. The number of elderly persons who have withdrawn from the service and the reasons for withdrawal
6. The number of elderly persons using meal and home services out of those who are currently using the service, with a breakdown by co-payment category (Please reply using the following table)

Co-payment Category	I	II	III	IV	V
Meal service only					
Home services only					
Meal and home services in parallel					

7. The current number of recognised assessors
8. The total expenditure on the Pilot Scheme as at end-December 2019
9. The respective numbers of elderly persons currently using Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)), participating in the Pilot Scheme, and waiting for IHCS(OC) in various districts as at end-December 2019 (Please reply using the following table)

	No. of elderly persons using IHCS(OC)	No. of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme	No. of elderly persons waiting for IHCS(OC)
Central & Western			
Wan Chai			
Eastern			
Southern			
Sham Shui Po			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Kowloon City			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Kwai Tsing			
Tsuen Wan			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
North			
Tai Po			
Sha Tin			
Sai Kung			
Islands			

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 254)

Reply:

Funded by the CCF, the Pilot Scheme was launched on 28 December 2017 with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) being responsible for its implementation.

As at end-December 2019, a total of 3 840 elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) had been invited to participate in the Pilot Scheme and were assessed by the simple assessment tool. Among them, 172 were assessed to be with no impairment, 156 were assessed to be of non-mild impairment and recommended for further assessment. Meanwhile, 3 260 were assessed to have mild impairment and approved by the CCF to be eligible for the Pilot Scheme and were referred to service units for follow-up, and 63 were assessed to be ineligible for CCF. As at end-December 2019, a cumulative total of 2 801 persons had received services and granted with the subsidy, involving an expenditure of about $62 million. The number of such persons broken down by co-payment level is set out in Annex 1.

As at end-December 2019, a total of 548 persons had left the Pilot Scheme since its implementation. The number of such persons with a breakdown by their reasons for leaving is set out as follows:

Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme	Deceased	Received residential care services	Received subsidised community care services	Withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme [Note]	Total
No. of persons	114	87	47	300	548

[Note] The main reasons for withdrawal include elderly persons having to receive treatment in hospitals or experiencing changes in family support (e.g. elderly persons being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers.)

Since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, SWD and Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong have trained a total of 163 accredited assessors for approved service providers.

SWD does not have information on the number of persons currently participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district. Besides, the number of

elderly persons currently using IHCS(OC) and that of waitlisted elderly persons with a breakdown by DC district are set out in Annexes 2 and 3 respectively.

Annex 1

Number of beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment by co-payement level

Co-payment level [Note]	**No. of persons (as at end-December 2019)**
I	1 182
II	1 332
III	141
IV	133
V	13
Total	**2 801**

[Note] The 5 co-payment ratios for meal service are 20%, 30%, 35%, 40% and 45% of the service value respectively, while those for home services are 0%, 9%, 15%, 21% and 27% of the service value respectively.

Annex 2

Number of current IHCS(OC) users
2019-20

District	**No. of cases in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	519
Eastern	1 325
Wan Chai	398
Southern	848
Islands	211
Kwun Tong	1 668
Wong Tai Sin	1 334
Sai Kung	387
Kowloon City	1 231
Yau Tsim Mong	868
Sham Shui Po	1 417
Sha Tin	1 204
Tai Po	519
North	1 084
Yuen Long	967
Tuen Mun	934
Tsuen Wan	366
Kwai Tsing	1 027
Total	**16 307**

Annex 3

Number of waitlisted elderly persons for IHCS(OC)
2019-20

District	**No. of waitlisted persons in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	44
Eastern	108
Wan Chai	50
Southern	68
Islands	-
Kwun Tong	673
Wong Tai Sin	477
Sai Kung	82
Kowloon City	90
Yau Tsim Mong	59
Sham Shui Po	253
Sha Tin	449
Tai Po	106
North	36
Yuen Long	114
Tuen Mun	274
Tsuen Wan	5
Kwai Tsing	62
Total	**2 950**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3090)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Hong Kong's population is aging. To achieve "aging at home", the community must have adequate complements to support family members in taking care of the elderly. Day respite service for elders allows carers of the elderly short breaks to relieve pressure as and when necessary. At present, the 42 day care centres for the elderly (DEs) in the territory provide 186 respite places. On 20 February this year, there were only 21 vacant places in the territory, with none in 7 districts and no service units at all in North District. Please advise this Committee of the number of day respite places for elders (by using the following table) in the past 3 years, and how service needs in various districts are assessed so as to plan the development of the services in the future.

District	Day respite service places for elders		
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020 (As at end-December 2019)
Central & Western			
Eastern			
Wan Chai			
Islands			
Southern			
Sham Shui Po			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Sai Kung			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Kowloon City			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			
Yuen Long			
Tsuen Wan			
Kwai Tsing			
Tuen Mun			
North			

Territory-wide			

2. The Community Care Fund (CCF) has put forth the "Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers)" since 2014. Over the years, in connection with the scheme, the eligibility criteria, the rates of allowance and the restrictions on how the allowance can be spent have been under criticism. It is public aspiration that the allowance for carers of the elderly can be regularised. The Pilot Scheme will end in September 2020. Please inform this Committee as to what plan there is for the regularisation of living allowance for carers of the elderly, and how carers of the elderly will be supported with complements on the financial and service fronts to enable the elderly to age at home.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 255)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of designated day respite places provided by DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) in various districts from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in the Annex. Apart from the 186 designated day respite places, all DEs/DCUs may make use of any casual day care vacancies to offer respite service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide additional designated day respite places in newly-established DEs/DCUs so as to strengthen the support to carers for elderly.

2. Through the CCF, the Government introduced the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers in June 2014 and launched its Phase III in October 2018, with a view to providing carers of elderly persons from low-income families with a living allowance to help supplement their living expenses, so that the elderly persons in need of long term care services can, with the assistance of their carers, receive proper care and continue to live in a familiar community. As at end-December 2019, a total of 5 709 carers have received the allowance under the 3 phases of the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low Income Carers of Persons with Disabilities with a view to helping the Government map out the way forward for the 2 Pilot Schemes, covering issues such as the eligibility criteria, the level of allowance, and whether the 2 Pilot Schemes should be regularised.

   Regarding support services for carers of elderly persons, the Government provides a series of support services for them through 210 subvented elderly centres, 94 home care service teams and 79 DEs/DCUs in the territory, with a view to enhancing their capabilities in taking care of the elderly persons and relieving their stress. At present, the Support Teams for the Elderly attached to the 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) across the territory also identify hidden or needy elderly persons and carers through various outreach services and community networks.

   To ensure the provision of appropriate support to needy elderly carers, SWD has allocated additional resources to all subvented elderly centres (DECCs and neighbourhood elderly centres) and home care service teams (integrated home care service teams and enhanced home and community care service teams) across the territory since October 2018 to enhance outreach services for supporting needy carers

living in the community who are looking after frail elderly persons, including carers with disabilities or aged carers. The measure incurred a recurrent expenditure of about $238 million.

As regards residential respite service for the elderly, in addition to the 57 designated residential respite places provided by subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and contract homes, SWD also utilises the casual vacancies of the subsidised places in all subvented nursing homes, care-and-attention homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) to provide residential respite service. Besides, the Government has regularised in October 2019 the additional designated residential respite places bought in private RCHEs participating in the EBPS so as to provide an additional 284 such places to relieve the pressure of carers of the elderly.

Annex

Number of designated day respite places in DEs/DCUs by district
2017-18 to 2019-20

District	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	13	13	13
Eastern	3	3	3
Wan Chai	3	3	3
Southern	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	33	33	36
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	6
Sai Kung	13	13	13
Kowloon City	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	26	26
Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5
Sha Tin	20	20	20
Tai Po	2	2	2
North	-	-	-
Yuen Long	4	4	10
Tsuen Wan	18	18	18
Kwai Tsing	12	12	12
Tuen Mun	8	10	15
Total	**170**	**172**	**186**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3094)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The "Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services", for which the University of Hong Kong was commissioned by the Government, has put forward a number of recommendations to enhance services, one of which is to increase subsidy and lower the threshold of applying for fee subsidy. Would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please list the number of places in the aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) by the 18 administrative districts for the past 3 years;
2. The amount of subsidy the Government provided for aided standalone CCCs, NSCCP, MHCCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs in each of the past 3 years;
3. Measures, if any, adopted by the Government for the past 3 years in order to lower the threshold of applying for fee subsidy. Please also provide the number of relevant recipients in each of the past 3 years; and
4. The number of as well as the number of places in additional aided standalone CCCs in various districts under planning by the Government in the coming 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places under aided standalone CCCs, NSCCP, MHCCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs by District Council district over the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex.
2. The amount of subsidies provided for aided standalone CCCs, NSCCP and aided CCCs attached to KGs over the past 3 financial years are set out below:

Year	Amount of subsidies ($ million)		
	Aided standalone CCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs	NSCCP
2017-18 (Actual)	16.3	33.4	33.8
2018-19 (Actual)	16.8	30.9	34.3
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	39.5	100.7	44.8

MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing child care services for children under 3 in a flexible manner (children under 6 can also be included in case of need).

3. In the past 3 financial years, the Government did not have measures to relax the application threshold for fee subsidy.

4. To further enhance day child care services, the Social Welfare Department plans to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval, etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases, which would involve an annual additional recurrent expenditure of about $16 million. Among them, 56, 88, 105 and 88 service places will be provided in Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, North District; Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong; Shek Mun Estate, Sha Tin; and Tin Shui Estate, Yuen Long respectively, which are expected to commence service in 2020-21. The number of additional places and implementation timetable for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing, however, has yet to be confirmed.

Annex

Table 1: Number of places of aided standalone CCCs, NSCCP, MHCCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs (2017-18)

District	Aided standalone CCCs	NSCCP	MHCCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs
	Number of places	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of places	Number of places [Note 2]
Central & Western	48	53	14	462
Southern	-	53	28	283
Islands	-	53	-	226
Eastern	64	53	-	340
Wan Chai	48	53	-	123
Kwun Tong	-	53	42	564
Wong Tai Sin	-	53	14	392
Sai Kung	-	53	-	642
Kowloon City	67	53	-	421
Yau Tsim Mong	99	53	14	215
Sham Shui Po	62	53	37	275
Sha Tin	72	53	-	374
Tai Po	-	53	14	165
North	48	53	14	245
Yuen Long	64	53	42	319
Tsuen Wan	76	53	14	188
Kwai Tsing	32	53	42	358
Tuen Mun	64	53	-	479
Total	**744**	**954**	**275**	**6 071**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places provided in the 18 districts across the territory should not be less than 954). Operators can flexibly increase the number of places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Information provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2017.

Table 2: Number of places of aided standalone CCCs, NSCCP, MHCCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs (2018-19)

District	Aided standalone CCCs	NSCCP	MHCCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs
	Number of places	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of places	Number of places [Note 2]
Central & Western	48	53	14	462
Southern	-	53	28	294
Islands	-	53	-	284
Eastern	64	53	-	356
Wan Chai	48	53	-	158
Kwun Tong	-	53	42	563
Wong Tai Sin	-	53	14	405
Sai Kung	-	53	-	758
Kowloon City	67	53	-	517
Yau Tsim Mong	99	53	-	217
Sham Shui Po	62	53	37	307
Sha Tin	72	53	-	425
Tai Po	-	53	14	182
North	51	53	14	315
Yuen Long	64	53	42	367
Tsuen Wan	76	53	14	210
Kwai Tsing	32	53	42	374
Tuen Mun	64	53	-	511
Total	**747**	**954**	**261**	**6 705**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places provided in the 18 districts across the territory should not be less than 954). Operators can flexibly increase the number of places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Information provided by EDB as at September 2018.

Table 3: Number of places of aided standalone CCCs, NSCCP, MHCCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs (April to December 2019)

District	Aided standalone CCCs	NSCCP	MHCCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs
	Number of places	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of places	Number of places [Note 2]
Central & Western	48	53	14	459
Southern	-	53	28	343
Islands	-	53	-	195
Eastern	64	53	-	361
Wan Chai	48	53	-	161
Kwun Tong	-	53	42	582
Wong Tai Sin	-	53	14	379
Sai Kung	-	53	-	609
Kowloon City	67	53	-	479
Yau Tsim Mong	99	53	-	240
Sham Shui Po	62	53	37	304
Sha Tin	72	53	-	450
Tai Po	-	53	14	189
North	51	53	14	282
Yuen Long	64	53	42	340
Tsuen Wan	76	53	14	223
Kwai Tsing	32	53	42	410
Tuen Mun	64	53	-	510
Total	**747**	**954**	**261**	**6 516**

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places provided in the 18 districts across the territory should not be less than 954). Operators can flexibly increase the number of places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Information provided by EDB as at September 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3095)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Mutual Help Child Care Centre (MHCCC) services, please advise:

1. the number of service places in respective districts (by the 18 District Council (DC) districts) over the past 3 years;
2. the number of service users, number of attendance and utilisation rates of MHCCCs in various districts;
3. the progress of the Department in re-engineering existing MHCCCs;
4. the monthly subventions for each MHCCC after re-engineering.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of service places, number of attendance, as well as the average utilisation rate of MHCCCs in various districts in the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of service users of MHCCCs in various districts.

3. & 4. MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing flexible form of child care service for children under 3 in a flexible manner (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rates of MHCCCs in recent years, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources.

SWD has discussed with MHCCCs operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of the re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2020-21. The details of operation (including the monthly subsidy amount for each MHCCC) have yet to be finalised.

Annex

Service places, number of attendance and average utilisation rates of MHCCCs in various districts

Year / District	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (As of December 2019)		
	Service places	**Attendances**	**Average utilisation rate (%)**	**Service places**	**Attendances**	**Average utilisation rate (%)**	**Service places**	**Attendances**	**Average utilisation rate (%)**
Central & Western	14	2 600	24.5	14	2 768	24.3	14	2 905	36.6
Southern	28	69	0.2	28	887	3.2	28	377	1.9
Islands	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	42	3 229	13.1	42	3 503	14.7	42	2 605	14.6
Wong Tai Sin	14	2 019	22.2	14	1 477	16.2	14	802	11.6
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	14	7	0.1	-	1	0 [Note]	-	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	37	3 205	11.9	37	3 160	12.2	37	2 571	13.0
Sha Tin	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Tai Po	14	1 291	11.1	14	2 027	16.2	14	3 195	29.7
North	14	826	10.7	14	18	0.3	14	46	0.9
Yuen Long	42	80	0.3	42	78	0.3	42	34	0.1
Tsuen Wan	14	220	1.7	14	226	1.7	14	47	0.5
Kwai Tsing	42	3 083	14.1	42	2 920	12.3	42	937	5.3
Tuen Mun	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.	-	-	N.A.
Total	**275**	**16 629**	**8.5**	**261**	**17 065**	**9.0**	**261**	**13 519**	**9.7**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] A MHCCC has ceased to provide the service since 15 October 2018. The figure denotes the average utilisation rate from April to September 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3097)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE), please advise:

1. the professional manpower supply in the 8 regional clusters under MOSTE; the ratio between participants of MOSTE and the manpower involved in service provision;
2. the details of government funding to the 8 regional clusters;
3. as the number of homes and the number of residents vary across different districts, what are the Government's measures to ensure that residents in different districts will enjoy comparable services in terms of quality and quantity?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 257)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) to (2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has progressively implemented a four-year Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE) since mid-February 2019. District-based professional teams comprising social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists have been set up to provide outreach services for residents in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), so as to address their social and rehabilitation needs. Apart from residents in private RCHEs, the speech therapy outreach service under MOSTE will also be provided for elderly residents with swallowing difficulties or speech impairment in contract homes (including the Day Care Units (DCUs) attached to contract RCHEs) and self-financing RCHEs/ nursing homes (NHs). The Pilot Scheme is a territory-wide project. Having regard to factors such as the distribution and number of homes, number of places and geographical factors, SWD has implemented MOSTE in 8 regional clusters. The list of operating agencies in various districts is set out in the Annex.

Since the social and rehabilitation needs of residents in each private RCHE vary, operating agencies will deploy resources flexibly to recruit and arrange the deployment of various professionals having regard to the situation and service

needs of RCHEs in the districts, so as to meet the specified output standard and outcome requirement, and ensure the proper provision of services. The four-year MOSTE involves a total expenditure of about $873 million, which is disbursed in the form of a lump sum grant.

(3) Operating agencies must meet different output standards through compliance with the service specification, service quality standard, outcome standard and the specified number of homes and beds in various districts under MOSTE. SWD will also keep in view the implementation, the service mode and effectiveness of MOSTE.

Annex

Operating agencies under the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly

District	Operating agencies
Hong Kong East (Eastern and Wan Chai)	Methodist Centre
Hong Kong West (Central, Western, Southern & Islands)	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
Kowloon East (Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung)	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
Kowloon West (Sham Shui Po)	Hong Kong Christian Service
Kowloon Central (Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong)	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
New Territories East (Sha Tin, Tai Po & North)	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
New Territories West (1) (Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing)	Po Leung Kuk
New Territories West (2) (Tuen Mun & Yuen Long)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3103)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of clinical psychologists (CPs) working in subsidised day welfare service units, non-subsidised day welfare service units, subsidised residential care homes and non-subsidised residential care homes respectively? What is the per capita cost or expenditure per month?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

Regarding the number of CPs working in subvented homes or day welfare service units, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing of CPs to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subsidies for subsidised services, and is not the benchmark for manpower arrangement for subsidised services. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought. Regarding the number of CPs working in non-subsidised homes or day welfare service units, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, SWD also does not have the information sought.

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LWB(WW)256

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3104)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of speech therapists working in subsidised day welfare service units, non-subsidised day welfare service units, subsidised residential care homes and non-subsidised residential care homes, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

Regarding the service of speech therapy in subvented homes or day welfare service units, service operators under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, including speech therapists, to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subsidies for subsidised services, and is not the benchmark for the manpower arrangement for subsidised services. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought. Regarding the number of speech therapists working in non-subsidised homes or day welfare service units, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, SWD does not have the relevant information.

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LWB(WW)257

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3266)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of Occupational Therapists (OT) I working in subsidised day welfare service units, non-subsidised day welfare service units, subsidised residential care homes and non-subsidised residential care homes, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure.

Please set out the number of OT II working in subsidised day welfare service units, non-subsidised day welfare service units, subsidised residential care homes and non-subsidised residential care homes, the number of those in private practice, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, including OTs, to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subsidies for subsidised services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower arrangement for subsidised services. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought. Regarding the respective numbers of OT I and OT II working in non-subsidised homes or day welfare service units, and the number of OT II in private practice, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, SWD does not have the information sought.

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LWB(WW)258

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3267)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of Physiotherapists II working in subsidised day welfare service units, non-subsidised day welfare service units, subsidised residential care homes and non-subsidised residential care homes, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

Regarding the service of Physiotherapists II in subvented homes or day welfare service units, service operators under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, including physiotherapists, to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subsidies for subsidised services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower arrangement for subsidised services. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought. Regarding the number of Physiotherapists II working in non-subsidised homes or day welfare service units, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, SWD does not have the relevant information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No.0372)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the policy of "two school social workers for each school", enhancement has been introduced since the 2018/19 school year to strengthen student guidance service. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

The number of secondary students using the student guidance service by district in the past 3 years.

District	No. of secondary students using the student guidance service
Central & Western	
Eastern	
Islands	
Kowloon City	
Kwai Tsing	
Kwun Tong	
North	
Sai Kung	
Sha Tin	
Sham Shui Po	
Southern	
Tai Po	
Tsuen Wan	
Tuen Mun	
Wan Chai	
Wong Tai Sin	
Yau Tsim Mong	
Yuen Long	

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in secondary schools since the 2019/20 school year and strengthen supervisory manpower correspondingly. Through casework, groups and programmes, the secondary school social workers help needy students resolve their academic, social and/or emotional problems.

The number of cases served by secondary school social workers from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out as follows:

2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)
23 519	23 415	25 199

SWD does not have information on the number of secondary students using the service by district.

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LWB(WW)260

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0378)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) has been launched since October 2011. In this connection, please advise:

(1) the number of children users under NSCCP in respective districts;

(2) the number of home-based child carers under NSCCP in respective districts;

(3) the average weekly incentive payment for each home-based child carer.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The information on NSCCP in the past 3 financial years by District Council district is set out in Annex.

Annex

Table 1: The number of home-based child carers, incentive payment for home-based child carers and number of service users under NSCCP (2017-18)

District	Number of home-based child carers	Number of children served	Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour ($) [Note]
Central & Western	41	412	20
Eastern	191	495	22
Islands	17	396	20
Kowloon City	449	740	20
Kwun Tong	46	653	21
Kwai Tsing	84	863	21
North	64	438	20
Southern	27	353	20
Sai Kung	92	849	18
Sham Shui Po	101	1 143	20
Sha Tin	81	882	22
Tuen Mun	39	918	22
Tai Po	49	869	18
Tsuen Wan	70	700	20
Wan Chai	25	272	22
Wong Tai Sin	163	784	20
Yuen Long	70	1 499	22
Yau Tsim Mong	223	1 144	20
Total	**1 832**	**13 410**	**-**

[Note] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the weekly incentive payment for each home-based child carer.

Table 2: The number of home-based child carers, incentive payment for home-based child carers and number of service users under NSCCP (2018-19)

District	Number of home-based child carers	Number of children served	Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour ($) [Note]
Central & Western	21	394	20
Eastern	124	456	22
Islands	31	399	20
Kowloon City	460	630	20
Kwun Tong	53	650	21
Kwai Tsing	80	533	21
North	79	382	20
Southern	26	269	20
Sai Kung	108	853	19
Sham Shui Po	106	1 135	20
Sha Tin	95	849	22
Tuen Mun	33	954	23
Tai Po	56	861	18
Tsuen Wan	60	675	20
Wan Chai	101	268	22
Wong Tai Sin	52	700	20
Yuen Long	66	1 608	22
Yau Tsim Mong	285	970	20
Total	**1 836**	**12 586**	**-**

[Note] SWD does not have the weekly incentive payment for each home-based child carer.

Table3: The number of home-based child carers, incentive payment for home-based child carers and number of service users under NSCCP (April to December 2019)

District	Number of home-based child carers (as at December 2019)	Number of children served	Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour ($) [Note]
Central & Western	40	342	20
Eastern	176	362	22
Islands	16	265	20
Kowloon City	473	428	20
Kwun Tong	52	433	21
Kwai Tsing	88	481	21
North	58	232	20
Southern	29	154	20
Sai Kung	114	650	19
Sham Shui Po	74	610	20
Sha Tin	87	760	22
Tuen Mun	42	717	23
Tai Po	64	543	20
Tsuen Wan	56	591	20
Wan Chai	161	198	22
Wong Tai Sin	59	486	22
Yuen Long	58	1 093	22
Yau Tsim Mong	267	709	20
Total	**1 914**	**9 054**	**-**

[Note] SWD does not have the weekly incentive payment for each home-based child carer.

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LWB(WW)261

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0379)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was mentioned in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion would be allocated for the purchase of 60 properties for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the current progress of the project.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on the some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0493)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has set up a $30 billion Anti-epidemic Fund since February. As at 28 February 2020, there were about 15 000 people subject to compulsory quarantine. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is responsible for providing assistance to those who stay at quarantine centres or are put under compulsory quarantine. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

(1) How many staff are deployed by SWD for such duties? Has there been any change in the establishment involved?

(2) What is the average amount involved in the daily necessities, meals or food provided to people under compulsory quarantine?

(3) Has SWD promulgated guidelines for provision of such material supplies?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

In accordance with relevant guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection under the Department of Health, support services are provided by SWD for persons staying at quarantine centres or put under compulsory home quarantine, which include the provision of personal daily necessities, counselling services and reasonable meals or food ingredients (only for the persons under compulsory home quarantine without any support from families, relatives, friends or other persons). The District Social Welfare Officers of SWD will examine the requests made by persons under compulsory home quarantine, make sure the support provided is reasonable and fair, flexibly deploy the manpower of district service units, and make use of social enterprises and operators in the market to provide and deliver the relevant items.

SWD's daily expenditure on the provision of daily necessities, meals or food ingredients for persons under compulsory quarantine from 23 January to 29 February 2020 is about $165 per person.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1245)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:
What is the number of street sleepers in various districts over the past 10 years (2009-10 to 2019-20) (setting out by year and 18 districts)? Has the Government kept the figures on street sleepers staying at 24-hour fast food shops? If yes, what is the distribution in various districts? If no, what are the reasons?

District	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
Central & Western										
Eastern										
Kowloon City										
Kwai Tsing										
Kwun Tong										
North										
Sai Kung										
Sha Tin										
Sham Shui Po										
Southern										
Tai Po										
Tsuen Wan										
Tuen Mun										
Wan Chai										
Wong Tai Sin										
Yau Tsim Mong										
Yuen Long										
Sha Tin										

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The number of street sleepers who had been approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers operated under subvented non-governmental organisations of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and related service units from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at the end of December 2019) by district is set out as follows:

Year / District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-Dec 2019)
Hong Kong & Islands	113	123	106	118	146
Kowloon	753	768	910	1 033	1 076
New Territories	30	33	111	146	126
Total	896	924	1 127	1 297	1 348

SWD has been collecting information on street sleepers staying at 24-hour shops (including 24-hour fast food shops) since 2018-19. Relevant information of 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at the end of December 2019) by district is set out below:

Year / District	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-Dec 2019)
Hong Kong & Islands	10	22
Kowloon	136	159
New Territories	6	16
Total	152	197

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1246)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the current utilisation rate of the places provided in different types of hostels? What is the number of manpower in different types of hostels and the ratio of service users to service staff?

	Number of places provided	Utilisation rate (%)	Number of service staff	Ratio of service staff to service users
hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)				
hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)				
care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)				
care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)				
hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)				
long stay care home (LSCH)				
halfway house (HWH)				
supported hostel (SHOS)				

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The number of service places for various types of residential services for persons with disabilities as at 31 December 2019 is set out in Annex. In 2018-19, the actual enrolment rate for residential rehabilitation services on average is 97%. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. The Notional Staffing Establishment (NSE) is only used for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services, and should not be treated as the benchmark for manpower and staffing arrangement of the subvented services. Nevertheless, to enhance the transparency of subvention calculation, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has uploaded the NSE samples for subvented services onto the SWD website since February 2017 (the website address is as follows):

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_modesofsub/id_2907/

Annex

Number of service places for residential services for persons with disabilities

Residential services for persons with disabilities	**Number of service places (as at 31 December 2019)**
Halfway house	1 534
Long stay care home	1 587
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	2 658
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	3 929
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	682
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	1 042
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind	828
Supported hostel	708

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1211)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme under the Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of elderly persons joining the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, and the amount of assistance paid over the past 3 years;

2. the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) has been extended to the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme with effect from 2020. At present, how many persons under the Scheme have already switched to receiving OALA? How many of them are still receiving the Old Age Allowance (OAA)? What is the number of cases under the switching process and the average time required for switching?

   the number of elderly persons who left the schemes because of death and those who have switched to receiving assistance in Hong Kong (HK) over the past 3 years;

3. the number of cases involving elderly persons residing in the Mainland seeking support from the Department over the past 3 years, and the amount and percentage increase of expenditure on such service in the coming year;

4. the expenditure and amount involved in the coming year;

5. in view of the implementation of improvements to OALA in the future, will the relevant arrangements take effect at the same time for the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme? If yes, what is the timetable?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of elderly recipients under the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, and the expenditure involved from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

2. SWD has implemented OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme starting from 1 January 2020 to provide the monthly allowance to eligible elderly persons and started to receive applications since 1 November 2019. As at end-December 2019, SWD has received 9 526 and 1 079 OALA applications under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme respectively, among which 5 091 and 650 applications have been approved as at end-December 2019. SWD does not have information on the average time required for OAA cases to switch to OALA.

   The relevant statistics on the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

3. The Cross-boundary and Inter-country Social Service, subvented by SWD, assists HK residents in tackling individual and family issues arising from separation of family members. HK residents (including elderly persons currently residing in the Mainland) may seek assistance as necessary from the service provider. Service content includes enquiry, counselling and referral services. The revised estimates for 2019-20 and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 for the service are $7.9 million and $8.9 million respectively. SWD does not have statistics on cases involving HK elderly persons residing in the Mainland seeking support from the Department.

4. The estimated expenditure for the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in 2020-21 is about $64 million, $960 million and $320 million respectively (actual expenditure is dependent on the number of applicants).

5. The Chief Executive (CE) announced on 14 January 2020 the proposal to combine Normal OALA and Higher OALA with the payment level set at the Higher OALA rate ($3,585 per month starting from 1 February 2019). The CE also announced the proposal to significantly increase the asset limit under the OALA Scheme to $500,000 for a single elderly person ($750,000 for a married couple) after standardising the payment rate. The implementation timetable and details will be announced in due course.

Annex

Table 1: Number of elderly recipients and expenditure involved

Year [Note 1]	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Number of elderly recipients [Note 2]	Total expenditure ($ million)	Number of elderly recipients [Note 2]	Total expenditure ($ million)	Number of elderly recipients [Note 2]	Total expenditure ($ million)
PCSSA Scheme	1 329	70	1 206	69	1 143	65
GD Scheme	16 689	261	16 568	336	17 701	466
FJ Scheme [Note 3]	N.A.	N.A.	1 656	22	1 720	107

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance and that for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 2] The number of cases in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2019-20 is the figure as at end-December 2019.

[Note 3] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

Table 2: Number of cases leaving the schemes

Year [Note 1]	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
Number of cases leaving the schemes because of	**(i) Death**	**(ii) Return to HK for personal reasons**	**(i) Death**	**(ii) Return to HK for personal reasons**	**(i) Death**	**(ii) Return to HK for personal reasons**
PCSSA Scheme	162	40	142	60	95	29
GD Scheme	601	792	627	1 147	470	749
FJ Scheme [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	20	19	24	83

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The number of cases in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2019-20 is the figure as at end-December 2019.

[Note 2] The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1212)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please advise the following:

1. the number of elderly recipients of OALA in the past 2 years, the number of additional cases each year, and the percentage of these recipients among elderly persons over the age of 65, with a breakdown by Higher OALA and Normal OALA;
2. the number of OALA applications rejected by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) broken down by reason of rejection in the past 2 years;
3. the number of random checks on OALA cases conducted last year, the number of such cases requiring in-depth investigation, and the manpower and expenditure involved;
4. the number of abuse reports concerning OALA and other allowances under the SSA Scheme received in the past 2 years, the number of such cases requiring follow-up actions by the Department, and the number of such cases which ended up with payments suspended or prosecution;
5. regarding the preparation for improving the OALA Scheme in the coming year, will the Government conduct a review on the relevant eligibility criteria, such as allowing individual applications to be made by elderly couples and lowering the qualifying age for the Old Age Allowance (OAA) to 65 in the meantime so as to bridge the gap for persons who are ineligible for OALA, etc.?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of OALA cases and additional cases from 2018-19 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.
2. The reasons for OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected and the breakdown from 2018-19 to 2019-20 are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
3. SWD conducted reviews for about 172 000 OALA recipients in 2019-20 to verify their continuous eligibility for the allowance. Since social security staff is responsible for

handling cases under various social security schemes (including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the SSA Scheme, and OALA is one of the allowances under the SSA Scheme), SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of social security staff responsible for handling OALA cases, or the expenditure involved.

4. The number of SSA fraud cases from 2018-19 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

5. The Chief Executive (CE) announced on 14 January 2020 the proposal to combine Normal OALA and Higher OALA with the payment level set at the Higher OALA rate ($3,585 per month starting from 1 February 2019). The CE also announced the proposal to significantly increase the asset limit under the OALA Scheme to $500,000 for a single elderly person ($750,000 for a married couple) after standardising the payment rate. The implementation timetable and details will be announced in due course.

   The OALA and OAA under the social security scheme are non-contributory allowances and OAA is even non-means-tested. They are funded entirely by general revenue. The OALA aims to supplement the living expenses of Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above who are in need of financial support, whereas the OAA aims to provide monthly cash allowance to Hong Kong elderly residents aged 70 or above to meet special needs arising from old age. In the face of the growing elderly population, the number of OALA and OAA recipients and public funds involved would continue to increase. Having considered the sustainability of the social security system, the Government has no plan to lower the age requirement of OALA and OAA. If the applicant has a legitimate reason for not being able to declare the income and assets of his/her spouse, depending on actual circumstances of the applicant (such as the relationship and economic ties with his/her spouse), SWD will consider exercising discretion for the applicant to apply for the allowance as a single person.

Annex

Table 1: Number of OALA cases and additional cases from 2018-19 to 2019-20

Year	Normal OALA		Higher OALA [Note 1]	
	Number of cases (Percentage in elderly persons aged 65 or above)	Number of additional cases [Note 2]	Number of cases (Percentage in elderly persons aged 65 or above)	Number of additional cases [Note 2]
2018-19	52 434 (4%)	19 422	489 632 (37%)	34 144
2019-20	48 974 (4%) (as at end-December 2019)	6 448 (as at end-December 2019)	514 040 (38%) (as at end-December 2019)	31 266 (as at end-December 2019)

[Note 1] Higher OALA has been implemented since 1 June 2018.

[Note 2] The number of additional cases refers to the number of new applications and re-applications for OALA in the year.

Table 2: Reason for OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected and the breakdown from 2018-19 to 2019-20

Reason	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Excess in assets	98	38
Excess in income	99	62
Not meeting the age requirement	24	21
Not meeting the residence requirement	2 208	1 756
Absence from Hong Kong [Note 3]	102	60
Withdrawal	864	544
Lost contact [Note 3]	127	84
Deceased [Note 3]	307	239
Switched to CSSA Scheme	125	63
Other reasons	89	62
Total	**4 043**	**2 929**

[Note 3] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, SWD could not verify if they had met the eligibility criteria.

Table 3: Number of SSA fraud cases from 2018-19 to 2019-20

	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of reports of suspected fraud received	818	588
Number of cases requiring follow-up investigations	402	239
Number of cases successfully prosecuted	19	11

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1213)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the subsidised residential care services for the elderly under this Programme, please provide the figures over the past 3 years:

(1) the number of eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list (CWL) for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places, the additional number of such elderly persons each year, and the annual percentage change;

(2) the number of elderly persons allocated with residential care places;

(3) the number of elderly persons having withdrawn their applications;

(4) the number of cases changed to "inactive" by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for reasons such as applicants having received other care services; and

(5) the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for the services.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) As at end-December 2017, end-December 2018 and end-December 2019, there were respectively 38 286, 40 569 and 41 011 eligible elderly persons on the CWL for subsidised C&A places and NH places, representing an increase of 2 792 (7.9%), 2 283 (6.0%) and 442 (1.1%) respectively in each of the years.

(2) to (5) Among the applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A places and NH places, the numbers of elderly persons having been allocated places, having withdrawn their applications, whose cases were changed to "inactive" and who passed away while waiting for the service from 2017 to 2019 are as follows:

	No. of elderly applicants		
	2017	2018	2019
Allocated with places	5 161	5 384	5 786
Applications withdrawn	1 961	2 606	1 640
Cases changed to "inactive"	7 379	7 431	9 411
Passed away	6 259	6 866	7 045

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1214)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme under this Programme, please provide the following figures with a breakdown by the 18 districts:

	Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients aged 65 to 69	OALA recipients aged 70 or above	Disability Allowance (DA) recipients aged 60 to 64	DA recipients aged 65 to 69	DA recipients aged 70 or above	CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64	CSSA recipients aged 65 to 69	CSSA recipients aged 70 or above	Old Age Allowance (OAA) recipients aged 70 or above	Total no. of elderly population
Central & Western										
Wan Chai										
Eastern										
Southern										
Yau Tsim Mong										
Sham Shui Po										
Kowloon City										
Wong Tai Sin										
Kwun Tong										
Kwai Tsing										
Tsuen Wan										
Tuen Mun										
Yuen Long										
North										
Tai Po										
Sha Tin										
Sai Kung										
Islands										

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

The number of CSSA (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme), OAA, OALA and DA recipients aged 60 or above as at end-December 2019 by age group and district is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex. Based on the information from the Planning Department, the population aged 65 or above as at mid-2019 by District Council district is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) aged 60 or above as at end-December 2019 by age group and district

District	Number of CSSA recipients		
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 or above
Central & Western	240	258	1 456
Eastern	1 072	1 076	5 919
Islands	480	454	1 313
Kowloon City	1 132	1 425	6 014
Kwai Tsing	2 347	2 637	10 820
Kwun Tong	3 386	4 055	16 602
North	1 288	1 370	5 133
Sai Kung	841	883	3 059
Sha Tin	1 885	2 114	7 224
Sham Shui Po	2 317	2 524	9 639
Southern	662	664	3 746
Tai Po	770	879	3 871
Tsuen Wan	545	649	3 552
Tuen Mun	2 052	2 380	7 984
Wan Chai	94	99	618
Wong Tai Sin	1 882	1 900	8 311
Yau Tsim Mong	727	725	2 963
Yuen Long	2 593	2 598	8 289
Total	**24 313**	**26 690**	**106 513**

Table 2: Number of OAA, OALA [Note] and DA recipients as at end-December 2019 by age group and district

District	Number of recipients					
	OAA recipients aged 70 or above	OALA recipients aged 65 to 69	OALA recipients aged 70 or above	DA recipients aged 60 to 64	DA recipients aged 65 to 69	DA recipients aged 70 or above
Central & Western	14 449	1 804	7 251	503	336	1 179
Eastern	35 602	9 475	33 125	1 933	982	2 724
Islands	4 351	2 770	5 968	501	148	238
Kowloon City	21 099	5 949	20 273	958	476	1 540
Kwai Tsing	14 357	14 913	39 591	1 990	679	1 302
Kwun Tong	18 701	18 925	52 785	2 275	716	1 662
North	7 804	7 371	14 601	1 271	428	729
Sai Kung	12 618	8 732	20 838	1 277	491	918
Sha Tin	22 638	17 393	39 701	2 582	1 073	1 984
Sham Shui Po	14 807	8 855	22 826	1 359	511	1 270
Southern	11 764	4 863	16 271	1 118	487	1 217
Tai Po	8 903	7 664	14 757	1 373	489	804
Tsuen Wan	12 121	4 993	15 771	732	304	957
Tuen Mun	11 586	15 922	26 455	2 077	764	1 020
Wan Chai	11 473	826	3 701	228	166	883
Wong Tai Sin	13 004	11 447	35 087	1 594	529	1 179
Yau Tsim Mong	15 882	3 763	11 587	609	360	1 156
Yuen Long	14 318	12 906	23 635	2 194	654	1 092
Total	**265 477**	**158 571**	**404 223**	**24 574**	**9 593**	**21 854**

[Note] The number of OALA recipients includes the number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients.

Table 3: Population aged 65 or above as at mid-2019 by District Council district

District Council district	Population
Central & Western	44 100
Eastern	100 700
Islands	30 400
Kowloon City	75 000
Kwai Tsing	95 000
Kwun Tong	128 000
North	54 300
Sai Kung	79 300
Sha Tin	122 000
Sham Shui Po	73 600
Southern	49 300
Tai Po	53 000
Tsuen Wan	53 300
Tuen Mun	86 000
Wan Chai	32 400
Wong Tai Sin	81 700
Yau Tsim Mong	55 700
Yuen Long	108 000
Total	**1 321 700**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Source: the Planning Department

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1217)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide details on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications made by those who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years over the past 3 years, using the table below:

Year	Number of applications	Number of applications approved	Amount of CSSA payments	Percentage (%) in total CSSA payments

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of CSSA applications received and approved involving persons aged 18 or above who had resided in HK for less than 7 years is as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA applications received from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years	Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years
2017-18	3 729	1 191
2018-19	4 162	1 368
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	3 035	940

The estimated CSSA expenditures on CSSA recipients who had resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (CSSA is payable on a household basis, and the relevant

expenditure was a rough estimation) and their percentage shares in total CSSA expenditure are as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)	Percentage share in total CSSA expenditure
2017-18	885	4.1%
2018-19	899	4.0%
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	673	3.9%

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, whereas the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, (2) a one-off grant of $2,000 to each needy student, whereas the revised estimate of expenditure for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of $2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2555)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare services, please inform this Committee of:

a) the progress of the purchase;

b) the planned purchase of premises for the provision of child care services in the coming year by type of child care service in table form, as well as the number of additional welfare service places by district;

c) the purchased premises for the provision of child care services in the past year by type of child care service, and the number of additional service places by district in table form.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 902)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with a list of premises proposed to be purchased, which details the distribution by type of welfare facilities, district and floor area requirements, for Members' information. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2556)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Budget stated that "As for child welfare, to enhance the service quality of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated an additional provision of about $24 million to service operators since January this year, enabling them to increase manpower to strengthen training for home-based child carers." Please advise the following:

a) What is the current level of incentive payment for home-based child carers? Is there any mechanism to determine the level of incentive payment? Is there any plan and need to enhance the level of incentive payment? What are the details? Will the Government consult home-based child carers and service users on this?

b) Apart from the provisions to strengthen training, is there any plan to provide funding for service users or service operators to raise the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers so as to attract more newcomers to join the service?

c) What is the number of home-based child carers in each of the past 3 years, turnover rate and number of newcomers? What is the number of families benefitted from the service each year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 903)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) & b) The level of incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP is determined by service operators having regard to factors such as the affordability of families and supply of home-based child carers in the district, etc. Regarding the ways to adjust the level of incentive payment, SWD has separately met with service operators and representatives of home-based child carers of respective districts earlier to collect their views. Both parties recognised the concept of NSCCP, and supported the continued provision of child care service on a volunteer basis.

To enhance the service quality of NSCCP, SWD has provided additional provisions for service operators in January 2020 to increase 1 child care worker

and 1 supporting staff in each service unit. To strengthen training for home-based child carers, registered nurses/midwives trained on child care are employed to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to $25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service.

c) The table below shows the number of home-based child carers and children served in the past 3 financial years:

Year	No. of home-based child carers (as at December)	No. of children served
2017-18	1 832	13 410
2018-19	1 836	12 586
April to December 2019	1 914	9 054

SWD keeps only figures of home-based child carers as at December each year as provided by service operators and is hence unable to provide the number of home-based child carers having joined and that having left.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3002)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government overseeing the enhancement of child care service to integrate care and development, please advise this Committee:

a) the number of places provided, the utilisation rate, the average waiting time and the number of children waiting for the service in the past 3 years with regard to day child care service for children aged 0 to under 3;

b) the number of places provided, the utilisation rate, the average waiting time and the number of children waiting for the service in the past 3 years with regard to full-day, half-day or 2-hour sessions of occasional child care service; and

c) the number of places provided, the utilisation rate, the average waiting time and the number of children waiting for the service in the past 3 years with regard to the extended hours service which provides longer hours of child care services to children in need.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 901)

Reply:

The number of service places and average utilisation rate/number of users of various types of day child care services (including standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), extended hours service (EHS), occasional child care service (OCCS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and Neighborhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)) in the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average waiting time and the number of children waiting for related services.

Annex

Number of places/average utilisation rate/number of service users of standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, EHS, OCCS, MHCCCs and NSCCP

Year	CCCs				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP	
	Standalone CCCs[Note 1]		CCCs attached to KGs [Note 2]									
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places [Note 3]	Number of service users
2017-18	3 207	74	29 784	67	2 254	50	434	57	275	8.5	954	13 410
2018-19	3 626	70	31 854	63	2 260	49	446	56	261	9.0	954	12 586
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	3 417	64	30 966	63	2 286	47	449	57	261	9.7	954	9 054

[Note 1] Including aided and non-aided CCCs.

[Note 2] The information is provided by the Education Bureau in September every year.

[Note 3] Service operators are required to provide no less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should not be less than 954). Operators can flexibly increase the number of home care places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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LWB(WW)273

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3003)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the home-based child carer service provided under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), please advise the number of places, utilisation rate, the waiting time and the number of people waitlisted, with a breakdown of data on the 18 District Council (DC) districts over the territory.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 904)

Reply:

The number of places and service users under NSCCP in 2019-20 (as at December 2019) by the 18 districts are set out at Annex. At present, applications for services under NSCCP are handled directly by service operators, the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the waiting time and number of people waitlisted for the above service.

Annex

Number of places and children served under NSCCP (2019-20)(as at December 2019)

District	**Number of places** [Note]	**Number of children served**
Central & Western	53	342
Eastern	53	362
Islands	53	265
Kowloon City	53	428
Kwun Tong	53	433
Kwai Tsing	53	481
North	53	232
Southern	53	154
Sai Kung	53	650
Sham Shui Po	53	610
Sha Tin	53	760
Tuen Mun	53	717
Tai Po	53	543
Tsuen Wan	53	591
Wan Chai	53	198
Wong Tai Sin	53	486
Yuen Long	53	1 093
Yau Tsim Mong	53	709
Total	**954**	**9 054**

[Note] Service operators are required to provide no less than 53 places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should not be less than 954). Service operators can flexibly increase the number of places of home-based child care service on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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LWB(WW)274

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3004)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given the COVID-19 epidemic, many working parents now face the problem of less work exposure and lower incomes, as they have to take care of their children during school suspension and the economic environment is deteriorating. Will the Government make reference to the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities and grant allowance to carers who become unable to go out to work and susceptible to financial difficulties due to the need to take care of their children and aged or ailing family members during the epidemic, in order to tide them over this difficult time?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (LegCo internal reference no.: 905)

Reply:

With the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Government has provided $30 billion to set up the Anti-epidemic Fund. One of the items under the Fund is a special grant, covering 4 months starting from February this year, for over 550 aided and non-aided child care centres (CCCs) (including CCCs attached to Kindergartens) in the territory to tide over the financial difficulties caused by the suspension of service for infection control. CCCs are encouraged to adjust downwards their service fees to alleviate parents' financial burden.

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LWB(WW)275

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1013)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention that during 2020-21, the Department will:

1. strengthen support for street sleepers through providing additional resources for Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers and providing additional places in a short-term hostel for street sleepers. What are the details? What is the annual amount involved? Is this a regular item?

2. provide additional resources to strengthen support for cross-boundary social service. What are the details? What is the annual amount involved? Is this a regular item?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will enhance the existing welfare support services for street sleepers in 2020-21, including strengthening the professional and supervisory support for the 3 subvented Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers and Care and Support Networking Team in operation. There will also be 6 additional subvented places in the short-term hostel for male street sleepers. The recurrent expenditure involved will be around $10.64 million.

(2) The Government assists new arrivals and cross-boundary families to integrate into the society through various services to help develop their abilities in facing up to adversity and improve family relationship. SWD will increase the manpower support for the service agency tasked to handle cross-boundary families in 2020-21. The recurrent expenditure involved will be around $1.86 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1015)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under Programme (2) that there will be a net increase of 57 posts in 2020-21. What kind of posts are they? What are their scope of work and the annual salary involved?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 101)

Reply:

Regarding social security, the Social Welfare Department will have a net increase of 57 posts in the Social Security Officer and Social Security Assistant grades in 2020-21. The new posts will mainly be deployed to prepare for the implementation of improvement measures under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme. Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved, the full-year expenditure involved is about $30.9 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1016)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please advise the following:

1. How many elderly persons have been waitlisted for DEs as at end-December 2019?
2. How were DE service places distributed among 18 districts as at end-December 2019?
3. According to the indicators of the Estimate, there will be an additional 320 DE/DCU places in 2020-21. In what districts are they located and their number of additional service places?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 105)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at end-December 2019, 4 612 elderly persons were waiting for the services of subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), excluding the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.
2. The geographic distribution of service places in DEs/DCUs as at end-December 2019 is set out at the Annex 1.
3. The Government plans to provide 320 additional subsidised day care service places in 2020-21. The geographical distribution of the additional places is set out at the Annex 2.

Annex 1

Number of service places of DEs/DCUs
(as at end-December 2019)

District	**No. of Places**
Central & Western	129
Eastern	256
Wan Chai	110
Southern	108
Islands	40
Kwun Tong	427
Wong Tai Sin	290
Sai Kung	205
Kowloon City	158
Yau Tsim Mong	152
Sham Shui Po	280
Sha Tin	318
Tai Po	64
North	44
Yuen Long	178
Tuen Mun	208
Tsuen Wan	154
Kwai Tsing	262
Total	**3 383**

Annex 2

Estimated number of additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly and the geographical distribution

(2020-21)

District	**Service places**
Wan Chai	20
Kwun Tong	20
Wong Tai Sin	60
Sai Kung	20
Sha Tin	60
Yuen Long	20
Tuen Mun	60
Tsuen Wan	20
Kwai Tsing	40
Total	**320**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2934)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out in the table the number of people waitlisted and the waiting time for different types of homes on the central waiting list (CWL) for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) as at end-December 2019.

	Care-and-attention (C&A) homes	Nursing homes (NHs)	Private RCHEs (Bought places)	Contract homes
Number of people waitlisted				
Average waiting time				

2. How many elderly persons had passed away while on the CWL for RCHEs as at end-December 2019?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places and NH places as at end-December 2019 are provided as follows:

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted
C&A places - Subsidised places offered by subvented/ contract RCHEs	41	33 843 [Note 2]
- Subsidised places offered by private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme	8	
Overall	20	

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted
NH places [Note 3]	22	7 168 [Note 4]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken by normal cases from the date of being put on the CWL to that of admission to RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from homes for the aged places to converted C&A places providing a continuum of care in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

2. In 2019, 7 045 elderly persons passed away while waiting for subsidised C&A places and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1475)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget, the Financial Secretary will allocate sufficient resources to the Food and Health Bureau, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Education Bureau for providing appropriate support for people suffering from mental distress. In this connection, what will be the resources earmarked for the Labour and Welfare Bureau? What initiatives will be involved? What will be the expense and manpower involved, implementation timetable and estimated number of beneficiaries for each initiative?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been in communication with the social welfare sector to meet the welfare needs arising from the recent social incidents, and provided various ad hoc measures particularly for young people and their families who are emotionally disturbed. These include commissioning an non-governmental organisation (NGO) to run additional hotlines and stress mitigation workshops to provide emotional counselling and support; strengthening the dissemination of information on mental health and the provision of casework counselling services through online communications platforms; referral of needy cases for clinical psychological services, etc. Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness continue to collaborate with school social workers and youth service units to provide professional support, including casework counselling, therapeutic groups and programmes, for needy students and their parents. SWD also arranges the Mobile Van for Publicity Service in various districts to promote the message on mental health and encourage needy members of the public to seek early intervention.

Both SWD hotline and SWD-subvented hotline run by the NGO operate 24 hours a day to provide counselling and support for those emotionally disturbed (including those affected by the epidemic). In view of the epidemic, SWD clinical psychologists support the urgent calls referred from SWD hotline and provide psychotherapy for those in need. The 2020 Psycho-education information Hub for Combatting the Novel Coronavirus is available on SWD webpage, and Psycho-education Resource Package on Combatting the Novel Coronavirus is published to provide psychological support information for members of the public and people in quarantine. On counselling services, social workers of Integrated Family Service Centres provide services such as assessment and intensive counselling for

emotionally disturbed individuals and families (including those affected by the recent epidemic). The main aim is to assist individuals and families to regain their resilience and revitalise the normal functions of families. In addition, SWD mobilises volunteers to produce booster cards and consolation packs to people under quarantine. SWD will continue to keep in view the development of the social incidents and the epidemic, and review and adopt relevant measures in response to service needs to support those who are mentally and emotionally disturbed.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1492)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 149 of the Financial Secretary's Budget Speech that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been allocated an additional provision of about $24 million to enhance the service quality of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) to strengthen training for home-based child carers. Would the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1. How many home-based child carers are there now by District Council (DC) district? Are home-based child carers expected to increase in 2020-21? If yes, how many additional home-based child carers will there be and how much additional expenditure will be involved?
2. How many children participated in NSCCP and how much expenditure was involved in the years 2018-20?
3. On enhancing the service quality of NSCCP, what are the details, implementation timetable and specific objectives on enhancement?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of home-based child carers under NSCCP by 18 District Council districts as at December 2019 is set out at Annex 1. SWD encourages more volunteers to join as home-based child carers to further promote mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and to meet the need of child care service. No ceiling is set on the number of home-based child carers.
2. The number of service users (including home-based child care service and centre-based care group) under NSCCP by 18 District Council districts from 2018-19 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019) is set out at Annex 2. The actual expenditure for 2018-19 was $34.3 million and the revised expenditure for 2019-20 was $44.8 million.
3. To enhance the service quality of NSCCP, SWD has provided additional provisions in January 2020 for service operators to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff in each service unit. To strengthen training for home-based child carers,

registered nurses/midwives trained on child care are employed to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to $25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service.

Annex 1

Number of Home-based Child Carers under NSCCP by 18 District Council districts (December 2019)

District	Number of Home-based Child Carers
Central & Western	40
Eastern	176
Wan Chai	161
Southern	29
Islands	16
Kwun Tong	52
Wong Tai Sin	59
Sai Kung	114
Kowloon City	473
Sham Shui Po	74
Yau Tsim Mong	267
Sha Tin	87
Tai Po	64
North	58
Yuen Long	58
Tsuen Wan	56
Kwai Tsing	88
Tuen Mun	42
Total	**1 914**

Annex 2

Number of service users under NSCCP
(2018-19 to 2019-20) (as at December 2019)

	2018-19	**2019-20 (as at December 2019)**
District	**No of children served**	**No of children served**
Central & Western	394	342
Eastern	456	362
Wan Chai	268	198
Southern	269	154
Islands	399	265
Kwun Tong	650	433
Wong Tai Sin	700	486
Sai Kung	853	650
Kowloon City	630	428
Sham Shui Po	1 135	610
Yau Tsim Mong	970	709
Sha Tin	849	760
Tai Po	861	543
North	382	232
Yuen Long	1 608	1 093
Tsuen Wan	675	591
Kwai Tsing	533	481
Tuen Mun	954	717
Total	**12 586**	**9 054**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1498)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Department will oversee the implementation of purchase of premises. In this connection, please advise:

1. the identified sites, and the number and expenditure of premises purchased over the past year;
2. the types of family and child welfare service units to be provided with the premises purchased; and the expected number of service places; and
3. the estimated types and number of welfare services to be provided with the premises purchased in the coming 2 years, and the types of welfare services to be given priority in the allocation of premises.

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on the some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1500)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services under this Programme, please advise this Committee:

1. the number of child care places, utilisation rate and number of applicants for aided child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) and mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) by the 18 districts in the past 2 years;
2. the current number of children waitlisted and average waiting time in applying for the above services from being waitlisted to receiving service;
3. What are the districts, timetable and estimated expenditure for providing additional places in phases for the year 2020-21?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of places provided by and the average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) and MHCCCs by District Council district in the past 2 financial years are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of applicants and waiting time for the above services.

3. To further enhance day child care services, SWD plans to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval, etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases, which would involve a recurrent expenditure of about $16 million. Among them, 56, 88, 105 and 88 service places will be provided in the new aided standalone CCCs at Wah Ming Estate, Fanling, North District; Shun Lee Estate, Kwun Tong; Shek Mun Estate, Sha Tin; and Tin Shui Estate, Yuen Long respectively, which are expected to commence service in 2020-21. The number of additional places and implementation timetable for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing, however, has yet to be confirmed.

Annex

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and MHCCCs (2018-19)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		MHCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places [Note 1]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	2 237	33.0	14	24.3
Southern	-	N.A.	1 190	62.0	28	3.2
Islands	-	N.A.	1 033	36.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	3 796	62.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100.0	872	77.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 319	85.0	42	14.7
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	813	78.0	14	16.2
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	3 603	37.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	4 825	54.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	1 196	95.0	-	0.0 [Note 2]
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	1 208	68.0	37	12.2
Sha Tin	72	100.0	2 132	85.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	874	76.0	14	16.2
North	51	100.0	1 058	61.0	14	0.3
Yuen Long	64	100.0	1 462	89.0	42	0.3
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	1 195	79.0	14	1.7
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	1 168	81.0	42	12.3
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	1 873	70.0	-	N.A.
Total	**747**	**100.0**	**31 854**	**63.0**	**261**	**9.0**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2018.

[Note 2] 1 MHCCC stopped its service on 15 October 2018. The figure denotes the average utilisation rate of the MHCCC from April to September 2018.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and MHCCCs (April to December 2019)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs		MHCCCs	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places [Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	2 198	30.0	14	36.6
Southern	-	N.A.	1 270	56.0	28	1.9
Islands	-	N.A.	1 041	35.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	3 684	60.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100.0	840	74.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	1 403	84.0	42	14.6
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	737	77.0	14	11.6
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	2 934	47.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	4 308	57.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	1 352	87.0	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	1 310	68.0	37	13.0
Sha Tin	72	100.0	2 063	81.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	966	66.0	14	29.7
North	51	100.0	934	61.0	14	0.9
Yuen Long	64	100.0	1 396	90.0	42	0.1
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	1 228	73.0	14	0.5
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	1 388	63.0	42	5.3
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	1 914	67.0	-	N.A.
Total	**747**	**100.0**	**30 966**	**63.0**	**261**	**9.7**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1501)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given that the Government has launched a two-year child care training programme for grandparents to equip them with contemporary child care knowledge and skills, please advise the following:

1. the number of grandparents joining the programme since its implementation, their gender ratio and age distribution;
2. whether the Government has assessed the actual effectiveness of the pilot project; and the number of participants who have helped take care of their grandchildren after completing the course;
3. whether the training places will increase in 2020-21, and what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The Pilot Project on Child Care Training for Grandparents (Pilot Project) was completed in March 2018. A total of 589 participating grandparents have taken part territory-wide, with the percentages of male and female participants being 22% and 78% respectively. Their age distribution is as follows:

Age	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	61 to 65	66 to 70	Above 70	Total
Number	5	18	147	228	146	45	589

The Pilot Project launched was well received and the number of participating grandparents territory-wide was higher than the expected places of 540. The participants, their families and training bodies gave high regard of the effectiveness of the Pilot Project. According to the evaluation result, over 90% of the participants agreed that the training programme equipped them with the latest/contemporary infant/child care knowledge and skills, and that they were more confident and better equipped in taking care of infants/children at home. Furthermore, over 90% of their families said that, after completing the programme, relationship between the participant and the family was better and more harmonious, and the participant was able to render greater support to the family. About 53% of the participants became the carers of the families' infants/children after completing the programme, which was higher than the 37% before taking part in the Pilot Project.

Given that the Pilot Project was well received, a two-year Project on Child Care Training for Grandparents (the Project) was introduced in November 2019 with a total provision of around 1 200 training places, and the total expenditure required is about $4.4 million. As the Project is still in its initial stage, we are not able to provide the gender ratio and age distribution of participants.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1470)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

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

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Provision for 2020-2021 is $373.5 million higher than the revised estimate for the last year. In this connection, please list out:

1) what are the expenditure and manpower involved in the provision of special allowance for WFA households and student financial assistance beneficiary households under the Anti-epidemic Fund?
2) what are the details of the present work? Is there a concrete timetable for the disbursement?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1 & 2. The disbursement of special allowance for Working Family Allowance households and Student Financial Assistance households under the Anti-epidemic Fund is outside the scope of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account. According to the funding submission made to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February this year, this initiative aims to support low-income households to weather the deteriorating economic and employment conditions as a result of Coronavirus Disease 2019. The total expenditure is estimated to be about $990 million, including estimated expenditure of about $5 million for employment of about 10 short-term contract staff to carry out the upgrading of the computer system and other administrative work. The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency has to adjust its computer system and make the necessary system upgrading to ensure accurate calculation of the amount of special allowance for eligible household as well as to make sure that the correct amount of special allowance will be disbursed to the households. The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency has commenced the related work with a view to starting disbursement of the special allowance to beneficiary households in batches by the end of June 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0801)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

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

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of cases in which beneficiaries received the Working Family Allowance and the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy and the expenses involved in the past 2 years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The breakdown of the approved applications is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

The WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the Labour Department (LD) on 1 April 2019. From 1 April 2018 to 29 February 2020, a total of 81 371 applications were received under the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS) Scheme. Among them, 78 737 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The breakdown of the approved WITS applications is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. The figure has already included applications approved by the LD and the WFAO. The breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted in 2019-20 for I-WITS is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications and the amount of allowance granted by district is as follows:

District	Number of approved WFA applications 2018-19 to 2019-20 (as at 29 February 2020)	Amount of allowance granted 2018-19 to 2019-20 (as at 29 February 2020)
Kwun Tong	25 383	$341,945,400
Yuen Long	16 543	$226,231,300
Sham Shui Po	15 001	$193,745,050
Kwai Tsing	14 833	$206,891,700
Tuen Mun	13 338	$175,041,000
Sha Tin	13 231	$180,748,750
Wong Tai Sin	9 781	$132,676,950
Kowloon City	9 103	$120,199,900
North	8 137	$110,784,050
Eastern	6 626	$91,880,800
Yau Tsim Mong	5 955	$77,231,350
Tsuen Wan	5 461	$76,321,800
Sai Kung	5 308	$72,137,400
Tai Po	4 469	$62,570,150
Islands	4 412	$62,331,900
Southern	3 012	$42,872,150
Central and Western	1 700	$23,270,950
Wan Chai	749	$10,504,150
Total	**163 042**	**$2,207,384,750**

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of approved WITS applications by district is as follows:

District	Number of approved WITS applications 2018-19 to 2019-20 (as at 29 February 2020)#
Kwun Tong	11 481
Yuen Long	10 506
Tuen Mun	9 004
Kwai Tsing	8 408
Wong Tai Sin	6 176
Sha Tin	5 875
Sham Shui Po	5 677
North	3 780
Sai Kung	3 066
Kowloon City	2 960
Eastern	2 581
Tai Po	2 025
Tsuen Wan	2 016
Islands	1 523
Yau Tsim Mong	1 352
Southern	1 308
Central and Western	446
Wan Chai	235
Outside Hong Kong	318
Total	**78 737**

Including the WITS applications approved by the LD and the I-WITS applications approved by the WFAO after 1 April 2019.

Table 3

A breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted for I-WITS applications by the WFAO after 1 April 2019 by district is as follows:

District	Amount of I-WITS granted 2019-20 (as at 29 February 2020)#
Kwun Tong	$20,502,300
Yuen Long	$18,844,800
Tuen Mun	$15,570,600
Kwai Tsing	$14,931,900
Wong Tai Sin	$11,137,500
Sha Tin	$10,477,500
Sham Shui Po	$9,899,700
North	$6,897,900
Sai Kung	$5,461,800
Kowloon City	$4,995,300
Eastern	$4,731,000
Tsuen Wan	$3,613,200
Tai Po	$3,495,000
Islands	$2,957,100
Yau Tsim Mong	$2,438,100
Southern	$2,375,100
Central and Western	$745,500
Wan Chai	$432,300
Outside Hong Kong	$576,000
Total	**$140,082,600**

In 2018-19, the amount of WITS granted by the LD was $197.6 million. The LD does not keep a breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted by applicants' residential district.

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LWB(WW)286

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2110)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has been implementing the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme since May 2016. Please advise on the following:

a) number of applications for the allowance since the implementation of the LIFA Scheme, with breakdown by year and household size;

b) information on the following items since the implementation of the LIFA Scheme, with breakdown by year and household size:
   (i) number of households which have received the allowance;
   (ii) total amount of allowance granted;
   (iii) median monthly income of those households;

c) number of households which have been granted the allowance since the implementation of the LIFA Scheme, with breakdown by the number of times the households were granted the allowance.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) (renamed as the Working Family Allowance (WFA) on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 311 476 LIFA and WFA applications. Among them, 274 283 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the number of applications received, number of approved applications, amount of allowance granted, median monthly household income and number of households with applications approved are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of applications received by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Number of applications received			
	LIFA Scheme		WFA Scheme	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	Not applicable	Not applicable	5 075	5 660
2 persons	6 568	6 017	15 997	17 886
3 persons	19 299	18 577	25 629	25 967
4 persons	27 329	26 119	34 036	34 992
5 persons	6 746	6 752	9 301	9 952
6 persons or more	1 810	1 856	2 845	3 063
Total	**61 752**	**59 321**	**92 883**	**97 520**
Grand total	**311 476**			

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of approved applications by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved applications			
	LIFA Scheme		WFA Scheme	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	Not applicable	Not applicable	4 347	4 246
2 persons	5 232	5 691	14 869	13 620
3 persons	16 471	18 297	24 100	19 690
4 persons	23 719	26 321	32 444	28 199
5 persons	5 542	6 761	8 772	7 768
6 persons or more	1 390	1 817	2 647	2 340
Total	**52 354**	**58 887**	**87 179**	**75 863**
Grand total	**274 283**			

Table 3

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Amount of allowance granted			
	LIFA Scheme		WFA Scheme	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	Not applicable	Not applicable	$22,870,300	$22,606,700
2 persons	$40,034,500	$41,339,700	$136,308,350	$119,984,800
3 persons	$161,851,000	$170,767,100	$280,932,300	$226,750,350
4 persons	$293,520,000	$331,224,800	$518,964,400	$446,190,250
5 persons	$83,854,000	$103,556,600	$172,480,200	$151,435,050
6 persons or more	$23,402,100	$31,831,500	$58,458,000	$50,404,050
Total	**$602,661,600**	**$678,719,700**	**$1,190,013,550**	**$1,017,371,200**
Grand total	**$3,488,766,050**			

Table 4

Among the approved applications, the median monthly household income with a breakdown by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Median monthly income of households with allowance granted			
	LIFA Scheme		WFA Scheme	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	Not applicable	Not applicable	$9,120	$9,496
2 persons	$8,653	$8,866	$11,534	$12,426
3 persons	$12,521	$13,064	$14,250	$15,135
4 persons	$15,383	$16,055	$17,500	$18,227
5 persons	$16,131	$16,908	$18,084	$19,000
6 persons or more	$17,681	$18,440	$19,755	$20,330

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of households with allowance granted by number of times the households were granted LIFA and WFA is as follows:

Number of times that allowance was granted	Number of households with allowance granted (up to 29 February 2020)
1	15 878
2	11 952
3	11 558
4	9 671
5	4 762
6	4 592
7	7 307
8	7 329

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2127)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance Scheme, please inform this Committee of the following:

a) what are the respective numbers of beneficiary households, with breakdown by household size, in receipt of full-rate allowance, 3/4-rate allowance and half-rate allowance in the past 3 years?

b) among the applicants in receipt of full-rate allowance, 3/4-rate allowance and half-rate allowance, how many of them have an actual household income within 0% to 25%, 26% to 50%, 51% to 75% and 76% to 100% of their applicable income limits in the past 3 years? (Please provide the number of applicants with breakdown by different household sizes)

c) among the applicants in receipt of full-rate allowance, 3/4-rate allowance and half-rate allowance, how many of them have actual household assets within 0% to 25%, 26% to 50%, 51% to 75% and 76% to 100% of their applicable asset limits in the past 3 years? (Please provide the number of applicants with breakdown by different household sizes)

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the number of households granted WFA are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by household size and type of allowance is as follows:

Household size	Number of households granted WFA			
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Total
1 person	1 844	1 139	663	3 646
2 persons	8 092	2 215	989	11 296
3 persons	11 594	3 376	1 817	16 787
4 persons	15 619	4 023	2 127	21 769
5 persons	4 427	1 028	662	6 117
6 persons or more	1 260	370	238	1 868
Total	**42 836**	**12 151**	**6 496**	**61 483**

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by household size, type of allowance and household income is as follows:

Type of allowance	Number of households granted WFA (household size)					
	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons or more
Half-rate allowance						
Household income within 0% to 25% of the income limit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Household income within 26% to 50% of the income limit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Household income within 51% to 75% of the income limit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Household income within 76% to 100% of the income limit	663	989	1 817	2 127	662	238
3/4-rate allowance						
Household income within 0% to 25% of the income limit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Household income within 26% to 50% of the income limit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Household income within 51% to 75% of the income limit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Household income within 76% to 100% of the income limit	1 139	2 215	3 376	4 023	1 028	370
Full-rate allowance						
Household income within 0% to 25% of the income limit	6	94	64	61	12	7
Household income within 26% to 50% of the income limit	15	597	699	966	236	79
Household income within 51% to 75% of the income limit	210	3 127	4 113	5 853	1 566	427
Household income within 76% to 100% of the income limit	1 613	4 274	6 718	8 739	2 613	747
Total	**3 646**	**11 296**	**16 787**	**21 769**	**6 117**	**1 868**

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by household size, type of allowance and household asset is as follows:

Type of allowance	Number of households granted WFA (household size)					
	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons or more
Half-rate allowance						
Household asset within 0% to 25% of the asset limit	465	618	1 109	1 178	366	141
Household asset within 26% to 50% of the asset limit	117	212	395	534	170	48
Household asset within 51% to 75% of the asset limit	49	100	202	262	77	31
Household asset within 76% to 100% of the asset limit	32	59	111	153	49	18
3/4-rate allowance						
Household asset within 0% to 25% of the asset limit	777	1 422	2 070	2 302	643	230
Household asset within 26% to 50% of the asset limit	203	494	720	919	228	82
Household asset within 51% to 75% of the asset limit	117	197	369	518	103	33
Household asset within 76% to 100% of the asset limit	42	102	217	284	54	25
Full-rate allowance						
Household asset within 0% to 25% of the asset limit	1 323	5 526	7 863	10 256	3 082	842
Household asset within 26% to 50% of the asset limit	326	1 579	2 243	3 025	835	265
Household asset within 51% to 75% of the asset limit	127	685	1 028	1 595	351	99
Household asset within 76% to 100% of the asset limit	68	302	460	743	159	54
Total	**3 646**	**11 296**	**16 787**	**21 769**	**6 117**	**1 868**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2515)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme and the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme, please advise the following since the launch of the schemes:

1. the number of applications each year, with a yearly breakdown by household size in table form;
2. the number of beneficiaries from single-parent households and non-single-parent households, with breakdown by year and type of allowance granted (full-rate/ 3/4 rate/ half-rate);
3. the amount of allowance involved each year;
4. the number of children benefitted, with breakdown by year and type of allowance granted since the launch of the schemes.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

Low-income Working Family Allowance

1, 2 & 3. Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) (renamed as the Working Family Allowance (WFA) on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 311 476 applications. Among them, 274 283 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Among these 274 283 approved applications, 33 945 and 240 338 were received from single-parent households and non-single-parent households respectively. Breakdowns of the number of applications received, the number

of beneficiaries from single-parent households and non-single-parent households granted the allowance and the amount of allowance granted are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

4. Since the LIFA Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, 98 910 children were granted the Child Allowance, and the amount of allowance involved was $1,950,048,450. A breakdown of the number of children granted the Child Allowance and the amount of allowance granted is set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme

1 & 3. The Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS) Scheme started receiving individual-based (I-WITS) applications from July 2013 and was managed by the Labour Department (LD). The WFAO took over the management of the I-WITS Scheme from the LD on 1 April 2019. From July 2013 to 29 February 2020, a total of 314 956 applications were received under the I-WITS Scheme. Among them, 284 880 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. A breakdown of the number of I-WITS applications received is set out in Table 5 of the Annex. From 1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020, the amount of I-WITS granted by the WFAO was $140,082,600. The LD does not keep the relevant information for the period from July 2013 to March 2019.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of LIFA and WFA applications received by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Number of applications received			
	LIFA Scheme		WFA Scheme	
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	Not applicable	Not applicable	5 075	5 660
2 persons	6 568	6 017	15 997	17 886
3 persons	19 299	18 577	25 629	25 967
4 persons	27 329	26 119	34 036	34 992
5 persons	6 746	6 752	9 301	9 952
6 persons or more	1 810	1 856	2 845	3 063
Total	**61 752**	**59 321**	**92 883**	**97 520**
Grand total	**311 476**			

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of beneficiaries from non-single-parent households and single-parent households granted the LIFA and WFA by type of allowance is as follows:

Year	Number of household members granted the allowance						
	Single-parent household			Non-single-parent household			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
2016-17	8 060	Not applicable	2 311	78 995	Not applicable	25 048	114 414
2017-18	9 412	Not applicable	2 358	84 687	Not applicable	25 794	122 251
2018-19	12 845	2 744	1 281	106 532	31 222	17 380	172 004
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	13 665	2 479	1 106	112 852	30 595	15 105	175 802

Table 3

A breakdown of the amount of LIFA and WFA allowance granted by year is as follows:

Amount of allowance granted			
LIFA Scheme		WFA Scheme	
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
$602,661,600	$678,719,700	$1,190,013,550	$1,017,371,200
Total: $3,488,766,050			

Table 4

A breakdown of the number of children granted the Child Allowance and the amount of allowance granted by year is as follows:

	Number of children granted the Child Allowance	Amount of the Child Allowance
LIFA Scheme		
2016-17	50 121	$346,564,000
2017-18	53 580	$393,331,200
WFA Scheme		
2018-19	70 023	$653,911,500
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	72 088	$556,241,750

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of I-WITS applications received by year is as follows:

Year	Number of applications received
2013-14	41 918
2014-15	49 703
2015-16	43 137
2016-17	49 218
2017-18	49 609
2018-19	39 281
2019-20# (up to 29 February 2020)	42 090
Total	**314 956**

The WFAO took over the management of the I-WITS Scheme from the LD on 1 April 2019. The number of applications received in 2019-20 includes the applications received by the LD on or before 31 March 2019 but were outstanding.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)289

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0411)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

During 2020-21, the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency will continue to promote the Working Family Allowance Scheme, and will provide a special allowance for WFA households and student financial assistance beneficiary households under the Anti-epidemic Fund as well as a one-off extra allowance for eligible I-WITS recipients. Please inform this Committee of:

1. the numbers of applicants and successful applicants since the launch of the Scheme and its renaming as the Working Family Allowance Scheme, with a breakdown by year and household size;
2. the amount of allowance granted and the median monthly household income, with a breakdown by year and household size;
3. the establishment in charge of the Working Family Allowance Scheme in the past 3 years;
4. the average number of applications handled by each staff and the processing time for each application in the past 3 years;
5. the estimated number of beneficiary households granted the special allowance under the Anti-epidemic Fund, the average amount of allowance per household and the time required from application to disbursement; and
6. the estimated number of eligible I-WITS recipients granted the one-off extra allowance, the amount of allowance per person and the time required from application to disbursement.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. & 2. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (the Agency) received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the number of applications received, number of households with allowance granted, the amount of allowance granted and the median monthly household income are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex.

3. The establishment of the WFAO which was responsible for implementing the WFA Scheme comprised about 370 civil service posts and about 160 non-civil service contract positions in 2017-18 and 2018-19. The WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the Labour Department with effect from 1 April 2019. In 2019-20, the establishment of the WFAO comprised about 460 civil service posts and about 210 non-civil service contract positions.

4. The Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) (renamed as the WFA on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019, the WFAO received 152 204 LIFA and WFA applications. These applications were mainly processed and vetted by about 350 vetting officers. From 1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020, the WFAO received 97 520 WFA applications. Starting from 1 April 2019, if a household applying for the WFA has a member who submits an I-WITS application in the same month, the WFAO will process the two applications in one go. The WFAO has an establishment of about 480 vetting officers for processing and vetting WFA and I-WITS applications. Since the circumstances of each application are not exactly identical and completeness of information submitted varies, it is difficult for the WFAO to provide a general time frame for processing an application. As always, the WFAO will endeavour to complete the processing of each application as soon as possible, with a view to disbursing the allowance to the households in a timely manner.

5. The disbursement of special allowance for WFA households and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households under the Anti-epidemic Fund is outside the scope of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account. According to the funding submission made to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February this year, the Agency estimates that about 58 000 WFA households and 145 000 SFA households will benefit from the special allowance under the Anti-epidemic Fund. The estimated expenditure for the disbursement of allowance is about $985 million. For a WFA household, the lump sum allowance it will get would be equivalent to an additional two-month allowance, based on the highest monthly amount it received in its most recently submitted and approved WFA application during the period from 1 April 2019 to 21 February 2020. For an SFA household, it will receive two times the overall average monthly amount ($2,320) received by WFA households

from 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019 (i.e. a lump sum allowance of $4,640 per eligible SFA household). The Agency expects to start disbursing the special allowance in batches by the end of June 2020. Households eligible for the special allowance are not required to make separate applications.

6. The estimated expenditure involved in providing a one-off extra allowance to eligible I-WITS applicants in 2020-21 is $16 million, and about 27 000 I-WITS applicants will be benefited. The WFAO expects that the above-mentioned extra allowance will begin to be disbursed one month after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2020 at the earliest.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of households with WFA applications submitted by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Number of households	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	3 459	3 769
2 persons	10 113	11 246
3 persons	15 302	16 299
4 persons	19 755	21 179
5 persons	5 493	6 129
6 persons or more	1 716	1 907
Total	**55 838**	**60 529**

Table 2

Breakdowns of the number of households with WFA granted, the amount of allowance granted and the median monthly household income by household size and year are as follows:

Household size	Households with WFA granted 2018-19		
	Number of households	Amount of allowance granted	Median monthly household income
1 person	2 794	$22,870,300	$9,120
2 persons	9 144	$136,308,350	$11,534
3 persons	14 021	$280,932,300	$14,250
4 persons	18 493	$518,964,400	$17,500
5 persons	5 053	$172,480,200	$18,084
6 persons or more	1 552	$58,458,000	$19,755
Total	**51 057**	**$1,190,013,550**	Not applicable

Household size	Households with WFA granted 2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)		
	Number of households	Amount of allowance granted	Median monthly household income
1 person	2 954	$22,606,700	$9,496
2 persons	9 591	$119,984,800	$12,426
3 persons	13 968	$226,750,350	$15,135
4 persons	18 828	$446,190,250	$18,227
5 persons	5 305	$151,435,050	$19,000
6 persons or more	1 602	$50,404,050	$20,330
Total	**52 248**	**$1,017,371,200**	Not applicable

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)290

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0008)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 under Programme (2), that the Agency will provide a special allowance for Working Family Allowance households and student financial assistance beneficiary households under the Anti-epidemic Fund. With regard to the passage of the funding application for the Fund by Finance Committee, will the Administration advise this Committee of the following:

1. the estimated administrative cost and manpower involved in the provision of special allowance; whether additional staff will be deployed to handle the disbursement of allowance;
2. the number of eligible households and amount of special allowance to be granted to the households under different schemes; and
3. the expected date of disbursement.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (the Agency) will provide a special allowance for Working Family Allowance (WFA) households and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households under the Anti-epidemic Fund in 2020-21 to support low-income households to weather the deteriorating economic and employment conditions as a result of Coronavirus Disease 2019. It is estimated that about 10 short-term contract staff will be employed to carry out the upgrading of computer system and other administrative work. The estimated expenditure is about $5 million.

2 & 3. The disbursement of special allowance for WFA households and SFA households under the Anti-epidemic Fund is outside the scope of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account. According to the funding submission made to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February this year, it is estimated that about 58 000 WFA households and 145 000 SFA households will benefit from the special allowance. The estimated expenditure for the disbursement of allowance is about $985 million. The Agency expects to start disbursing the special allowance in batches by the end of June 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2004)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance, please inform the Committee of the following:

1. the number of applications received and approved each year in the past 2 years, with breakdown by family size;
2. the distribution of cases according to different types of allowance granted (the Basic Allowance, the Medium Allowance, the Higher Allowance, full-rate, 3/4-rate or half-rate), with breakdown by family size;
3. the distribution of cases according to different types of allowance granted (the Basic Allowance, the Medium Allowance, the Higher Allowance, full-rate, 3/4-rate or half-rate), with breakdown by non-single-parent families and single-parent families;
4. the Chief Executive indicated earlier that the Government would set higher household monthly income limits under the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme for non-CSSA low-income families that had not applied for public rental housing or had been waiting for public rental housing for less than 3 years so that they might receive a higher rate of allowance. Among those applying for WFA, how many of them will meet the requirements? What is the upcoming timetable of the proposal and when will it be implemented?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2 & 3. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency has received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns

of the number of applications received and approved are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of the Annex.

4. The Chief Executive announced on 14 January 2020 that the Transport and Housing Bureau would, on a trial basis, provide cash allowance to eligible General Applicant households awaiting public rental housing (PRH) for more than 3 years. To this end, the Chief Executive also proposed to devise a set of more relaxed household monthly income limits under the WFA Scheme for non-Comprehensive Social Security Assistance low-income families who had not applied for PRH or who had been waiting for PRH for less than 3 years, so that they might receive a higher rate of WFA. Our preliminary estimation is that this initiative may be implemented in the second half of 2021, which will benefit about 9 000 households. The implementation timetable and details will be announced later.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of applications received by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Number of applications received	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	5 075	5 660
2 persons	15 997	17 886
3 persons	25 629	25 967
4 persons	34 036	34 992
5 persons	9 301	9 952
6 persons or more	2 845	3 063
Total	**92 883**	**97 520**
Grand total	**190 403**	

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by household size and year is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved WFA applications	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 person	4 347	4 246
2 persons	14 869	13 620
3 persons	24 100	19 690
4 persons	32 444	28 199
5 persons	8 772	7 768
6 persons or more	2 647	2 340
Total	**87 179**	**75 863**
Grand total	**163 042**	

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by household size and by type of allowance between 1 April 2018 and 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved WFA applications									
	Basic Allowance			Medium Allowance			Higher Allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
1 person	560	88	38	758	306	118	2 924	2 475	1 326	8 593
2 persons	898	49	21	1 515	263	115	18 257	5 165	2 206	28 489
3 persons	995	81	35	1 949	446	159	27 646	8 302	4 177	43 790
4 persons	1 211	94	44	2 829	506	243	40 679	10 234	4 803	60 643
5 persons	345	21	7	770	144	58	11 240	2 568	1 387	16 540
6 persons or more	87	7	4	213	39	14	3 323	848	452	4 987
Total	**4 096**	**340**	**149**	**8 034**	**1 704**	**707**	**104 069**	**29 592**	**14 351**	**163 042**

Table 4

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by non-single-parent households and single-parent households and by type of allowance between 1 April 2018 and 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Type	Number of approved WFA applications									
	Basic Allowance			Medium Allowance			Higher Allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
Non-single-parent households	3 764	334	142	7 616	1 696	703	89 114	26 446	12 973	142 788
Single-parent households	332	6	7	418	8	4	14 955	3 146	1 378	20 254
Total	**4 096**	**340**	**149**	**8 034**	**1 704**	**707**	**104 069**	**29 592**	**14 351**	**163 042**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2005)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance, please inform the Committee of the following figures in the past 2 years:

1. the establishment for processing applications for the Low-income Working Family Allowance;
2. the average number of applications handled by each staff;
3. the number of applications requiring self-declared statements or statutory declaration for working hours/income from work, and the proportion of these applications each year;
4. the number of applications received from ethnic minorities, and the proportion of these applications each year;
5. the number of cases withdrawn each year; and
6. whether the Agency will increase its manpower to meet the future demand arising from a possible significant increase in the number of WFA applications due to the social and economic situation; and whether the vetting process and the submission of documents and information by applicants can be expedited and streamlined; if yes, what are the specific measures?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. In 2018-19, the establishment of the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency, which was responsible for administering the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme, comprised about 370 civil service posts and about 160 non-civil service contract positions. The WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport

Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the Labour Department since 1 April 2019. In 2019-20, the establishment of the WFAO responsible for administering the WFA Scheme and the I-WITS Scheme comprised about 460 civil service posts and about 210 non-civil service contract positions.

2. From 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, the WFAO received 92 883 WFA applications. These applications were mainly processed and vetted by about 350 vetting officers (excluding staff members responsible for administrative duties and the provision of support services). From 1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020, the WFAO received 97 520 WFA applications. Starting from 1 April 2019, if a household applying for the WFA has a member who submits an I-WITS application in the same month, the WFAO will process the two applications in one go. The WFAO has an establishment of about 480 vetting officers for processing and vetting WFA and I-WITS applications (excluding staff members responsible for administrative duties and the provision of support services).

3. Among the approved WFA applications, 35 872 were approved with the applicants submitting self-declared statements as proof of their working hours or income from work. A detailed breakdown is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

4. Since the WFA Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the WFAO received a total of 4 694 applications from ethnic minority households. These applications were from 2 002 households, representing 2.5% of the total number of applications received. A detailed breakdown is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

5. Since the WFA Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, 3 225 applications were withdrawn. A detailed breakdown is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

6. Starting from 30 September 2019, the WFAO has been providing the service of online submission of WFA application form. Apart from visiting the WFAO in person, applicants may also submit supplementary documentary proof and additional information by post, by dropping the documents in the drop-in boxes, by e-mail or by fax. The WFAO will closely monitor the operation of the WFA Scheme and review the manpower requirement in a timely manner, having regard to the actual number of applications.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications with applicants submitting self-declared statements as proof of their working hours or income from work by year is as follows:

Number of approved WFA applications with applicants submitting self-declared statements as proof of their working hours or income from work	
2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
19 551	16 321

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of applications received from ethnic minority households by year is as follows:

Number of applications received from ethnic minority households	
2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
2 406	2 288

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of applications withdrawn by year is as follows:

Number of applications withdrawn	
2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 957	1 268

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2720)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) and the implementation of the initiative to lower the eligible age of the Scheme from the current requirement of 65 to 60, will the Government advise of the following:

(1) What were the average daily passenger trips taken on various modes of transport with the $2 transport fare concession in the past two years? What were the percentages they accounted for in the average daily patronage of the respective modes of transport?

(2) Has the Government estimated the increase in patronage of various modes of transport after including about 600 000 elderly people aged 60 to 64 in the Scheme? If not, will the Government carry out relevant studies in the coming year?

(3) As elderly people may not be aware of the original fares of various transport routes, there are views that the $2 fare concession may mean the transport operators can benefit from the Government's reimbursement of their revenue forgone. There are also views that the concession may result in an increased usage of transport services by the elderly during peak hours, which may indirectly increase the journey time. How did the Government address these issues in its comprehensive review?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1)
The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme, as well as the ratio of the average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme against the average daily total passenger trips

taken on the modes of public transport concerned in each of the past two years are as follows:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	Ratio of the average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme against the average daily total passenger trips taken on the modes of public transport concerned
MTR Corporation Limited	2018	449 000	8%
	2019	518 000	10%
Franchised bus operators	2018	582 000	14%
	2019	609 000	15%
Ferry operators	2018	7 800	6%
	2019	8 200	7%
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2018	274 000	18%
	2019	289 000	19% (Note 1)

(Note 1) As the average daily total passenger trips taken on GMBs in 2019 is a provisional figure, the relevant ratio of passenger trips is also provisional.

(2)&(3)
The Government has engaged a consultant to assist in conducting a review of the Scheme, which is expected to be completed in mid-2020. Details of the implementation of the proposed improvement measures will be announced upon completion of the review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1870)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the lowering of the eligible age of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) from the current requirement of 65 to 60, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

(1) the administrative cost and staff establishment to be involved in the Scheme in 2020-21;

(2) the estimated annual operating expenditure to be involved in 2020-21; and

(3) the monitoring measures taken by the Government to ensure the proper use of public funds and prevent abuse of the Scheme; whether any abuse cases have been discovered last year; and if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no. 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1)&(2)
In 2020-21, the estimated staff establishment for the Scheme is 16 posts, and the estimated annual operating expenditure is about $1.72 billion, of which the recurrent administrative cost is about $50 million, and the amount of Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to public transport operators under the Scheme is about $1.67 billion. The Government has engaged a consultant to assist in conducting a review of the Scheme, which is expected to be completed in mid-2020. Details of the implementation of the proposed improvement measures will be announced upon completion of the review.

(3)
The Government has been closely monitoring the implementation of the Scheme. When implementing the Scheme, the Transport Department (TD) has requested public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work and arrange surveys to monitor the situation. Public transport operators have also enhanced publicity and reminded passengers to honestly tender the fares payable. At present, non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited are liable to a surcharge or even prosecutions. Bus captains or field staff of bus companies, staff of ferry companies and green minibus drivers will also observe the boarding passengers. Non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares will normally be required to pay the shortfall on the spot. Depending on the circumstances, individual cases may be referred to the Police for follow-up action. Individual cases of abuse of the Scheme by non-eligible passengers were detected during TD's surveys, and all the passengers concerned paid the shortfall on the spot. As the amount of differential fares in such cases have been deducted from the amount reimbursed to the public transport operators concerned, no Government's reimbursement has been involved.

TD also monitors the public transport operators in implementing the Scheme to prevent any abuse. TD has established a series of monitoring measures with participating public transport operators, including the establishment of a set of audit and assurance standards to strengthen the internal control system and the deployment of TD staff to conduct on-site inspections on the internal control system adopted by various public transport operators. TD also regularly examines the records and reports submitted by the public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited. If suspected abuse cases are detected, TD will refer them to the Police for follow-up action. In 2019, TD detected one abnormal case when examining the relevant reports and the case was referred to the Police for follow-up action. The Police subsequently instituted prosecution and the two minibus drivers concerned were convicted. The amount of differential fares involved was later returned to the Government by the operator concerned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2201)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In recent years, the expenditure on the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme) has been increasing. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide the information on the 10 routes of franchised bus, ferry and green minibus (GMB) services with the highest amount of subsidy in the past three years:

Franchised bus - Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB)			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Franchised bus - Citybus Limited (CTB)			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Franchised bus - New World First Bus Services Limited (NWFB)			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Franchised bus - Long Win Bus Company Limited (LWB)			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Franchised bus - New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited (NLB)			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Kowloon GMB			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Hong Kong Island GMB			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

New Territories GMB			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

Ferry			
	Routes with the highest amount of subsidy	Amount of subsidy per year	Average daily number of passengers using the Scheme
2017			
2018			
2019			

2. Please provide the following figures in the past three years:

a. Use of Elder Octopus

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of KMB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on KMB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on KMB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of CTB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on CTB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on CTB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual	Annual	Annual	Average	Average daily

	expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of NWFB under the Scheme	number of passengers travelling on NWFB buses under the Scheme	average number of passenger trips taken per person on NWFB buses under the Scheme	daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of LWB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on LWB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on LWB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of NLB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on NLB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on NLB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual	Annual	Annual	Average	Average daily

	expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on MTR under the Scheme	number of passengers travelling on MTR under the Scheme	average number of passenger trips taken per person on MTR under the Scheme	daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on GMBs under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on GMBs under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on GMBs under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on non-scheduled public light buses (PLBs) under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on non-scheduled PLBs under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on non-scheduled PLBs under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimburse ment per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure	Annual number of	Annual average	Average daily number	Average daily amount of

	involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries under the Scheme	passengers travelling on ferries under the Scheme	number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries under the Scheme	of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

b. Use of Personalised Octopus with "Elderly Status" or "Persons with Disabilities Status"

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of KMB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on KMB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on KMB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of CTB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on CTB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on CTB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in	Annual number of passengers	Annual average number of	Average daily number of passenger	Average daily amount of reimbursement

	providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of NWFB under the Scheme	travelling on NWFB buses under the Scheme	passenger trips taken per person on NWFB buses under the Scheme	trips taken per person under the Scheme	per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of LWB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on LWB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on LWB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on buses of NLB under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on NLB buses under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on NLB buses under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in	Annual number of passengers	Annual average number of	Average daily number of passenger	Average daily amount of reimbursement

	providing concession for passengers travelling on MTR under the Scheme	travelling on MTR under the Scheme	passenger trips taken per person on MTR under the Scheme	trips taken per person under the Scheme	per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on GMBs under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on GMBs under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on GMBs under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries of Fortune Ferry Company Limited under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of Fortune Ferry Company Limited under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries of Fortune Ferry Company Limited under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in	Annual number of passengers	Annual average number of	Average daily number of passenger	Average daily amount of reimbursement

	providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries of New World First Ferry Services Limited under the Scheme	travelling on ferries of New World First Ferry Services Limited under the Scheme	passenger trips taken per person on ferries of New World First Ferry Services Limited under the Scheme	trips taken per person under the Scheme	per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries of Coral Sea Ferry Service Company Limited under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of Coral Sea Ferry Service Company Limited under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries of Coral Sea Ferry Service Company Limited under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing	Annual number of passengers travelling on	Annual average number of passenger	Average daily number of passenger	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person

	concession for passengers travelling on ferries of Hong Kong &Kowloon Ferry Limited under the Scheme	ferries of Hong Kong &Kowloon Ferry Limited under the Scheme	trips taken per person on ferries of Hong Kong &Kowloon Ferry Limited under the Scheme	trips taken per person under the Scheme	provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries of Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries of Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of	Annual average number of passenger trips taken	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided

	for passengers travelling on ferries of Park Island Transport Company Limited under the Scheme	Park Island Transport Company Limited under the Scheme	per person on ferries of Park Island Transport Company Limited under the Scheme	under the Scheme	under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries of Peng Chau Kai To Limited under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of Peng Chau Kai To Limited under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries of Peng Chau Kai To Limited under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of Chuen Kee	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the

	passengers travelling on ferries of Chuen Kee Ferry Limited under the Scheme	Ferry Limited under the Scheme	on ferries of Chuen Kee Ferry Limited under the Scheme	Scheme	Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on ferries of Tsui Wah Ferry Service (H.K.) Limited under the Scheme	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of Tsui Wah Ferry Service (H.K.) Limited under the Scheme	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries of Tsui Wah Ferry Service (H.K.) Limited under the Scheme	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme
2017					
2018					
2019					

	Annual expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers	Annual number of passengers travelling on ferries of other ferry operators	Annual average number of passenger trips taken per person on ferries of	Average daily number of passenger trips taken per person under the Scheme	Average daily amount of reimbursement per person provided under the Scheme

	travelling on ferries of other ferry operators under the Scheme	under the Scheme	other ferry operators under the Scheme		
2017					
2018					
2019					

3. Please provide the information of the bus routes to the boundary control point taken with Elder Octopus or Personalised Octopus with "Elderly Status" or "Persons with Disabilities Status":

a. Use of Elder Octopus

	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on KMB buses to the boundary control point	Number of passenger trips taken on KMB buses to the boundary control point at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on NLB buses to the boundary control point	Number of passenger trips taken on NLB buses to the boundary control point at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on CTB buses to the boundary control point	Number of passenger trips taken on CTB buses to the boundary control point at concessionary fare
2017						
2018						
2019						

b. Use of Personalised Octopus with "Elderly Status" or "Persons with Disabilities Status"

	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on KMB buses to the boundary control point	Number of passenger trips taken on KMB buses to the boundary control point at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on NLB buses to the boundary control point	Number of passenger trips taken on NLB buses to the boundary control point at concessionary fare	Expenditure involved in providing concession for passengers travelling on CTB buses to the boundary control point	Number of passenger trips taken on CTB buses to the boundary control point at concessionary fare
2017						
2018						
2019						

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

(1)&(2)

At present, the Scheme covers railway, franchised bus, GMB and ferry services. Under the Scheme, elderly people are required to use Elder Octopus or their Personalised Octopus

whereas eligible persons with disabilities to use Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status".

The Government does not maintain a breakdown on the number of passenger trips taken by the elderly with the use of Elder Octopus and Personalised Octopus under the Scheme, the number of passenger trips taken per beneficiary under the Scheme, and the amount of subsidy for individual public transport routes, etc. As the Government does not keep the figures on the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to public transport operators in respect of individual bus/ferry routes, the information on the ten routes with the highest amounts of reimbursement and the corresponding numbers of passenger trips taken is not available.

Nevertheless, the breakdown of the average daily numbers of passenger trips taken and the amounts of Government's reimbursement of revenue forgone under the Scheme in the past three years is tabulated below:

(i) Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
MTR Corporation Limited	2017	357 000	54 000
	2018	392 000	57 000
	2019	454 000	64 000
KMB	2017	359 600	49 700
	2018	384 500	52 100
	2019	397 900	53 000
CTB	2017	50 900	7 400
	2018	55 000	7 900
	2019	61 300	8 300
NWFB	2017	59 000	7 400
	2018	63 000	7 900
	2019	65 500	8 100
LWB	2017	4 600	1 000
	2018	5 200	1 100

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
	2019	5 700	1 200
NLB	2017	3 900	900
	2018	4 600	1 100
	2019	6 100	1 500
New World First Ferry Services Limited	2017	3 300	442
	2018	3 300	464
	2019	3 500	498
Fortune Ferry Company Limited	2017	187	19
	2018	204	20
	2019	235	23
The “Star” Ferry Company, Limited (Note 3)	2017	-	68
	2018	-	106
	2019	-	100
Coral Sea Ferry Service Company Limited	2017	103	11
	2018	115	14
	2019	133	18
Hong Kong & Kowloon Ferry Limited	2017	748	109
	2018	797	121
	2019	818	123
Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited	2017	906	42
	2018	948	51
	2019	968	49
Park Island Transport	2017	462	18

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
Company Limited	2018	494	19
	2019	519	24
Peng Chau Kai To Limited	2017	17	<1
	2018	20	1
	2019	21	2
Chuen Kee Ferry Limited	2017	114	9
	2018	117	8
	2019	120	7
Tsui Wah Ferry Service (H.K.) Limited	2017	101	11
	2018	103	14
	2019	115	15
Other ferry operators (Note 4)	2017	775	98
	2018	806	96
	2019	834	96
GMB operators	2017	223 000	29 000
	2018	243 000	31 000
	2019	258 000	31 000

(ii) Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to public transport operators

Public transport operator	2017-18 Actual $'000		2018-19 Actual $'000		2019-20 Revised Estimate $'000	
	The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)	The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)	The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
MTR Corporation Limited	231,463	47,898	261,306	53,221	284,541	54,983
KMB	246,213	100,357	267,362	105,974	276,878	108,077
CTB	48,582	16,607	53,333	17,752	60,195	19,674
NWFB	35,067	12,908	37,715	13,675	43,109	15,083
LWB	7,235	3,254	8,347	3,655	9,059	3,960
NLB	4,820	1,467	5,774	1,762	6,369	2,028
New World First Ferry Services Limited	10,148	1,461	11,682	1,697	11,444	1,729
Fortune Ferry Company Limited	507	43	565	45	618	53
The "Star" Ferry Company, Limited (Note 3)	0	4	0	6	0	5
Coral Sea Ferry Service Company Limited	95	11	109	13	124	16
Hong Kong & Kowloon Ferry Limited	2,796	416	3,046	449	3,137	468
Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited	5,959	564	6,960	709	7,209	697
Park Island Transport Company Limited	1,326	119	1,425	129	1,463	154
Peng Chau Kai To Limited	44	2	55	3	55	6
Chuen Kee Ferry Limited	375	16	402	16	423	14
Tsui Wah Ferry Service (H.K.) Limited	271	30	290	42	331	41
Other ferry operators (Note 4)	2,964	385	3,215	382	3,465	404
GMB operators	273,968	36,081	309,079	39,213	348,505	42,737
Total	871,833	221,623	970,665	238,743	1,056,925	250,129

(3)
Currently, the KMB, CTB and NLB all provide franchised bus services to the boundary

control points at Lok Ma Chau, Shenzhen Bay Port or Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) (including route nos. B1, B2, B2P, B2X, B3, B3A, B3M, B3X, B4, B5 and B6 (Note 5)). The average daily passenger trips of the above services provided by the franchised bus companies under the Scheme in the past three years are as follows:

Franchised bus operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
KMB	2017	4 990	410
	2018	4590	350
	2019	4880	360
CTB	2017	2 470	140
	2018	4750	290
	2019	4660	310
NLB	2017	1 790	150
	2018	3960	310
	2019	4020	360

Regarding the aforementioned routes, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the relevant franchised bus companies under the Scheme is as follows:

Franchised bus operator	Financial year	The Elderly (Note 1) $'000	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2) $'000
KMB	2017-18	6,901	1,341
	2018-19	6,634	1,189
	2019-20 (up to end-December 2019)	5,171	922
CTB	2017-18	3,194	442
	2018-19	4,101	598
	2019-20 (up to end-December 2019)	3,943	605
NLB	2017-18	1,757	358
	2018-19	2,624	567
	2019-20 (up to end-December 2019)	2,449	570

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group.

(Note 3) The "Star" Ferry Company, Limited offers free ride for the elderly, so the information on passenger trips taken by the elderly under the Scheme and the reimbursement of revenue forgone in relation to elderly passengers is not available.

(Note 4) Other ferry operators include Winnertex Limited, Maris Ferry Service Limited and Islands Ferry Company Limited.

(Note 5) Information of the routes is as follows:
B1: Tin Tsz Estate–Lok Ma Chau Station
B2: Yuen Long Station–Shenzhen Bay Port
B2P: Tin Tsz Estate Bus Terminus–Shenzhen Bay Port
B2X: Tin Yiu Estate Bus Terminus–Shenzhen Bay Port
B3: Tuen Mun Pier Head–Shenzhen Bay Port
B3A: Shan King Estate–Shenzhen Bay Port
B3M: Shenzhen Bay Port–Tuen Mun Station Public Transport Interchange (Circular)
B3X: Tuen Mun Town Centre–Shenzhen Bay Port
B4 #：Hong Kong International Airport－HZMB Hong Kong Port
B5 #：Sunny Bay Station－HZMB Hong Kong Port
B6 #：Tung Chung Mun Tung Estate (Yu Tung Road)－HZMB Hong Kong Port

Route nos. B4, B5 and B6 were commissioned on 24 October 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0022)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities, it is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 under Programme (5), that the Department will follow up the implementation of the initiative to lower the eligible age of the Scheme from the current requirement of 65 to 60 and other recommendations of the comprehensive review of the Scheme. Accordingly, will the Administration inform this Committee on the following:

1. divided into two categories (i.e. elderly and eligible persons with disabilities), of the numbers of person benefited from the Scheme, the average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme and expenditure involved in each of the past five years;
2. broken down by age group (i.e. persons aged 60 to 64 and those aged 65 or above), of the expected numbers of person benefited from the Scheme, the average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme and expenditure involved in each of the next five years;
3. of the specific "other recommendations" to be followed up; and
4. as there have been opinions that beneficiaries who travel short distances by taking long-haul public transport (which fare is presumably higher) may lead to a mismatch of resources and waste of public money, whether the Government will further improve the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

(1) Currently, there are around 1.50 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), of whom around 1.33 million are elderly persons[(Note 1)], and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities [(Note 2)].

The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in each of the past five years are listed below:

Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
2015	893 000	129 000
2016	974 000	140 000
2017	1 065 000	150 000
2018	1 154 000	159 000
2019	1 256 000	168 000

The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme in each of the past five financial years is tabulated below:

	The Elderly	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
2015-16 Actual ($'000)	683,146	187,503
2016-17 Actual ($'000)	784,717	206,312
2017-18 Actual ($'000)	871,833	221,623
2018-19 Actual ($'000)	970,665	238,743
2019-20 Revised Estimate ($'000)	1,056,925	250,129

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of the Disability Allowance in the same age group.

(2) to (4)

The Government has engaged a consultant to assist in conducting a review of the Scheme, which is expected to be completed in mid-2020. Details of the implementation of the proposed improvement measures will be announced upon completion of the review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0894)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please list out the numbers of beneficiaries under the Scheme in the past three years (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019) with a breakdown by mode of public transport.

2. In 2020-21, the Transport Department will follow up the implementation of the initiative to lower the eligible age of the Scheme from the current requirement of 65 to 60 and other recommendations of the comprehensive review of the Scheme. What is the latest progress of the work, including taking forward recommendations such as extending the Scheme to cover red minibus, Kaito, residents' bus and short-haul cross-boundary bus services? Also, when will the review be completed?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

(1) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are tabulated below:

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme
Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited	2017	411 000
	2018	449 000
	2019	518 000

Public transport operator	Calendar year	Average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme
Franchised bus operators	2017	544 000
	2018	582 000
	2019	609 000
Ferry operators	2017	7 500
	2018	7 800
	2019	8 200
Green minibus operators	2017	252 000
	2018	274 000
	2019	289 000

(2) The Government has engaged a consultant to assist in conducting a review of the Scheme, which is expected to be completed in mid-2020. Details of the implementation of the proposed improvement measures will be announced upon completion of the review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3976)

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

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

(1) What was the amount involved in the reimbursement claims made by the staff of the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) to the Government for the expenses of purchasing masks from 29 February to 9 March 2020? What was the quantity of masks purchased by the staff who made these reimbursement claims?

(2) What were the quantity of masks procured directly by LWB and the amount involved from 29 February to 9 March 2020?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 256)

Reply:

With an upsurge in demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) around the globe, the Government is facing keen competition in its procurement. The Government considers it unsuitable at this stage to disclose further information about the stock levels, places of origin, suppliers, quantities procured and amounts paid, delivery schedules and consumption in respect of PPE in individual departments in the past few years and recent months so as not to undermine the bargaining power of the Government Logistics Department and other departments in procuring PPE.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3995)

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the estimates for emoluments of the Secretary, Under Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Press Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 276)

Reply:

In the 2020-21 financial year, apart from the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary, the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office (the Office) under Programme (1) in the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) includes 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Personal Assistant, 1 Senior Personal Secretary, 1 Personal Secretary I, 1 Chauffeur and 2 clerical grade staff for providing support to the Office.

The emolument provisions earmarked by the LWB for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary for the 2020-21 financial year are $4.18 million, $2.72 million and $1.04 million respectively. As for those supporting civil servants, the emolument provision earmarked for their posts is $6.11 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4001)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau will conduct meetings and exchanges with local women's groups, and participate in key international and regional fora on women matters. Will the Government inform this Committee:

(1) whether such meetings and exchanges were conducted in 2019-20; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that;

(2) of the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in conducting meetings and exchanges with local women's groups in 2020-21;

(3) of the list of names of local women's groups to be invited to such meetings and exchanges in 2020-21; and

(4) of the list of themes of such meetings and exchanges to be conducted in 2020-21?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 281)

Reply:

(1)&(2) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Women's Commission (WoC) meet with local women's groups and related non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from time to time to exchange views on issues of concern to women in a bid to foster mutual understanding and closer partnership. In 2019-20, the WoC conducted 4 meetings with local women's groups to discuss various topics on women's interests.

In addition, to further promote the importance of unleashing women's potential in the business community, the WoC organised a Lunch-time Talk for Gender Focal Point (GFP) Network among Listed Companies under the theme of "Promoting Gender Diversity in Business Setting" in July 2019. Some 70 GFPs or representatives from listed companies, business chambers and professional bodies attended the talk upon invitation. In 2020-21, the LWB and the WoC

will continue their work in this area. The resources required will be absorbed within the expenditure for the Programme of Women's Interests of the LWB.

(3)&(4) The LWB will commence formulating the plan for 2020-21 in consultation with the WoC.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4899)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Not Specified

Question:

Regarding the work in relation to the Code on Access to Information, will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1) Concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Labour and Welfare Bureau from October 2018 to present for which only some of the required information has been provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests for which only some of the required information has been provided; (ii) the reasons for providing some of the information only; (iii) whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application); (iv) whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)? If yes, please provide the details.

From October to December 2018

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2019

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2) Concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Labour and Welfare Bureau from October 2018 to present for which the required information has not been provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests refused; (ii) the reasons for refusal; (iii) whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application); (iv) whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)? If yes, please provide the details.

From October to December 2018

(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2019

(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information

		directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

3) Any person who believes that a department has failed to comply with any provision of the Code on Access to Information may ask the department to review the situation. Please advise this Committee in each of the past 5 years, (i) the number of review cases received; (ii) the number of cases, among the review cases received in the year, in which further information was disclosed after review; (iii) whether the decisions on review were made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level.

Year in which review cases were received	(i) Number of review cases received	(ii) Number of cases, among the review cases received in the year, in which further information was disclosed after review	(iii) Whether the decisions on review were made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level

4) With reference to the target response times set out in paragraphs 1.16.1 to 1.19.1 of Guidelines on Interpretation and Application of the Code on Access to Information, please advise this Committee on the following information by year in table form (with text descriptions).

(a) Within 10 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

Within 10 to 21 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

Within 21 to 51 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

(b) cases in which information could not be provided within 21 days from date of receipt of a request in the past 5 years:

Date	Subject of information requested	Specific reason

(c) cases in which information could not be provided within 51 days from date of receipt of a request in the past 5 years:

Date	Subject of information requested	Specific reason

5) Please state in table form the number of those, among the cases in which requests for information were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information, on which the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was consulted when they were being handled in the past 5 years. For cases on which advice had been sought, was it fully accepted in the end? For cases where the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was not accepted or was only partially accepted, what are the reasons?

6)

Date	Subject	Particular exemption provision in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information under which requests for information were refused	Whether the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was fully accepted	Reasons for refusing to accept or only partially accepting the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 469)

Reply:

The information required is as follows:

(1) & (2) From October 2018 to September 2019, among the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), none was refused (including 1 request for which LWB provided the requested information after receiving from the applicant a request asking for such information with all the personal data deleted).

(3) From 2015 to September 2019, LWB did not receive any request for review.

(4) From 2016 to September 2019, there were 10 occasions on which LWB was able to provide the requested information within 10 days from the date of receipt of a written request, and 2 occasions on which LWB could not provide the requested information as the request had to be referred to another department which possessed the requested information. There was also 1 occasion on which the requested information could be provided within 11 to 21 days.

As for the cases where the requested information was not provided within 21 days from the date of receipt of a request (5 occasions), and not provided as the request had to be referred to another department which possessed the requested information (1 occasion), the main reason was that the requested information was complex or the request involved legal issues and hence it took time to process. There was no case in which LWB could not provide the requested information within 51 days from the date of receipt of a request.

(5) & (6) From 2016 to September 2019, LWB did not consult the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data for any cases of refusal to request for information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5481)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the resources spent and the result of the work done by the Government on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in the past year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 942)

Reply:

It has been the Government's policy objective to help persons with disabilities develop their capabilities and to build a barrier-free environment, with a view to facilitating their full participation and enjoyment of equal opportunities in respect of their social life and personal growth. This is the spirit and core value enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the Convention) as well as the development direction of rehabilitation services in Hong Kong.

With this policy objective, bureaux, departments and organisations concerned have been providing a wide range of diversified services and support for persons with disabilities and allocating additional resources for the continuous enhancement of rehabilitation services having regard to service demand and changing circumstances.

Since the application of the Convention to Hong Kong in August 2008, the Government has continuously increased the overall recurrent expenditure on rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities from $16.6 billion in 2007-08 to $37.5 billion in 2019-20, which is estimated to continue to rise to $41.2 billion in 2020-21. In this connection, to promote to the public the spirit and core value enshrined in the Convention and the message of building a barrier-free and inclusive society, the Government has from 2009 onwards increased the annual allocation for relevant public education activities from $2 million to about $13.5 million, which will further increase to about $20 million from 2020-21 for enhancing the promotion of an inclusive culture.

The Government will keep in view the demand for rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities, and continuously assess the effectiveness of such services and support.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5770)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

(1) whether the Bureau has received and used the CSI masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD); if yes, the details; if not, the reasons for that; and

(2) if the CSI masks produced by CSD have been received and used, the respective figures on the CSI masks received and used in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 597)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) obtains masks produced by the Correctional Services Department from the Government Logistics Department and also procures masks from the market for distribution to its staff. LWB does not maintain information regarding the distribution of masks with different origins to staff members.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5780)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2015, the Chief Executive announced in his Policy Address that the appointment rate of women to government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) would be raised from 30% to 35%. The Labour and Welfare Bureau reminds bureaux and departments from time to time to consider appointments to ASBs under their purviews in accordance with the said principle and meet the latest 35% gender benchmark as far as possible. Justifications are required when the gender benchmark is not met.

Would the Government inform this Committee of the percentages of female members in government ASBs in the past 5 years? If the percentages were lower than 35%, what were the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 184)

Reply:

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

	Number of appointed non-official members (calculated on a post basis) (as at 31 December of the year)	
	Male (proportion)	Female (proportion)
2015	4 434 (68.9%)	1 999 (31.1%)
2016	4 374 (68.3%)	2 033 (31.7%)
2017	4 497 (67.6%)	2 156 (32.4%)
2018	4 632 (66.8%)	2 307 (33.2%)
2019	4 657 (66.2%)	2 373 (33.8%)

The Government makes appointments of non-official members to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) reminds bureaux and departments (B/Ds) from time to time that under the said principle, the 35% gender benchmark should be met as far as possible in considering appointments to the ASBs under

their purview. The LWB has approached B/Ds to understand why ASBs under their purview were unable to meet the gender benchmark. According to the responses of B/Ds, the main reasons for not meeting the benchmark included the ASBs concerned belonging to sectors (such as construction industry, etc.) in which more members or the more experienced practitioners were male. The Government will sustain its efforts with a view to gradually raising the female participation rate in ASBs as soon as practicable. The Government will also continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and invite associations and organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the centralised database administered by the Home Affairs Bureau.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5954)

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

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

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of holders of the Registration Card for People with Disabilities by types of disability in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 156)

Reply:

According to the records of the Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR), there were 78 330, 80 434, 84 697, 88 929 and 91 887 persons issued with the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end December 2019) respectively. A breakdown by types of disability is provided at the Annex.

Annex

Number of persons issued with the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities and their respective types of disability

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end December 2019)
Attention deficit/ Hyperactivity disorder	1 600	1 778	2 080	2 513	2 779
Autism	7 445	7 948	8 728	9 626	10 263
Hearing impairment	8 870	9 193	9 521	9 874	10 074
Intellectual disability	21 059	21 364	22 020	22 806	23 331
Physical disability	12 813	13 414	14 137	14 935	15 556
Mental illness	17 863	18 476	20 061	21 381	22 193
Specific learning difficulties	1 072	1 218	1 418	1 665	1 873
Speech impairment	5 581	5 809	6 129	6 538	6 846
Visceral disability/ Chronic illness	16 791	15 925	16 783	17 472	17 932
Visual impairment	4 327	4 428	4 604	4 773	4 977

Figures shown above are cumulative figures. Since a person with disability may have more than one type of disability, the total number of persons with disabilities issued with the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities by the CRR is less than the sum of the number of persons with disabilities with individual types of disability above.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5956)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please provide the following information regarding the Shine Skills Centres:

1. total expenses of each Shine Skills Centre and the average cost per service user in the past 5 years;
2. number of students enrolled in full-time programmes and part-time programmes of each Shine Skills Centre in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by gender, age, types of disability and types of programme;
3. number of graduates from each Shine Skills Centre who opted for open employment, day training services for adults under the Social Welfare Department, continuous learning and those who were unsuccessful in securing employment in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by gender, age, types of disability and types of programme; and
4. number of graduates from each Shine Skills Centre who have been employed for over 9 months after graduation in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by gender, age, types of disability and types of programme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 159)

Reply:

1. According to the information provided by the Vocational Training Council (VTC), the 3 Shine Skills Centres (SSCs) provided vocational training service for 4 878 persons with disabilities aged 15 or above in the past 5 years (as at 29 February 2020) (including part-time students). The amounts of government subvention for the 3 SSCs were as follows:

2015-16 ($ million)	2016-17 ($ million)	2017-18 ($ million)	2018-19 ($ million)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)
103.6	107.1	107.3	113.7	115.4

2. Information on the numbers of full-time and part-time students of the 3 SSCs in the past 5 years, with breakdowns by gender, age, special education needs/types of disability and types of programme, is set out in Annex I.

3. Information on the numbers of graduates from the 3 SSCs in the past 5 years, with breakdowns by employment situation, gender, age, special education needs/types of disability and types of programme, is set out in Annex II.

4. The SSCs do not keep statistics on graduates who have been employed for over 9 months after graduation.

Annex I

Numbers of full-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by gender)

Academic Year	Male	Female	Total
2015/16	413	235	648
2016/17	354	216	570
2017/18	363	193	556
2018/19	427	220	647
2019/20	416	200	616

Numbers of part-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by gender)

Academic Year	Male	Female	Total
2015/16	186	204	390
2016/17	144	235	379
2017/18	217	234	451
2018/19	233	272	505
2019/20 (as at 29 February 2020) (Note)	59	57	116

Note: Part-time programmes offered in the 2019/20 academic year will be completed by 31 August 2020.

Numbers of full-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by age)

Academic Year	Aged 15 - below 25	Aged 25 or above	Total
2015/16	624	24	648
2016/17	542	28	570
2017/18	516	40	556
2018/19	587	60	647
2019/20	567	49	616

Numbers of part-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by age)

Academic Year	Aged 15 - below 25	Aged 25 or above	Total
2015/16	34	356	390
2016/17	28	351	379
2017/18	83	368	451
2018/19	85	420	505
2019/20 (as at 29 February 2020) (Note)	25	91	116

Note: Part-time programmes offered in the 2019/20 academic year will be completed by 31 August 2020.

Numbers of full-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by special educational needs/types of disability)

Special Educational Needs/ Types of Disability	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Intellectual Disability	361	329	291	324	288
Autism	142	117	127	168	196
Mental Illness	38	20	25	39	29
Physical Disability	16	33	32	29	28
Hearing Impairment	13	12	20	22	16
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	14	13	14	18	14
Specific Learning Difficulties	16	12	14	17	15
Speech Impairment	32	18	14	12	19
Visceral Disability/Chronic Illness	13	13	14	11	8
Visual Impairment	3	3	5	7	3
Total	648	570	556	647	616

Numbers of part-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by special educational needs/types of disability)

Special Educational Needs/ Types of Disability	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 (as at 29 February 2020) (Note)
Intellectual Disability	178	126	220	233	70
Autism	8	18	45	36	6
Mental Illness	151	180	124	189	23
Physical Disability	45	36	30	35	14
Hearing Impairment	1	3	6	2	1
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	0	1	1	0	0
Specific Learning Difficulties	2	3	6	1	1
Speech Impairment	1	0	5	3	0
Visceral Disability/Chronic Illness	4	11	14	6	1
Visual impairment	0	1	0	0	0
Total	390	379	451	505	116

Note: Part-time programmes offered in the 2019/20 academic year will be completed by 31 August 2020.

Numbers of full-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by types of programme)

Types of Programme	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Office Practice	95	70	72	76	71
Commercial and Retailing Service	82	65	55	54	55
Programme Assistant/ Programme Assistant Practice	31	28	30	31	28
Computer and Network Practice	32	31	30	32	30
Design and Desktop Publishing	68	74	74	71	69
Packaging Service	88	77	65	87	80
Integrated Service	100	79	91	97	88
Basic Catering Service/ Catering Service	131	118	113	124	107
Health and Beauty Care Assistant / Health and Beauty Care / Health Care Practice	13	13	13	17	16
Sports and Recreation Service	-	*15	13	38	42
Fast Food Operation	-	-	-	*10	11
Retail Store Operation	-	-	-	*10	12
Dessert and Bakery	-	-	-	-	*7
Business and Computer Practice	8	-	-	-	-
Total	648	570	556	647	616

* New progammes offered in the academic year concerned

Numbers of part-time SSC students in the past 5 years (by types of programme)

Types of Programme	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 (as at 29 February 2020) (Note)
Business Stream	12	0	15	27	-
Information Technology Stream	27	15	60	68	13
Service Stream	351	364	376	410	103
Total	390	379	451	505	116

Note: Part-time programmes offered in the 2019/20 academic year will be completed by 31 August 2020.

Annex II

Numbers of SSC graduates in the past 5 years (by employment situation) (Note):

Employment Situation	Academic Year		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Open employment	160	114	123
Supported employment	10	11	8
Training at sheltered workshops	18	17	27
Continuous learning	47	30	28
Failing to secure employment[#]	22	16	6
Others*	58	48	55
Total	315	236	247

Note: Owing to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, the employment survey conducted by the SSCs on the graduates of the 2018/19 academic year will be postponed, while that on the graduates of the 2019/20 academic year will be conducted in January 2021.

[#] "Failing to secure employment" includes those who obtained a job offer and waiting to report for duty, or those seeking employment

* "Others" include those planning for continuous learning, not in employment or seeking employment due to health or personal reasons, losing contact or refusing to respond, etc.

Numbers of SSC graduates in the past 5 years (by gender)

Gender	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Male	198	158	154	141	Data not available at the moment as the academic year has not yet come to an end.
Female	117	78	93	85	
Total	315	236	247	226	

Numbers of SSC graduates SCCs in the past 5 years (by age group)

Age Group	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Aged 15 - below 25	275	199	213	198	Data not available at the moment as the academic year has not yet come to an end.
Aged 25 or above	40	37	34	28	
Total	315	236	247	226	

Numbers of SSC graduates in the past 5 years (by special education needs/types of disability)

Special Education Needs/Types of Disability	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Intellectual Disability	171	139	146	132	Data not available at the moment as the academic year has not yet come to an end.
Mental Illness	26	7	9	7	
Speech Impairment	13	9	8	2	
Autism	64	49	58	42	
Physical Disability	9	7	11	16	
Hearing Impairment	15	6	4	12	
Visual Impairment	3	0	0	4	
Visceral Disability/ Chronic Illness	4	5	5	6	
Specific Learning Difficulties	5	6	4	2	
Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder	5	8	2	3	
Total	315	236	247	226	

Numbers of SSC graduates in the past 5 years (by types of programme)

Types of Programme	Academic Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Office Practice	46	42	28	31	Data not available at the moment as the academic year has not yet come to an end.
Commercial and Retailing Service	38	29	29	19	
Programme Assistant / Programme Assistant Practice	11	17	9	14	
Business and Computer Practice	#8	-	-	-	
Computer and Network Practice	15	9	14	10	
Design and Desktop Publishing	36	28	28	28	
Packaging Service	34	26	40	20	
Integrated Service	47	38	36	30	
Basic Catering Service/ Catering Service	75	40	53	45	
Health and Beauty Care Assistant / Health and Beauty Care / Health Care Practice	5	1	5	6	
Sports and Recreation Service	-	*6	5	7	
Fast Food Operation	-	-	-	*8	
Retail Store Operation	-	-	-	*8	
Total	315	236	247	226	

Last cohort of graduates of the Programme.

* First cohort of graduates of the Programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5968)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information about the prevalence and types of malpractices of social workers as well as the penalties and number of de-registration over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 176)

Reply:

Pursuant to Section 7(1)(g) of the Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505) (the Ordinance), disciplinary offences committed by registered social workers (RSWs) are handled by the Social Workers Registration Board (the Board) in accordance with the Ordinance. The following information and statistics on disciplinary offences committed by RSWs are provided by the Board.

Between January 2015 and end-February 2020, a total of 9 complaints against disciplinary offences committed by RSWs were determined by the Board as substantiated. Details of the disciplinary orders issued by the Board pursuant to Section 30(1) of the Ordinance in connection with the above cases are as follows:

Disciplinary order issued by the Board pursuant to Section 30(1) of the Ordinance	Number of cases	Case nature (Number of cases)
(a) To remove the name of the RSW from the Register permanently	1	Personal conduct (1)
(b) To remove the name of the RSW from the Register for such period (no more than 5 years) as the Board thinks fit:		
- For less than 1 year	-	-
- For 1 year to less than 2 years	-	-
- For 2 years to less than 3 years	1	Honesty and integrity (1)
- For 3 years to less than 4 years	-	-
- For 4 to 5 years	-	-
(c) To reprimand the RSW in writing and order the Registrar to record the reprimand on the Register	1	Others (1)
(d) To order the Chairperson of the Board to admonish the RSW orally	5	Service quality (3); Administration and management (1); and Personal conduct (1)
Disciplinary orders stated under (c) or (d) were issued to more than 1 RSW who had committed a disciplinary offence in the same case	1	Service quality (1)
Total	**9**	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5969)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

(a) How will policies and services related to women be reviewed? What models of other countries will serve as reference? Will pressure groups and human rights organisations be consulted?

(b) What are the specific details?

(c) What were the expenditures incurred in the past 5 years? What is the estimated expenditure for the next financial year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 177)

Reply:

(a)&(b) The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has been implementing the relevant provisions of the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in relation to the HKSAR. On the recommendation of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Women's Commission (WoC) was set up in January 2001 to advise the Government on the policies and measures which are of concern to women and formulate long-term strategies for women's development in Hong Kong. The WoC has adopted a three-pronged strategy, namely the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. The WoC also conducts studies and surveys from time to time to further understand women's needs and situations, and provides reference for formulation of policies on women's development. The WoC is chaired by a non-official and comprises 20 other non-official members of different backgrounds. The WoC maintains close liaison with local and overseas women's groups as well as related non-governmental organisations, and collaborates with different sectors of the community to advance women's status and enhance gender awareness of the public.

One of the major tasks of the WoC is to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, the Government's policies and services and give advice from gender perspectives as appropriate. The Government accepted the recommendation of the WoC that, starting from April 2015, all government bureaux and departments are required to refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist issued by the WoC and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major policies and initiatives. Gender mainstreaming is a global strategy advocated by the UN for the promotion of women's advancement and gender equality. It makes women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all legislation, public policies and programmes. Through such gender sensitive decision-making processes, gender mainstreaming seeks to ensure that women and men have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities, with the aim of achieving women's advancement and gender equality.

The Government also accepted the recommendations of the WoC that starting from April 2015, the Government has raised the ratio benchmark for appointing women to advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) by 5 percentage points from 30% to 35% so as to enhance women's participation in the work of government ASBs. With a higher level of women's participation in government ASBs, women's views should be more fully reflected in government policies and measures.

(c) The expenditures of the Labour and Welfare Bureau under the programme of "Women's Interests" in the past 5 years are set out below:

2016 - 17 Actual Expenditure ($m)	2017 - 18 Actual Expenditure ($m)	2018 - 19 Actual Expenditure ($m)	2019 - 20 Revised Estimate ($m)	2020- 21 Draft Estimate ($m)
30.0	31.6	31.0	34.9	38.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5970)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding employment support for persons with disabilities, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the number of persons with disabilities employed by the Government in the past 10 years;
2. the effectiveness of the Talent-Wise Employment Charter launched by the Government to encourage enterprises to employ persons with disabilities, and the actual number of job vacancies created for them;
3. how the Government puts into practice the policy of rendering employment support for persons with disabilities in its procurement exercises; and
4. the number of persons with disabilities employed by government-subvented organisations in the past 10 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 178)

Reply:

1. The Government does not require applicants for government jobs and serving officers to declare their disabilities, if any. The situation of persons with disabilities employed in the civil service is known to the Civil Service Bureau on the basis of information available to bureaux/departments (e.g. through requests of applicants during the recruitment process for special arrangements for selection interview/test having regard to their disabilities, or applications from serving officers with disabilities for financial assistance to purchase technical aids to assist in their performance of duties). According to the relevant information collected from channels concerned, the number of civil servants with known disabilities (excluding those with colour blindness or defective colour perception) employed by various bureaux/departments during the period from 2009-10 to 2018-19 is set out in the table below.

Year	Number of civil servants with known

	disabilities
2009-10	3 316
2010-11	3 317
2011-12	3 391
2012-13	3 401
2013-14	3 415
2014-15	3 319
2015-16	3 230
2016-17	3 087
2017-18	2 942
2018-19	2 881

2. The Talent-Wise Employment Charter and Inclusive Organisations Recognition Scheme is a publicity and public education programme aiming to encourage the business sector, public bodies, subvented organisations and non-governmental organisations as well as government departments to adopt various measures to promote internship and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities through awards. These measures include not only directly employing persons with disabilities by employer organisations, but also using products or services provided by rehabilitation social enterprises, and setting aside shops or stalls for social enterprises or self-employed persons with disabilities to run business or sell their products. As at December 2019, 250 public and government-subvented organisations and 383 private organisations participated in the scheme. Given the nature of the scheme, the Labour and Welfare Bureau does not require the participating organisations to provide information on the number of persons with disabilities employed by them.

3. The Government's procurement system allows sufficient flexibility for the procuring departments to make corresponding procurement arrangements to fulfil the procurement policy objectives and at the same time cater for or dovetail with the policy objectives of other bureaux/departments. For instance, the procuring departments may consider adopting a marking system when evaluating tenders and allocating extra marks to the tenderers who undertake to employ persons with disabilities so as to give these tenderers a better chance to succeed in their bids.

4. The Government does not maintain the requested figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5971)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has earlier commissioned the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee to study the feasibility of adopting the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health in Hong Kong. What is the progress of the study?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 179)

Reply:

The Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) is formulating a new Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP), which recommends, among others, applying the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) framework in the following 3 areas on a trial basis:

(a) the Social Welfare Department should explore applying the ICF framework in devising a structure comprising rehabilitation objectives, intervention, assessment and evaluation at the 2 proposed new rehabilitation service centres for persons with severe disabilities living at home for facilitating data and experience sharing among rehabilitation organisations;

(b) the Rehabus service should explore the feasibility of applying the ICF framework in determining service usage priority, taking into account environmental factors (such as the number of changes of transport mode) and personal factors (such as travelling needs during peak hours); and

(c) the Census and Statistics Department should adopt the classification of disabilities under the ICF framework in the 2019-20 Survey on Persons with Disabilities and Chronic Diseases.

The RAC recommends that depending on the outcome of the trial application of the ICF framework in the above areas, the Government should explore whether other areas would be ready for such application.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5973)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the consultation on the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Plan Programme (RPP) conducted earlier, the Government did not produce an easy-to-read version for the relevant documents. Has the Government considered providing an easy-to-read version for the RPP to be announced in future as well as other subsequent public consultation documents so as to facilitate access to the information by different communities and fulfil its responsibility of providing accessible information under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 181)

Reply:

It is the Government's established policy objective to create a barrier-free environment and promote barrier-free communication, thereby facilitating full integration of persons with disabilities, the elderly, etc. into the community. The Labour and Welfare Bureau will, in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC), encourage and help policy bureaux and departments publish easy-to-read versions for their consultation documents, information papers, etc. as appropriate, having regard to actual needs and circumstances. The RAC is formulating a new Hong Kong Rehabilitation Plan Programme (RPP), in which one of the strategic recommendations is to prepare a guide on production of easy-to-read version. The RAC has also set up a working group to co-ordinate the related work, including the production of an easy-to-read version for the summary of the new RPP in accordance with the guide.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5974)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

(a) Will provision be reserved in the coming financial year to sponsor grassroots women's participation in important international conferences?

(b) If so, what will be the amount of provision and the criteria for selecting participants?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 182)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has not reserved any provision for sponsoring grassroots women's participation in international conferences.

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LWB(WW)313

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5975)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the progress on the review of the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 and the timetable for subsequent work.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 183)

Reply:

Through the Technical Committee on Design Manual (Technical Committee), the Buildings Department (BD) collects and listens to the views of the building industry, rehabilitation sector and relevant stakeholders in respect of the practical experience in the use of the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 (Design Manual), advancement in building designs, technologies and construction methods, as well as the latest relevant overseas regulatory control and standards.

In the light of the Technical Committee's advice, the BD promulgated a total of over 50 amendments to the Design Manual in September 2015, April 2017 and June 2019 respectively. The BD will continue to listen to the views of stakeholders through the Technical Committee for the continuous improvement of the Design Manual.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6823)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the monthly salaries, allowances and other expenses of the Secretary in the past 5 years, the monthly pension he will receive on retirement and the total expenditure on his pension.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1311)

Reply:

The monthly salary expenses for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in the past 5 years are set out below:

Period	Monthly Salary Expense
April 2015 to June 2017	$298,115
July 2017 to June 2018	$333,900
July 2018 to June 2019	$340,250
Since July 2019	$348,100

The Labour and Welfare Bureau has not incurred any expenditure on job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare. Besides, according to the remuneration package for politically-appointed officials serving in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and all other politically-appointed officials do not receive any pension benefits apart from the Mandatory Provident Fund contributions from the Government.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3338)

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

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

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The Commission on Children (CoC) has established 4 working groups. In this connection, please advise the total number of meetings held by the 4 working groups and the corresponding allocation of manpower for the Secretariat.
2. It was originally planned that a public engagement exercise would be launched in the fourth quarter of 2019 "for children and relevant stakeholders to express their views and needs to the Commission direct". What is the estimated expenditure for this plan?
3. The CoC has explored its own future direction, including the feasibility of developing into a statutory body. In this connection, has any study been conducted on the matter? If yes, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

1. The Commission on Children (CoC) has set up 3 working groups, namely the Working Group on Research and Public Engagement, the Working Group on Promotion of Children's Rights and Development, Education and Publicity, and the Working Group on Children with Specific Needs. A total of 10 meetings have been held so far. The establishment of the CoC Secretariat includes 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) post and 10 non-directorate posts. The proposed creation of the AOSGC post is subject to approval by the Legislative Council. The remaining working group will be set up as soon as practicable upon approval of the creation of the directorate post and the full establishment of the dedicated Secretariat.

2. A stakeholders engagement session was organised by the CoC at the end of November 2019, where representatives from social welfare non-governmental organisations, the education and medical sectors as well as children's rights groups were invited to attend. The CoC will continue to conduct public engagement activities in 2020-21 with an estimated expenditure of about $0.8 million.

3. The CoC, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, is a high-level committee with wide participation of senior officials from various policy bureaux and departments as well as representatives from different sectors of the community. Apart from focusing on addressing children's issues as they grow, the CoC monitors the progress of bureaux/departments in taking forward various children-related policy initiatives and their effectiveness. The Government considers that the need to give statutory status to the CoC should be contemplated after it has been in operation for some time, taking into account its operating experience and the actual circumstance.

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LWB(WW)316

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3435)

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

Subhead (No. & title): (864) Shine Skills centres (block vote)

Programme: (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the following information of each Shine Skills Centre (SSC) in the past 5 academic years:
   a. the numbers of applicants, training places, trainees admitted and the total number of trainees;
   b. the numbers of trainees with different types of disabilities; and
   c. the number of users of the assessment service.

2. The Government has indicated its intention to resume the present site of the SSC(Kwun Tong) (KT) in the fourth quarter of 2021 and temporarily relocate the SSC(KT) to the school premises at 1D Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong (the temporary school premises). Upon completion of the reprovisioned school premises on the Kwun Tong site (the new school premises), the SSC(KT) will be relocated back to Kwun Tong. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:
   a. the anticipated commencement date of the new school premises;
   b. whether the Government has consulted the trainers, other staff members, trainees and parents concerned on the design of the new centre; if yes, the results of the consultation exercise; if no, the reason(s);
   c. whether the Government will provide (or subsidise the provision of) supporting services such as school bus and lunch services for the SSC(KT) during its relocation to the temporary school premises; if yes, the details (including the estimated number of school bus routes and frequency of bus service); if no, the reason(s);
   d. Please provide the following information of the conversion works of the temporary school premises:
      i. the name of the contractor;
      ii. the commencement date;
      iii. the anticipated completion date; and
      iv. the sum of the works contract; and

e. The Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW) has indicated that the "enhanced service model" would be adopted for the SSC(KT) in future. In this connection, please provide the following information:
   i. the details of the "enhanced service model", including the new services to be provided and the services to be cancelled;
   ii. whether the Government has any plan to increase the subvention and staff establishment of the SSC(KT) in view of the "enhanced service model". If yes, please provide the estimated amount of additional subvention and the estimated number of additional posts and their respective ranks; if no, please provide the reason(s);
   iii. whether the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) can confirm that the redeveloped SSC(KT) will continue to be operated by the Vocational Training Council;
   iv. whether the LWB can confirm that after the transition to the "enhanced service model", the subvention mode for the SSC(KT) will remain unchanged and will not be changed to the "lump sum grant" model; and
   v. whether the Government has any plan to extend the "enhanced service model" to other SSCs; if yes, please provide the details and state whether there is any plan to consult the staff members, trainees and parents concerned before implementation.

3. As revealed by a number of media reports, the SLW indicated to the media on 19 December 2018 that the SSC(KT) was expected to operate at the temporary school premises until 2025. However, according to the minutes of meeting of the Community Building and Social Services Committee of the Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) on 28 February 2019, the Assistant Commissioner for Rehabilitation of the LWB indicated to the KCDC that the SSC(KT) was expected to operate at the temporary school premises until the 2026/27 academic year, i.e. at least 1 year later than the original date anticipated by the SLW. Please advise this Committee of the reason(s) for the deferral and the latest anticipated date of operation.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 186)

Reply:

1. According to the information provided by the Vocational Training Council (VTC), the 3 Shine Skills Centres (SSCs) offered a total of 660 full-time training places and 400 part-time training places for persons with disabilities in each of the past 5 years. In general, most of the applicants assessed as eligible were admitted, and the number of enrolment accounted for about 85% of the number of admission. The number of full-time trainees (by special education needs/types of disability) of the 3 SSCs and the number of users of the comprehensive vocational assessment and specific vocational assessment services provided by the Shine Vocational Assessment Service in the past 5 academic years are set out at Annex.

2&3. To tie in with the Kwun Tong "Government, Institution or Community" composite development project, the Government has reached a consensus with the VTC to temporarily relocate the SSC(Kwun Tong (KT)) to the renovated vacant school premises at 1D Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong for operation up to the 2026/27 academic year. Upon the expected completion of the reprovisioned school premises

under the Kwun Tong composite development project in 2026, the SSC(KT) will be relocated back to Kwun Tong and continue to be operated by the VTC.

Minor conversion works for the vacant school premises at Oxford Road undertaken by Cheung Hing Construction Co. Ltd, a contractor of the Architectural Services Department, started in June 2019 at a cost of about $29 million. The VTC is also preparing for the related renovation works. These conversion/renovation works are expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2021. During its temporary relocation to the reprovisioned school premises at Oxford Road, the SSC(KT) will provide shuttle bus service operating between the relevant MTR station and the reprovisioned school premises for trainees in need, with details such as the route and frequency to be worked out. Preliminarily, arrangements will be made for trainees to stay at the SSC(KT) for lunch.

The VTC will implement by phases an enhanced integrated vocational and skills training programme at the 3 SSCs. The programme combines the strengths of the technical skills training offered by the SSCs and the post-training employment support provided for students through the Integrated Vocational Training Centres subvented by the Social Welfare Department, to equip students with disabilities with skills commensurate with their abilities, train them to adapt to the work environment, keep up their work motivation and sustain their continuous employment in the open market. The enhanced training model consists of 3 core elements: (i) enhancement of training courses and services, which includes introducing more courses recognised under the Qualifications Framework, enhancing classroom management skills, increasing the number of lessons in educational modules on whole-person development/life planning, providing more internship opportunities for students, and upgrading the simulated work environment in training workshops; (ii) strengthening of post-graduation extended support by providing post-graduation support services for graduates through cross-disciplinary collaboration, including the provision of post-training employment support through job coaches for graduates who have secured open employment and their employers/peer workers, support for individual graduates on a need basis, provision of counselling services by social workers for graduates who have not yet entered the job market and their families, arranging job matching and interviews/internships for graduates seeking employment, and helping graduates interested in further studies ascertain their interested areas of study/needs and referring them to pursue the suitable programme; and (iii) provision of "up-skilling" or "re-skilling" courses for graduates with a view to raising their competitiveness in seeking employment in the open market or enhancing their opportunities to change jobs in response to changes in the market situation and work types.

For the implementation of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training programme, the Government will provide an additional funding of about $8 million to the VTC under the established subvention mode. The VTC will deploy its financial and manpower resources as appropriate taking account of teaching and operational needs. In 2020-21, the VTC has plans to hire 7 additional teaching staff, 1 registered social worker and related part-time job coaches.

The Government has been liaising closely with the VTC on the implementation of the enhanced integrated vocational and skills training programme, the reprovisioning arrangements for the SSC(KT) and future relocation back to the new school premises in Kwun Tong. The VTC will continue to maintain timely communication with trainers, staff members, trainees and parents concerned as well as local stakeholders on these matters.

Number of full-time trainees of Shine Skills Centres in the past 5 years (by special education needs/types of disability)

Special education needs/types of disability	2015/16 academic year	2016/17 academic year	2017/18 academic year	2018/19 academic year	2019/20 academic year (as at 29 February 2020)
Intellectual disability	361	329	291	324	288
Autism	142	117	127	168	196
Mental illness	38	20	25	39	29
Physical disability	16	33	32	29	28
Hearing impairment	13	12	20	22	16
Attention deficit/ Hyperactivity disorder	14	13	14	18	14
Specific learning difficulties	16	12	14	17	15
Speech impairment	32	18	14	12	19
Visceral disability/ Chronic illness	13	13	14	11	8
Visual impairment	3	3	5	7	3
Total	**648**	**570**	**556**	**647**	**616**

Number of users of the comprehensive vocational assessment and specific vocational assessment services in the past 5 years

Assessment service	2015/16 academic year	2016/17 academic year	2017/18 academic year	2018/19 academic year	2019/20 academic year (as at 29 February 2020)
Comprehensive vocational assessment	194	185	184	174	59
Specific vocational assessment	974	995	1 137	1 171	233

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LWB(WW)317

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3631)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

a) How many cases of underage pregnancy were recorded in the past 5 years (2015-2019)? Regarding these cases, what were the respective numbers of termination of pregnancy cases and child delivery cases? What were the average age and the youngest age of the underage girls? Please provide a breakdown in the table below.

Year	Termination of pregnancy cases involving underage girls			Child delivery cases involving underage girls			Total
	No. of cases	Average age		Youngest age	No. of cases	Average age	Youngest age
2019							
2018							
2017							
2016							
2015							

b) Regarding the above cases of underage pregnancy, what were the number of girls who discontinued schooling due to pregnancy and the number of girls who resumed schooling subsequently?

c) Which government departments are responsible for following up on cases of underage pregnancy? What are the related policies and plans specifically? What were the numbers of follow-up cases in the past 5 years (2015-2019) and what were the outcomes?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 244)

Reply:

Service units under and subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), including Integrated Family Service Centres, Medical Social Services Units, Family and Child Protective Services Units and Clinical Psychology Units, provide a series of supporting services for underage pregnant girls in need. These services include arrangements on their care, schooling, medical and psychological treatments, the need for statutory supervision, as well as follow-up of family counselling and other supporting services. The SWD does not maintain the statistics requested.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5019)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list in table form the activities organised by the Women's Commission and the expenditures incurred in the past 5 years.

2. In respect of the work for incorporating women's needs and perspectives, enhancing the community's understanding of gender-related issues and promoting the gender mainstreaming concept as indicated under the programme, please list in table form the services provided by the Bureau and the expenditures incurred in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 872)

Reply:

(1) The Women's Commission (WoC) held and attended several hundreds of meetings and activities in the past 5 years. The major activities and meetings held by the WoC are set out at the WoC's website. Other than its internal meetings, the WoC widely invites relevant women organisations, non-governmental organisations and social services organisations to participate in its activities. The Government does not keep a breakdown of the expenditures incurred for the activities organised by the WoC.

(2) The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with the WoC in promoting women's interests and well-being through the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. One of the major tasks of the WoC is to keep under review, in the light of women's needs, the Government's policies and services and give advice from gender perspectives as appropriate. The Government has accepted the recommendation of the WoC to, starting from April 2015, require all government bureaux and departments to refer to the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist issued by the WoC and apply gender mainstreaming when formulating major policies and initiatives. Gender mainstreaming is a global strategy advocated by the United Nations for the promotion of women's advancement and gender equality. It makes women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral part in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all

legislation, public policies and programmes. Through such gender sensitive decision-making processes, gender mainstreaming seeks to ensure that women and men have equitable access to, and benefit from, society's resources and opportunities, with the aim of achieving women's advancement and gender equality.

To promote the concept of gender mainstreaming in the community, the WoC has established a Gender Focal Point (GFP) network in various sectors. The GFPs serve as the resource persons to help raise staff awareness and understanding of gender related issues in their respective organisations. They also serve as the liaison points in implementing gender mainstreaming. At present, over 300 organisations have set up GFPs.

The Government has also accepted the recommendation of the WoC to raise the ratio benchmark for appointing women to advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) by 5 percentage points from 30% to 35% in April 2015 so as to enhance women's participation in the work of government ASBs. With a higher level of women's participation in government ASBs, women's views should be more fully reflected in government policies and measures.

The expenditures of the LWB under the programme of "Women's Interests" in the past 5 years are set out below:

2016-17 Actual Expenditure ($m)	2017-18 Actual Expenditure ($m)	2018-19 Actual Expenditure ($m)	2019-20 Revised Estimate ($m)	2020-21 Draft Estimate ($m)
30.0	31.6	31.0	34.9	38.0

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LWB(WW)319

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5076)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please reply in tabular form: (1) the numbers of applications for the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), as well as the approved funding, institutions, project activities, target participants and numbers of participants, broken down by the 6 core dimensions, in the past 5 years; (2) the criteria for approval of applications, and whether a review of the effectiveness of the CIIF will be conducted; and (3) the estimates for 2020-21 in respect of the Language Fund.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 1114)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) As at mid-March 2020, the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) had received a total of 468 applications in the past 5 years. The names of organisations, project titles, grants approved, project durations, target groups, numbers of direct participants and numbers of volunteers, as well as other details of the approved projects are available at the website below: https://www.ciif.gov.hk/en/social-capital-development-projects/approved-project-list.html.

(2) The assessment criteria mainly cover 4 areas with 12 criteria as follows:

A. Expertise on Building Social Capital

1. Clear objectives with potential for social capital development;
2. Accurate assessment that can meet community needs;

B. Project Effectiveness

3. Effective and innovative intervention model and networking strategies;
4. Strategic programme plan that can effectively achieve the project objectives;

5. Specific and measurable performance indicators with effective tools and methods of evaluation;
6. Support from collaborators with effective synergy effects;
7. Sustainability and contribution to social capital development;
8. Reasonable and cost-effective budget;

C. Institutional Capability

9. Track record, effective leadership and strategic advantages of applicant institution/organisation;
10. Financial management capability and stability of the institution;

D. Others

11. Ability to identify and address risks/difficulties; and
12. Ways of promoting social capital.

The CIIF conducted a 3-year evaluation from 2016 to 2019 on its impact on social capital, and the results showed that the CIIF had been effective in building social capital, with prominent effect on building social networks and enhancing resilience. The Government will continue to collect relevant data and stakeholders' views in examining the CIIF's effectiveness.

(3) The estimate of the CIIF for 2020-21 is about $66.9 million.

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LWB(WW)320

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5112)

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the expenditure on engaging dedicated personnel to manage and maintain the Secretary's personal social media platforms, including Facebook fan page, Instagram and website?

a. What were the number of staff responsible for maintaining the Secretary's social media platforms and the expenditure on each of the staff members (in terms of annual salary) in the past 3 years?

b. Were outside companies engaged to assist in maintaining the social media platforms in the past 3 years? If yes, what were the expenditure and companies involved?

c. What were the number of advertisements posted on social media and the annual expenditure on such advertisements in the past year?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 1152)

Reply:

Dedicated personnel were not engaged to manage and maintain the Secretary for Labour and Welfare's personal social media platforms.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3476)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the follow-up on the implementation of the Elderly Services Programme Plan, will the Government advise on:

- the service units, manpower and resources involved; and
- the latest work progress and timetable?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The Elderly Services Programme Plan (ESPP) has put forward 4 strategic directions and 20 short-term and medium to long-term recommendations on the future development of elderly services. Follow-up actions will be taken by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Social Welfare Department and other relevant policy bureaux and departments according to their policy purview. The LWB is also responsible for the overall co-ordination, and monitors the progress of the follow-up of the ESPP. As the follow-up actions are carried out in such ways as strengthening and enhancing existing elderly services or on-going tasks of bureaux and departments, the manpower involved cannot be separately calculated.

As to the timetable, the follow-up of the short-term recommendations has commenced/completed in or before 2019, while that of the medium to long-term recommendations will generally commence within 3 to 5 years following the release.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3510)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of a new "Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan", will the Government provide information on:

- the units, manpower, number of service recipients and resources involved; and
- the work schedule?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 125)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP) sets out the strategic directions and measures to address various service needs of persons with disabilities, covering residential and community support services, employment support services, provision of barrier-free facilities and transport, healthcare, education, sports, arts, etc. The RPP was last reviewed and updated in 2007. To keep the rehabilitation services abreast with the times, the Government has asked the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) to formulate a new RPP. The RAC has completed the public engagement exercise and is expected to submit the final report on the new RPP to the Government in the first half of 2020.

The services provided for persons with disabilities involve the remits of different government bureaux and departments. Apart from the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department, the Food and Health Bureau, the Education Bureau, the Hospital Authority, the Labour Department, the Transport Department, the Buildings Department, the Architectural Services Department, etc. are also involved. Given the large number of bureaux and departments involved in the implementation of the new RPP, details on all the units, manpower and resources involved are not available.

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LWB(WW)323

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3733)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Bureau please provide the balance, government injection amount, investment or other income and total expenditure of the following funds in 2018-19? If there are other funds within the purview of the Bureau not being listed below, please also provide information as per the items above.

1. Elder Academy Development Foundation
2. Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped
3. Emergency Relief Fund
4. Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Fund
5. Hong Kong Paralympians Fund
6. Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
7. Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Fund
8. Social Work Training Fund
9. Child Development Fund
10. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund
11. Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged
12. Social Welfare Development Fund
13. Continuing Education Fund

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The information on funds which are administered by the Labour and Welfare Bureau or government departments under its purview and have received government injection is provided as follows -

A. Funds outside the Accounts of the Government

1. Elder Academy Development Foundation

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	0
Investment or other income	3
Total expenditure	12
Balance	34

2. Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	0
Investment or other income	3
Total expenditure	11
Balance	216

3. Emergency Relief Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	36
Investment or other income	2
Total expenditure	22
Balance	103

4. Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	61
Investment or other income	379
Total expenditure	314
Balance	1,658

5. Hong Kong Paralympians Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	0
Investment or other income	11
Total expenditure	9
Balance	238

6. Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	50
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	9
Balance	55

7. Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	0
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	5
Balance	18

8. Social Work Training Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	0
Investment or other income	1
Total expenditure	1
Balance	19

9. Arts Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities (New)

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Government injection	250
Investment or other income	1
Total expenditure	0
Balance	251

B. Funds under the Accounts of the Government

10. Child Development Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Commitment increased	300
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	62
Balance of approved commitment	555

11. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Commitment increased	0
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	56
Balance of approved commitment	99

12. Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Commitment increased	400
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	68
Balance of approved commitment	687

13. Social Welfare Development Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Commitment increased	0
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	150
Balance of approved commitment	180

14. Continuing Education Fund

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Commitment increased	10,000
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	142
Balance of approved commitment	11,691

15. Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (New)

	Amount ($m)
	2018-19
Commitment increased	1,000
Investment or other income	0
Total expenditure	0
Balance of approved commitment	1,000

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LWB(WW)324

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6058)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

a. Please set out the quantity, value and stock of surgical masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSI masks) that the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) obtained from the Government Logistics Department (GLD) each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of CSI masks obtained	Value of CSI masks obtained	Stock of CSI masks

b. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of surgical masks that LWB obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of surgical masks obtained from GLD (value)	No. of surgical masks procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

c. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of N95 masks that LWB obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of N95 masks obtained from GLD (value)	No. of N95 masks procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

d. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of gowns that LWB obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of gowns obtained from	No. of gowns procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

	GLD (value)			

e. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of protective coverall suits that LWB obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of protective coverall suits obtained from GLD (value)	No. of protective coverall suits procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

f. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of face shields that LWB obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of face shields procured	Value of face shields procured	Stock of face shields	Consumption

g. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of goggles that LWB obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of goggles procured	Value of goggles procured	Stock of goggles	Consumption

h. Did LWB supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations in the past 3 years? If yes, please provide the relevant information, including the quantity, consumption and stock, in the following table:

Month/Year	Name of organisations	Manner of provision (e.g. sold or supplied for free)	Surgical masks	N95 masks	Face shields	Goggles	Gowns	Protective coverall suits

i. If LWB is to supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations, what are the departments and the ranks of the officers responsible for making such decisions? Please provide the ranks of the officers involved in each decision, the date they made the decision and other relevant information.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 147)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) obtains masks produced by the Correctional Services Department from the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and also procures masks from the market for distribution to its staff. LWB does not maintain information regarding the distribution of masks with different origins to staff members.

With an upsurge in demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) around the globe, the Government is facing keen competition in its procurement. The Government considers it unsuitable at this stage to disclose further information about the stock levels, places of origin, suppliers, quantities procured and amounts paid, delivery schedules and consumption in respect of PPE in individual departments in the past few years and recent months so as not to undermine the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in procuring PPE.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6601)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

a. Will the Government provide details of its work on the promotion of guide dog services and details of expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years, and the estimate for the 2020-21 financial year?
b. Please set out the names of the organisations that have applied to the Bureau for funding to provide or promote guide dog services, the projects and amounts of subventions applied for, the application results and the amounts of subventions granted in each of the past 5 years.
c. There has been an acute shortfall of guide dog services in Hong Kong. Will the Government consider setting aside a fund to provide regular assistance for non-profit-making organisations which offer guide dog services and make government sites available to them as places for guide dog training? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

At present, guide dog services provided by non-profit-making organisations in Hong Kong are mainly operated on a self-financing basis. In 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, two such organisations applied for funding from the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) to organise promotional activities on guide dog services and their applications met with the LWB's approval. The amounts of funding provided in the above 4 financial years were $31,900, $345,480, $180,000 and $154,060 respectively. The relevant information is tabulated as follows:

Financial year	Name of organsiation	Name of activity	Contents	Amount of funding granted (Amount of funding applied for)
2015-16	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services	Never Walk Alone	(a) Talk (b) Experiential activity	$31,900 ($32,700)
2016-17	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services	Project "Walk with you"	(a) Experiential workshop (b) Interactive art performance	$245,480 ($406,000)
	Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association	Inclusion@ U+Me+Dog	(a) Micro-film production	$100,000 ($120,000)
2017-18	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services	Never Walk Alone	(a) Micro-film production (b) Talk	$180,000 ($180,000)
2018-19	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services	I know it! It's a Seeing Eye Dog	(a) Short video production on guide dogs (b) Talk	$154,060 ($478,800)
2019-20	No funding applications for organising promotional activities on guide dog services			

Besides, the LWB produced an announcement in the public interest on guide dog services at the cost of $464,300 in 2016-17 to give the public a better understanding of how guide dogs could help in the daily life of the visually impaired.

In 2020-21, the Government will continue to offer appropriate support to organisations providing guide dog services to promote their services, having regard to the actual circumstances and needs. The Government will also continue to, through various channels, remind operators and front-line staff of restaurants and public transport services to allow visually impaired persons to bring their guide dogs into restaurants or on board public transport. Signs of "Guide Dogs are Welcome" are displayed at the entrances of all public housing blocks as well.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3614)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the operation of the Commission on Children (CoC), please advise this Committee on the following:

1. the Labour and Welfare Bureau's staff establishment, actual expenditure and estimate for providing support for the CoC in 2019-20 and 2020-21;
2. a breakdown of the work plan, expenditure and estimate for the next financial year;
3. the projects subsidised by the Funding Scheme for Children's Well-being and Development and the amount of subsidy involved for each project in 2019-20; and
4. whether the Government will upgrade the CoC to an independent and statutory body; if so, the plan and the timetable; if not, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (LegCo internal reference no.: 131)

Reply:

1&2. The establishment of the Commission on Children (CoC) Secretariat includes 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) post and 10 non-directorate posts. The proposed creation of the AOSGC post is subject to approval by the Legislative Council.

In 2019-20, the revised estimate for the CoC was $12 million. The estimate for 2020-21 is about $30 million, of which $10 million will be used for carrying out research projects; $7 million for implementing the Funding Scheme for Children's Well-being and Development (the Funding Scheme); $2 million for conducting publicity and education as well as public engagement activities; the remaining $11 million for staff and administrative costs of the CoC Secretariat.

3. In 2019-20, there were a total of 42 funded projects under the Funding Scheme with approved funding of around $9 million. Details of the projects can be found on the CoC's webpage (https://www.coc.gov.hk/en/projects.html).

4. The CoC, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, is a high-level committee with wide participation of senior officials from various policy bureaux and departments as well as representatives from different sectors of the community. Apart from focusing on addressing children's issues as they grow, the CoC monitors the progress of bureaux/departments in taking forward various children-related policy initiatives and their effectiveness. The Government considers that the need to give statutory status to the CoC should be contemplated after it has been in operation for some time, taking into account its operating experience and the actual circumstance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3778)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Has the Government considered the setting up of a one-stop crisis support centre in public hospitals to provide a privacy space for sexual violence victims and abused children for forensic examinations, medical treatment and statement taking? If yes, what are the details, timetable and estimated expenditure? If no, why?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

To provide support for sexual violence victims, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched in 2007 a "one-stop" service model for handling sexual violence cases. Designated social workers will provide 24-hour outreach service for the victims, and will coordinate and arrange continuous supporting and follow-up services for them according to their preferences and needs. The aim is to provide victims with the necessary services in a convenient, safe, private and supportive environment with a view to minimising the need for victims to repeat accounts of their unpleasant experience.

The Hospital Authority (HA) has arranged one designated room and one back-up room in each of the 18 public hospitals providing Accident and Emergency (A&E) services over the territory, to enable sexual violence victims attending the A&E department of these hospitals to receive "one-stop" services (such as emotional counselling, medical treatment, forensic examinations and statement taking) in hospital areas according to their needs.

As for the handling of suspected child abuse cases, in order to safeguard the best interests of children and protect those children suspected or found to be abused, the SWD has drawn up the Protecting Children from Maltreatment - Procedural Guide for Multi-disciplinary Co-operation (the Procedural Guide) in collaboration with other relevant departments (including the HA, Education Bureau, Department of Health and Hong Kong Police Force), non-governmental organisations and professionals. According to the Procedural Guide, Medical Co-ordinators on Child Abuse (MCCA) are designated by the paediatric departments of HA hospitals for handling child abuse cases. If a healthcare worker

identifies a suspected child abuse case, he/she will consult the MCCA or arrange admission of the victim to hospital for medical treatment as appropriate, and will refer the case to SWD's Family and Child Protective Services Unit or the Police's Child Abuse Investigation Unit for follow-up. The entire procedure is based on the principle of safeguarding the best interests of children.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3767)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020–21 under Programme (2), that the Bureau will oversee the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities. In this connection, please inform this Committee the following:

1. please tabulate, by districts, types of service provided and floor area, the list of purchases made last year;
2. please tabulate, by districts, types of service provided and floor area, the list of potential purchases to be made this year;
3. please list out the purchase prices of each premises, and funding to be earmarked for purchasing premises this year.
4. what is the criteria on determining appropriate purchase prices? Is there a minmum or a maximum price level? [Note to RMU: Suggest removing "the" from the original English question wording from Hon Abraham Shek, as indicated in revision mode.]

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres, day care centres for the elderly, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. The Government briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with a list of premises proposed to be purchased, which details the distribution by type of welfare facilities, district and floor area requirements, for Members' information. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Government Property Agency (GPA) will start purchasing the premises as soon as possible.

The SWD and the GPA will be responsible for preparing and following up on arrangements for the purchase of premises. A Steering Committee and sub-committees, comprising representatives from relevant departments, will be set up to conduct pre-purchase study on areas such as exploring the supply of the property market and formulating purchase strategies. Consultation will be made with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Independent Commission Against Corruption in respect of the purchase arrangements and procedures, so as to ensure the proper use of public funds.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6169)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Although aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) are services under the subvention of the Social Welfare Department, they are not covered by the Lump Sum Grant and are using the recognised services expenditures system. Members of the sector have reflected that many essential operating expenses are not included, such as the salary costs of service supervisory staff (e.g. service coordinators), assistant management staff (e.g. deputy principals and supervisors) and supporting staff (e.g. clerks); medical allowance for staff, administrative expenses, banking charges and insurance premiums. The operators have to bear the above expenditures on their own, which have become a heavy and long-term financial burden. It is recommended in the Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services that "a more efficient and cost-effective financing model should be developed". Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What specific measures does the Government have in place in response to the recommendation of the above Consultancy Study and are such measures sufficient for solving the difficulties confronting the sector?
2. Will the Government include aided standalone CCCs into the coverage of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System? If not, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

Children are best nurtured in the family. It is the primary responsibility of parents to take care of their young children and it is in their children's best interests to do so. Parents can choose whether to receive child care services in accordance with their family situation. In view of the aforesaid, the Government has been providing partial subsidies only for standalone CCCs.

CCC service is fee-charging. About 20% of the operating costs of aided centres comes from government subsidy, while the rest mainly relies on the service fees paid by parents.

In the 2019/20 school year, the Government increased the level of subsidy for CCC service to alleviate the financial burden of parents in paying service fees. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will, as far as possible, streamline the financial arrangements and procedures on the existing subvention mode to enhance the efficiency and flexibility of operators in resource deployment. Starting from 2020-21, the SWD will further improve the service quality of aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens) by strengthening their supervisory support.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6304)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Not Specified

Question:

The Government will oversee the implementation of the community support programme for residents of new public rental housing estates through the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF). Regarding the CIIF's implementation of the community support programme for residents of new housing estates, will the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the details of organisations funded and housing estates supported under the programme from 2018 to 2020; and

2. the numbers and details of temporary offices successfully rented by the funded organisations and projects in the housing estates concerned from 2018 to 2020?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 183)

Reply:

The Government has always been concerned about the needs of residents of the newly completed public rental housing estates (PRHs). To ensure the availability of adequate and appropriate services to assist the residents of new PRHs to establish support networks at the resident-intake of new PRHs, we have regularised the community support programme for new PRHs through the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) with effect from April 2019 to help the new residents and families integrate into the community as soon as possible.

1. As at mid-March 2020, there are a total of 51 CIIF-funded community support projects for new PRHs running in 2018 and/ or after. Organisations funded and housing estates supported under the projects are as follows:

	Project Name	Organisation and service unit (if any)	New/ Redeveloped Public Rental Housing Estates
1	"Home Sweet Home" Care & Support in the Community	Po Leung Kuk – Wan Lam May Yin Shirley Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City
2	"Life Gets Started" Caring Community Project	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited – HKSKH Kowloon City Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre - Jockey Club Youth Express	Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City
3	"New Estate with New Relationship" Cheung Lung Wai Community Neighborhoods Network Project	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited – Hong Kong Evangelical Church Yan Lam Community Service Centre	Cheung Lung Wai Estate, Sheung Shui
4	Building Community's Power in Ngau Tau Kok	Caritas Hong Kong – Ngau Tau Kok Community Centre	Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Kwai Wah House
5	T·C·R	Kwun Tong Resident Association	Lei Yue Mun Estate, Kwun Tong
6	Make A Difference: Building a Sustainable Cross-sectoral Carers' Support Network (Phase 2)	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres Limited – Jockey Club Tai Wo Centre	Po Heung Estate, Tai Po
7	Better SHA Teen Café (Care For Emotional health)	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Jockey Club Shatin Integrated Services Centre	Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin
8	At Home With Love	South Kwai Chung Social Service – Lai King Community Service Unit	Wing Cheong Estate, Sham Shui Po
9	A New Page in Life: To Develop a Sustainable Mutual Help Network for New Arrival Women and Single Mothers	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres Limited – Jockey Club Lai Kok Centre	Cheung Sha Wan Estate and Wing Cheong Estate, Sham Shui Po
10	"Blessing Hung Fuk Estate" Family Support & Community Partnership Project	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Long Love Integrated Family Services Centre	Hung Fuk Estate, Yuen Long

	Project Name	Organisation and service unit (if any)	New/ Redeveloped Public Rental Housing Estates
11	Good Neighbors Network at Lei Yue Mun Estate	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club – Dr. Ellen LI Learning Centre	Lei Yue Mun Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Lei Wong House
12	Neighbour of Well-being (New) So Uk 330	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association – The Wellness Centre (Sham Shui Po)	So Uk Estate (Phase 1), Sham Shui Po
13	新社區家庭互助計劃 (Chinese only)	Brotherly Love Swatow Baptist Church – Tung Tau Chapel	Mei Tung Estate, Wong Tai Sin
14	"On Tat Neighbour Networking" Project	Pentecosal Church of Hong Kong – Sau Mau Ping Good Neighbour Family Center	On Tat Estate, Kwun Tong
15	So Uk Estate Social Capital Development Project	The Salvation Army – Community Project	So Uk Estate (Phase 1), Sham Shui Po
16	Healthy Community in Anderson	Haven of Hope Christian Service – Haven of Hope Sheung Tak Community Health Development Centre	On Tat Estate, Kwun Tong
17	Shui Chuen O – Networks Build Community	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Wilson T.S.Wang District Elderly Community Centre	Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin
18	"On-Tat Buddy & Beyond" Community Networking Project	Po Leung Kuk – Po Leung Kuk Lau Chan Siu Po District Elderly Community Centre	On Tat Estate, Kwun Tong
19	"Active Aging" Community Empowerment Project	The Jade Club Management Limited	Ming Wah Dai Ha, Eastern
20	Love Sharing @ Tung Chung	The Salvation Army – Tung Chung Family Support Centre	Ying Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung)
21	On Tai Buddies	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Stephen Yow Mok Shing Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	On Tai Estate, Kwun Tong
22	Together We Build Sharing and Caring Community Project	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Company Limited –	Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City

	Project Name	Organisation and service unit (if any)	New/ Redeveloped Public Rental Housing Estates
		Kowloon City Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre	
23	「Seek The Wing」 Project	Po Leung Kuk – Wan Lam May Yin Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City
24	SELF Life Choice Project	CCC Tam Lee Lai Fun Memorial Secondary School	Yan Tin Estate, Tuen Mun
25	Community Health Academy for Elderly	The Hong Kong Medical Association	Kwai Tsui Estate, Kwai Tsing
26	Ageing with Energy & Health in Community	Kwun Tong Resident Association	Sau Mau Ping Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Sau Yun House
27	Shek Mun OCAMP	Stewards – Youth Online - Stewards Integrated Service Centre for Young People	Shek Mun Estate (Phase 2), Shatin
28	"Long-lasting Relationship in Cheung Lung Wai Estate" – Cheung Lung Wai Community Neighbourhoods Strengthening and Widening Network Project	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited – Hong Kong Evangelical Church Yan Lam Community Service Centre	Cheung Lung Wai Estate, Sheung Shui
29	We Build Ying Tung	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Company Limited – Tung Chung Integrated Services	Ying Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung)
30	MUN TUNG Networking Project	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre	Mun Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung)
31	Social Capital.330@So Uk Elderly Project	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association – The Wellness Centre (Sham Shui Po)	So Uk Estate (Phase 2), Sham Shui Po
32	'Love Plus Life @ Tung Chung' Neighbourhood Caring Project	Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City Foundation Limited	Ying Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung)
33	So Uk Estate Social Capital Development	The Salvation Army – Community Project	So Uk Estate (Phase 2), Sham Shui Po

	Project Name	Organisation and service unit (if any)	New/ Redeveloped Public Rental Housing Estates
	Project (Phase II)		
34	Yau Lai Community Networking Project	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club – Dr. Ellen Li Learning Centre	Yau Lai Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Shun Lai House
35	HF Children Friendly Network	Community Development Enhancement Fund Limited – Community & Education Unit	Hung Fuk Estate, Yuen Long
36	Project Play and Build	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong – Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan C&Y Integrated Services Centre	Lai Tsui Court, Sham Shui Po
37	KID@SCO - Shui Chuen O Social Capital Building Project	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Wilson T.S.Wang District Elderly Community Centre	Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin
38	Sau Mau Ping "Enjoy Being Young" Community Enrichment Project	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Fong Shiu Yee Neighborhood Elderly Centre	Sau Mau Ping Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Sau Yun House
39	Living in Concord — Po Shek Wu Estate Community Supporting Project	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service – Community Development Division	Po Shek Wu Estate, North
40	Building an age-friendly community at Hoi Ying Estate	Pok Oi Hospital – Mr. Kwok Hing Kwan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	Hoi Ying Estate, Sham Shui Po
41	"Love Family Love Community"	Caritas Hong Kong - Integrated Family Service Centre – Tung Tau (Wong Tai Sin South West)	Tung Wui Estate, Wong Tai Sin
42	Love Around Fai Ming	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service – Jockey Club Yung Shing Lutheran Integrated Service Centre	Fai Ming Estate, North
43	Chun Yeung 12345 – Neighbourhood mutual help project	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association –	Chun Yeung Estate, Shatin

	Project Name	Organisation and service unit (if any)	New/ Redeveloped Public Rental Housing Estates
		Shatin Integrated Social Service Centre	
44	Project on Developing Community Network	Hong Kong PHAB Association – Jockey Club Shatin Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth	Chun Yeung Estate, Shatin
45	ABCD Shui Chuen O Family Network	The Chinese University of Hong Kong – The Nethersole School of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine	Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin
46	Joyful Family Connection	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service – Kingsford Terrace Centre	Fu Shan Estate, Wong Tai Sin New block: Fu Fai House
47	We Care, We Share – Social Capital Building Project	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Yu Mak Yuen Integrated Services Centre	Hoi Tat Estate, Sham Shui Po
48	Flying over Self-Reliance & Mutual Help – Estate House Team Leader for On Tai Project	Christian Action – Christian Action Lo Kwee Seong On Tai Service Center	On Tai Estate, Kwun Tong
49	Yan Tin Joyful Partnership Project	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Tuen Mun/Yuen Long Rural Village Centre	Yan Tin Estate, Tuen Mun
50	"Healthy and Sustainable Life in Shek Kip Mei" Community Support and Networking Project	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre & Shamshuipo Family Support Networking Team	Shek Kip Mei Estate (Phase 3, 6 and 7), Sham Shui Po
51	"Healthy and Happy Family in Pak Tin" Community Support and Networking Project	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre & Shamshuipo Family Support Networking Team	Pak Tin Estate (Phase 7, 8 and 11), Sham Shui Po

2. As at mid-March 2020, a total of 6 CIIF-funded community support projects for new PRHs running in 2018 and/ or after, are involved in the rental of suitable non-domestic premises not yet in use as temporary offices in the housing estates concerned. The relevant figures and details of rental units are as follows:

Mutual Aid Committee offices let by the Housing Department (HD) as temporary offices:

	Project Name	**Organisation and service unit (if any)**	**New/ Redeveloped Public Rental Housing Estates**
1	Shui Chuen O – Networks Build Community	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Wilson T.S.Wang District Elderly Community Centre	Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin
2	KID@SCO - Shui Chuen O Social Capital Building Project	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Wilson T.S.Wang District Elderly Community Centre	Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin
3	"Healthy and Sustainable Life in Shek Kip Mei" Community Support and Networking Project	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre & Shamshuipo Family Support Networking Team	Shek Kip Mei Estate (Phase 3, 6 and 7), Sham Shui Po
4	Project Play and Build	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong – Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan C&Y Integrated Services Centre	Lai Tsui Court, Sham Shui Po
5	Living in Concord – Po Shek Wu Estate Community Supporting Project	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service – Community Development Division	Po Shek Wu Estate, North
6	Chun Yeung 12345- Neighbourhood mutual help project	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association – Shatin Integrated Social Service Centre	Chun Yeung Estate, Shatin **(Note: The HD has agreed to let the unit but the signing of the lease is currently suspended.)**

The CIIF Secretariat co-ordinates with government departments such as the HD and the Social Welfare Department when necessary to help the project teams working on

community support projects for new PRHs in identifying suitable workplaces as far as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6352)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given that the community support programme for new public rental housing estates (PRHs) has been regularised through the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF), will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the estimated expenditure for implementing the whole programme;
2. the ceiling of the funding for application under the community support programme in each new PRH; and
3. the names of the CIIF-funded projects with new PRHs as major service areas in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 246)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Government has regularised the community support programme for new public rental housing estates (PRHs) through the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) with effect from April 2019 to help the new residents and families integrate into the community as soon as possible. Under the new initiative, the number of the community support programmes for new PRHs will be subject to district needs and the number of new PRH households. There is no pre-set level of maximum funding for each project.

3. In the past 3 years, a total of 51 projects with new PRHs as major service areas were funded under the CIIF. The names of these projects are as follows:

Names of CIIF-funded projects with new PRHs as major service areas in the past three years	
1	“Home Sweet Home” Care & Support in the Community
2	“Life Gets Started” Caring Community Project
3	“New Estate with New Relationship” Cheung Lung Wai Community Neighborhoods Network Project
4	Building Community’s Power in Ngau Tau Kok
5	T·C·R
6	Make A Difference: Building a Sustainable Cross-sectoral Carers’ Support Network (Phase 2)
7	Better SHA Teen Café (Care For Emotional Health)
8	At Home With Love
9	A New Page in Life: To Develop a Sustainable Mutual Help Network for New Arrival Women and Single Mothers
10	“Blessing Hung Fuk Estate” Family Support & Community Partnership Project
11	Good Neighbors Network at Lei Yue Mun Estate
12	Neighbour of Well-being (New) So Uk 330
13	新社區家庭互助計劃 (Chinese only)
14	“On Tat Neighbour Networking” Project
15	So Uk Estate Social Capital Development Project
16	Healthy Community in Anderson
17	Shui Chuen O – Networks Build Community
18	“On-Tat Buddy & Beyond” Community Networking Project
19	“Active Aging” Community Empowerment Project
20	Love Sharing @ Tung Chung
21	On Tai Buddies
22	Together We Build Sharing and Caring Community Project
23	「Seek The Wing 」Project
24	SELF Life Choice Project
25	Community Health Academy for Elderly
26	Ageing with Energy & Health in Community
27	Shek Mun OCAMP
28	“Long-lasting Relationship in Cheung Lung Wai Estate” – Cheung Lung Wai Community Neighbourhoods Strengthening and Widening Network Project
29	We Build Ying Tung
30	MUN TUNG Networking Project
31	Social Capital.330@So Uk Elderly Project
32	‘Love Plus Life @ Tung Chung’ Neighbourhood Caring Project
33	So Uk Estate Social Capital Development Project (Phase II)
34	Yau Lai Community Networking Project
35	HF Children Friendly Network
36	Project Play and Build
37	KID@SCO - Shui Chuen O Social Capital Building Project
38	Sau Mau Ping “Enjoy Being Young” Community Enrichment Project
39	Living in Concord－Po Shek Wu Estate Community Supporting Project
40	Building an age-friendly community at Hoi Ying Estate
41	“Love Family Love Community”

42	Love Around Fai Ming
43	Chun Yeung 12345– Neighbourhood mutual help project
44	Project on Developing Community Network
45	ABCD Shui Chuen O Family Network
46	Joyful Family Connection
47	We Care, We Share – Social Capital Building Project
48	Flying over Self-Reliance & Mutual Help – Estate House Team Leader for On Tai Project
49	Yan Tin Joyful Partnership Project
50	"Healthy and Sustainable Life in Shek Kip Mei" Community Support and Networking Project
51	"Healthy and Happy Family in Pak Tin" Community Support and Networking Project

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6369)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities" (the Scheme), please advise this Committee on the following:

1. What were the respective numbers of the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities benefitting from the Scheme in each of the past 3 years? What were the expenditures involved?
2. The Government said that it would conduct a review on the Scheme in 2018-19 and the consultancy review was expected to be completed by end 2019. What are the results of the review?
3. The Government announced earlier that the eligible age for the Scheme would be lowered from 65 to 60. Did the Government assess the public expenditure involved in the short, medium and long terms? What are the assessment results?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 294)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) There are currently about 1.5 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), of which approximately 1.33 million are elderly persons (Note 1) and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities (Note 2).

The average numbers of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

Calendar Year	Average number of daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme	
	Elderly Persons	Eligible Persons with Disabilities
2017	1 065 000	150 000
2018	1 154 000	159 000
2019	1 256 000	168 000

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

In 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme was $1.09 billion and $1.21 billion respectively. The revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 was $1.31 billion. The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 will increase to about $1.67 billion.

(2) & (3)
The Government is reviewing the Scheme with assistance of a consultant and the review is expected to be completed by middle of this year. Arrangements for implementing the improvement measures will then be announced.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4056)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The provision for 2020-21 is $0.2 million higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20, and is $0.8 million higher than the actual expenditure for 2018-19.

1. Regarding the reason for the continuous increase in provision, was it because of the need to increase staff number or staff salary?

2. If it was because of the need to increase staff salary, which post had the largest pay hike? What were the reasons for the salary increase?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The higher provision for the estimated expenditure under Programme (1) of the Labour and Welfare Bureau is due to increase in staff salary and not staff number. The scale of staff pay rise is determined according to the established mechanism.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4057)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Provision for 2020-21 is $61.6 million higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20, which is used for departmental expenses and other charges, as well as cash flow requirement for non-recurrent items. Please provide the following information:

1. What are the non-recurrent items involved and the estimated amount of cash flow reserved?
2. It is mentioned that the provision for other charges has been increased. What are the other charges and the amounts involved?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

1. The non-recurrent items, including the Child Development Fund and the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, involve an estimated expenditure of $87.36 million and $66.9 million in 2020-21 respectively.

2. Other Charges, including the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients, the Public education on rehabilitation and the Financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others, involve an estimated expenditure of $244.3 million in 2020-21.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4058)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The estimated provision for 2020-21 is $3.1 million higher than the estimate for 2019-20, an increase of about $0.26 million per month as compared to 2019-20. Please advise the items for which the increased provision will be used and the details of funding allocation.
2. One of the key focus areas mentioned for 2020-21 is to promote the gender mainstreaming concept through the networks of Gender Focal Points among government bureaux/departments, District Councils (DC), non-governmental organisations in the social welfare sector and listed companies. Under the circumstances that District Officers have become extremely unco-operative with District Council members after the DC re-election, how will the Labour and Welfare Bureau monitor and assist the Women's Commission in taking forward the work on women's interests at the DC level?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

1. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting women's interests and well-being through the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. The LWB's estimate on women's interests for 2020-21 is $38 million, which will be used for supporting the work of the WoC. The estimated expenditures by subhead are set out as follows:

Subheads	**Provision in 2020-21 ($'000)**
Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme	9,700
Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development	4,000

Subheads	Provision in 2020-21 ($'000)
Carrying out public education and publicity activities	800
Enhancing liaison and exchanges with women's groups in Hong Kong and other regions	400
Salaries, allowances and other personnel related expenses	18,300
Others	4,800
Total	**38,000**

The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is $3.1 million (8.9%) higher than the revised estimate of $34.9 million for 2019-20 for strengthening the support for the work of the WoC, including commissioning a consultant to conduct a survey and a study on the employment situation of women.

2. The WoC has all along attached importance to building partnerships with District Councils (DCs). It will continue to enhance the communication and cooperation with the new DCs in order to help raise the awareness and understanding of DC Members on gender-related issues.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3786)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary announced an allocation of $20 billion for the purchase of 60 properties for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities, including day child care centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, etc., which are expected to benefit about 86 000 people. Please advise the addresses and details of the aforementioned properties that have already been purchased, the total amount spent on purchasing the 60 properties and whether the amount falls within budget.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)337

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3787)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following: Regarding the year of residence of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, please list out in table form the number of recipients who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years with a breakdown by year of residence and the CSSA expenditure involved over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

The number of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years and the estimated CSSA expenditure involved from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Year of residence in HK	Year		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Less than 1 year	365	335	306
1 to less than 2 years	1 743	1 322	1 265
2 to less than 3 years	2 026	2 463	2 020
3 to less than 4 years	2 332	2 336	2 783
4 to less than 5 years	2 853	2 464	2 417
5 to less than 6 years	3 219	2 944	2 611
6 to less than 7 years	3 510	3 181	3 000
Total	**16 048**	**15 045**	**14 402**

Table 2: Estimated CSSA expenditure involving recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (CSSA is payable on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation)

Year	**Expenditure [Note] ($ million)**
2017-18	885
2018-19	899
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	673

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates and that for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, and (2) a one-off grant of $2,000 to each needy student; whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of $2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3788)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There are currently 5 Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) providing temporary accommodation service for victims of domestic violence. However, the target group of refuge service is mainly women, neglecting the fact that men might also become victims of domestic violence upon extension of the scope of the Domestic Violence Ordinance to include same-sex cohabitants years earlier. It is known that mixed-sex accommodation facilities with publicly known addresses would be arranged for male victims of the sexual minorities, and even transgender persons, where the protection for victims is inadequate. In this connection, please set out in table form: the respective numbers of cases received by SWD in which male same-sex cohabitants, female same-sex cohabitants and transgender persons who were victims of domestic violence were provided with refuge services over the past 3 years. How does SWD handle and follow up on cases of domestic violence involving assistance seekers from the above groups? Does SWD have any plan to strengthen support for male same-sex cohabitants, female same-sex cohabitants and transgender persons who are victims of domestic violence, including increasing the number of refuge centres, social workers or frontline support staff?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

Victims of domestic violence, including male same-sex cohabitants, female same-sex cohabitants and transgender persons who are in need of refuge services can be admitted to the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) subvented by SWD, while female same-sex cohabitants may also choose to be admitted to the 5 Refuge Centres for Women subvented by SWD. The addresses of the centres mentioned above are kept confidential.

As people receiving refuge services do not need to disclose their sexual orientation, SWD does not have statistics on the number of male same-sex cohabitants and female same-sex cohabitants who were admitted to MCISC and Refuge Centres for Women. No transgender persons were admitted to Refuge Centres for Women in the past 3 years. The number of transgender persons who were admitted to MCISC in the past 3 years is set out as follows:

Year	2017	2018	2019
Number of persons	2	2	3

The Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD are designated for handling child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering cases (including cases involving sexual minorities). Upon receipt of a case, the social worker will take up the role of case manager. After assessing the circumstances and needs of the case, the social worker will provide and co-ordinate the services and support needed, including provision of counselling for victims to address their stress and emotional problems, with a view to reducing the trauma brought by the violence, and help them work out future plans. Counselling service will also be provided to help perpetrators change their abusive attitude and behaviour.

The Government has allocated additional resources in 2018-19 to increase the manpower of FCPSUs for enhancing child protection and family support services, including outreach service, counselling and group activities. Besides, to step up support for victims of domestic violence, SWD has provided additional manpower resources for Refuge Centres for Women, MCISC and Family Crisis Support Centre since October 2019 and January 2020, involving a total of 10 social workers and 10 ward attendants to strengthen the support for persons in need at night. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations can flexibly deploy their manpower resources to meet service needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3789)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

(1) What were the staffing establishment and expenditure the Government made available for measures to combat domestic violence in the past 2 years?

(2) What are the estimated staffing establishment and expenditure the Government made available for measures to combat domestic violence in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc.

The total expenditure for these services from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8
2020-21 (Estimate)	4,424.9

SWD does not have information on the staffing establishment and breakdown expenditure for measures to combat domestic violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3790)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the number of times and sessions the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided training for frontline staff and social workers on knowledge of sexual minorities in the past 3 years, listing the relevant dates, time, hours of instruction, topics, the staff and speakers involved, the number of people participating in the training and the content taught.

At present, in case people of different sexual orientations and alternate gender identity request assistance from SWD, are there any guidelines for frontline staff and social workers to follow? If the sexual minorities feel that they are discriminated against while receiving SWD's service, which government departments can they lodge their complaints with?

In the past 3 years, how many complaint cases did SWD receive from people of different sexual orientations and alternate gender identity? Among them, what were the complaints about?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

Information on training for frontline staff and social workers on sexual minorities from 2017-18 to 2019-20 provided by SWD is set out in the Annex.

Although SWD has not formulated any specific guidelines for frontline staff and social workers on handling requests for assistance from people of different sexual orientations and alternate gender identity, SWD has been providing frontline social workers with training courses on different themes and from multiple perspectives (including courses relating to people of different sexual orientations and alternate gender identity). The aim is to enhance their understanding of relevant issues and to provide targeted services according to service users' individual needs.

Any person (including sexual minorities) who feels that he/she is discriminated against while receiving SWD's service may make his/her views or complaints known to SWD through various channels. These include contacting District Social Welfare Offices, dropping the information into the opinion boxes of service units under SWD, calling SWD's hotline at 2343 2255, or emailing to swdenq@swd.gov.hk.

SWD does not have information on the number of complaints involving people of different sexual orientations and alternate gender identity and on their relevant content.

Annex

9 Training Courses on Topics relating to Sexual Minorities from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

Course name	Date and time (hours of instruction)	Instructor	Description	Number of attendance [Note]
Training Course on Working with Youth over Sexual Orientation Issues	26 May 2017 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (7 hours of instruction)	Clinical psychologist	(1) Basic concepts and definitions on sexual identity (2) Issues relating to same-sex attraction (3) Understanding the developmental needs and difficulties faced by same-sex attracted young people (4) Principles in assisting same-sex attracted young people and their parents	48
Basic Training on Working with Transsexual and Transgender Persons Facing Life Challenges and Violence	20 September 2017 2:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (3 hours of instruction)	Psychiatrist	(1) Overview of transsexual and transgender persons and their situations in Hong Kong (2) Life challenges, mental health issues and violence faced by transsexual and transgender persons (3) Sensitivity, skills and practice wisdom in working with transsexual and transgender persons	64
Training Course on Working with Trans People	5 to 9 January 2018 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (15 hours of instruction)	Clinical psychologist	(1) Understanding the concept of gender, gender expression and gender identity (2) Diversified manifestations of the trans population (3) Developmental trajectories to the formation of trans identity (4) Societal prejudice and discrimination faced by trans people (5) Common psychosocial stressors of trans people (6) Experience sharing of working with trans people and local services (7) Counselling for parents having children with gender non-conforming manifestations (8) Affirmative counselling for trans people (9) Practical measures to ensure better quality of life of trans people	30
Training Course on Working with Youth over Sexual Orientation Issues	14 May 2018 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (7 hours of instruction)	Clinical psychologist	(1) Basic concepts about sexual orientation (2) Understanding the developmental needs and difficulties faced by same sex attracted young people (3) Therapeutic framework for supporting young people to explore their sexual orientation and to cope with the stresses associated with their sexual orientation (4) Therapeutic framework for counselling parents of such young people	80
Basic Training on Working with Transsexual and Transgender Persons Facing Life Challenges and Violence	30 November 2018 2:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (3 hours of instruction)	Psychiatrist	(1) Overview of transsexual and transgender persons and their situations in Hong Kong (2) Life challenges, mental health issues and violence faced by transsexual and transgender persons (3) Sensitivity and basic skills in working with transsexual and transgender persons	34

Course name	Date and time (hours of instruction)	Instructor	Description	Number of attendance [Note]
Training Course on Working with Trans People	14 and 21 December 2018 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (15 hours of instruction)	Clinical psychologist	(1) Understanding the concept of gender, gender expression and gender identity (2) Diversified manifestations of the trans population (3) Developmental trajectories to the formation of trans identity (4) Societal prejudice and discrimination faced by trans people (5) Common psychosocial stressors of trans people (6) Experience sharing of working with trans people and local services (7) Counselling for parents having children with gender non-conforming manifestations (8) Affirmative counselling for trans people (9) Practical measures to ensure better quality of life of trans people	32
Training Course on Working with Youth over Sexual Orientation Issues	15 May 2019 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (7 hours of instruction)	Clinical psychologist	(1) Basic concepts about sexual orientation (2) Understanding the developmental needs and difficulties faced by same sex attracted young people (3) Therapeutic framework for supporting young people to explore their sexual orientation and to cope with the stresses associated with their sexual orientation (4) Therapeutic framework for counselling parents of such young people	76
Sharing Session on Working with Ethnic Minorities and Sexual Minorities having Drug Abuse Behaviour	4 November 2019 2:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. ($3\frac{1}{4}$ hours of instruction)	Social Worker	(1) Understanding the characteristics and culture of ethnic minorities and sexual minorities (2) Intervention skills and strategies in helping ethnic minorities and sexual minorities having drug abuse behaviour (3) Relevant available supportive services and community resources for assisting ethnic minorities and sexual minorities having drug abuse behaviour	42
Sharing Session on "How Well Do We Understand about Transgender Persons Facing Life Challenges and Violence"	21 November 2019 2:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (3 hours of instruction)	Psychiatrist	(1) Introducing gender identity disorder (2) Overview of trans persons and their situation in Hong Kong (3) Life challenges, mental health issues and violence faced by trans persons (4) Sensitivity, practice wisdom and basic skills in working with trans persons	41

[Note] More than 1 training course may be attended by the same participant.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3791)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the respective numbers of places, applicants and persons waitlisted for various services for the elderly, the waiting time, and the revised estimate in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)

Reply:

The number of places for various subsidised residential care services (RCS) and community care services (CCS) for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 1.

The average waiting time, the number of persons waitlisted and the number of new applicants for places for various subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 2 to 4.

The expenditure for subsidised RCS and community care and support services for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 5.

Annex 1

Numbers of places for subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly

Service Type	No. of places		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Home for the aged (H/A) places [Note 1]	67	67	67
Care-and-attention (C&A) places [Note 2]	23 460	23 521	24 450
Nursing home (NH) places [Note 3]	3 962	4 016	4 088
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	3 202	3 240	3 383
Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS)	7 245	7 245	9 245
Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) (IHCS(FC))	1 120	1 120	1 120
IHCS (Ordinary Cases (OC)) [Note 4]	18 463	17 937	17 587

[Note 1] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in H/As since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. Starting from 2005-06, H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places to provide a continuum of care (CoC).

[Note 2] C&A places include places provided by contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and subvented C&A homes, and under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). Moreover, the places include the C&A places with CoC under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 3] NH places include places provided by contract RCHEs and subvented NHs, and under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 4] Individual IHCS(OC) service providers set their own service capacity.

Annex 2

Average waiting time, number of persons on the waiting lists and number of new applicants regarding the places for various subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly 2017-18

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting lists	No. of new applicants
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	36 11 24	31 358 [Note 2]	16 547
NH places [Note 3]	24	6 553 [Note 4]	2 634
DEs/DCUs	10	3 568 [Note 5]	4 435
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 6]	15	5 819 [Note 5]	5 515
IHCS(OC)	N.A. [Note 7]	4 323	N.A. [Note 7]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the central waiting list (CWL).

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 480 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the Pilot Scheme).

[Note 6] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 7] At present, the waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the service. SWD does not have the average waiting time and the number of new applicants for IHCS(OC).

Annex 3

Average waiting time, number of persons on the waiting lists and number of new applicants regarding the places for various subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly 2018-19

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting lists	No. of new applicants
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	40 10 24	33 716 [Note 2]	17 494
NH places [Note 3]	25	7 062 [Note 4]	2 760
DEs/DCUs	12	4 370 [Note 5]	4 732
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 6]	18	7 930 [Note 5]	5 948
IHCS(OC)	N.A. [Note 7]	3 261	N.A. [Note 7]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 510 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

[Note 6] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under SCNAMES may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 7] At present, the waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs operating the service. SWD does not have the average waiting time and the number of new applicants for IHCS(OC).

Annex 4

Average waiting time, number of persons on the waiting lists and number of new applicants regarding the places for various subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting lists	No. of new applicants
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	41 8 20	33 843 [Note 2]	13 084
NH places [Note 3]	22	7 168 [Note 4]	2 026
DEs/DCUs	14	4 612 [Note 5]	3 553
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 6]	15	5 961 [Note 5]	4 737
IHCS(OC)	N.A. [Note 7]	3 188	N.A. [Note 7]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme.

[Note 6] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under SCNAMES may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 7] At present, the waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs operating the service. SWD does not have the average waiting time and the number of new applicants for IHCS(OC).

Annex 5

Expenditure for subsidised RCS and community care and support services for the elderly

Service type	Year		
	2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)	**2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)**
RCS for the elderly	4,793.9	5,422.2	6,507.0
Community care and support services for the elderly	2,364.6	2,715.9	3,418.4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3793)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The number of applicants for the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the expenditure incurred over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group (aged 65 to 69 and aged 70 or above).

2. How many elderly persons who were under the GD Scheme eventually applied for returning to Hong Kong for residence over the past 3 years? What are their reasons for applying to return to Hong Kong?

3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) "commenced preparatory work for implementing the Fujian (FJ) Scheme to provide Old Age Allowance (OAA) to eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who choose to reside in FJ, with a special one-off arrangement in the first year of implementation to waive the one-year continuous residence in Hong Kong requirement". Has SWD collected any statistics on the number of eligible elderly persons currently residing in FJ, and the estimated number of recipients and the amount of expenditure in each of the coming 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 100)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of cases under the GD Scheme and the expenditure involved from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year [Note 1]	Number of cases [Note 2]			Expenditure ($ million)
	Age 65 to 69	Aged 70 or above	Total	
2017-18 (Actual)	2 193	14 496	16 689	261
2018-19 (Actual)	1 931	14 637	16 568	336
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2 205	15 496	17 701	466

[Note 1] The actual expenditure for 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance and that for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the amount involved in extending Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 2] The number of cases from 2017-18 to 2018-19 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2019-20 is the figure as at end-December 2019.

2. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, the number of recipients under the GD Scheme who had returned to Hong Kong is provided as follows:

Year	Number of recipients
2017-18	792
2018-19	1 147
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	749

SWD does not have the reasons for their return to Hong Kong.

3. The FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018 to provide OAA to eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who choose to retire in FJ. As at end-December 2019, there are 1 720 cases under the FJ Scheme. To further facilitate the elderly persons who choose to retire in GD and FJ, the 2018 Policy Address announced the extension of the OALA (including the Normal OALA and the Higher OALA) to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. SWD has launched the measure on 1 January 2020. Whether eligible persons apply for the FJ Scheme depends on their personal considerations. It is difficult to make an accurate estimate of the number of recipients for the coming 3 years at this stage.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)343

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3978)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government advise this Committee:

(1) Regarding mask procurement by the staff of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), how much money was involved in the reimbursement applications submitted to the Government by such staff during the period from 29 February to 9 March 2020? How many masks were procured by staff who applied for reimbursement?

(2) How many masks were procured by SWD by way of direct purchase and how much money was involved during the period from 29 February to 9 March 2020?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 258)

Reply:

With an upsurge in demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) around the globe, the Government is facing fierce competition in the procurement efforts. The Government considers it inappropriate at this stage to disclose further information on PPE of individual departments, such as the quantity procured in recent months and moneys involved, etc. so as not to undermine the bargaining power of the Government Logistics Department and other departments in the procurement of PPE.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)344

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3996)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have participated in the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) over the past 3 years, among which, the number of IEAPS participants failing to meet the continuous contract requirement (i.e. employed continuously for 4 weeks or more and working for at least 18 hours per week).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 277)

Reply:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. As individual IEAPS participants may leave or re-join the programme owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), SWD does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants and a breakdown by financial year.

SWD has information on the cumulative headcount of IEAPS participants. From January 2013 to end-December 2019, a total headcount of 105 134 persons had participated in the IEAPS, with 22 111 participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Furthermore, since there is no continuous contract requirement under the IEAPS as mentioned in the question, the information sought cannot be provided.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)345

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3998)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form:

(1) during the period between 8 February and 4 March 2020, the types of food and the expenditure on food purchased as provided each day at the request of people put under compulsory home quarantine, as well as the price of the most expensive food among food purchased; and

(2) during the period between 8 February and 4 March 2020, the number of cases where food had been provided over 7 times to the same residential unit or hotel room unit at the request of people put under compulsory home quarantine, as well as the highest frequency of occurrence of providing food for the same unit.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 279)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) As at 29 February 2020, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) incurred an expenditure of about $1.5 million on the provision and delivery of supplies to people in quarantine. SWD does not have information on the types of food provided to people in quarantine, or the price of the most expensive items out of such food.

(2) SWD does not have information on the number of cases where food had been provided over 7 times to the same residential unit or hotel room unit, or the highest frequency of provision of food to the same unit.

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LWB(WW)346

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4004)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please set out the latest number of elderly persons waitlisted for the service, the average waiting time and the longest waiting time, and the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 286)

Reply:

As at end-December 2019, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised DEs/DCUs is 4 612, excluding those classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly, while 22 waitlisted elderly persons have passed away. At present, the average waiting time (average of the past 3 months) for DEs/DCUs is about 14 months. The Social Welfare Department does not have the relevant data of the longest waiting time and therefore cannot provide the information sought.

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LWB(WW)347

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4005)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme), what is the total number of CCSVs expected to be issued this year? Will funding be earmarked at the same time for providing additional subsidised service places in service organisations?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 287)

Reply:

In 2020-21, the Government will issue 1 000 additional CCSVs to a total of 8 000 under the CCSV Pilot Scheme. Based on the principle of "money-following-the-user", CCSVs are issued directly to eligible elderly persons, instead of increasing subsidised places in each service unit. The Social Welfare Department will continue to invite more eligible elderly persons in a timely manner to participate in the CCSV Pilot Scheme, and will continue to invite applications from more eligible organisations to become recognised service providers, so as to increase CCSV service places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4006)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

A community survey conducted earlier by AIDS Concern, an AIDS support group, finds that only 6 of the 700 elderly homes across the territory are willing to serve infected persons while the rest will reject the applicants if they know that the applicants are infected with AIDS. In fact, such behaviour is in breach of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance. However, the infected persons, though knowing that denial of service amounts to discrimination, would find it better to avoid unnecessary trouble. Problematic homes/service providers are not just a few. Most are unwilling to take in infected persons or treat them as ordinary people. In this connection, has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) looked into the problem of rejection by homes, reminded them of the severity of rejecting infected persons, educated them on the fact that normal social contact will not result in AIDS infection and clarified that their worries are unnecessary? How will the Department address the issue if infected persons encounter the said problem? Have complaints been previously received in this regard?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 288)

Reply:

At present, SWD provides subsidised long-term care (LTC) services to elderly persons in need. Under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, accredited assessors will assess the care needs of all elderly applicants (including elderly persons infected with AIDS) with an internationally recognised assessment tool, namely Minimum Data Set-Home Care (MDS-HC), and allocate appropriate LTC services to them. Elderly applicants eligible for residential care services will be registered on the Central Waiting List for service allocation. When vacancy arises, SWD will send the application details and the MDS-HC assessment result of the elderly applicant to the operator of the residential care service concerned with a view to facilitating their formulation of a care plan for the elder. SWD does not have any case records regarding elderly persons rejected by homes due to their AIDS infection in the past 5 years.

On the other hand, SWD has all along been working closely with the Department of Health to provide training for home staff so as to raise their awareness of infection control, and has from time to time reminded operators of the homes to comply with various requirements set out in the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance and the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)349**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4007)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please tabulate:

the average monthly cost per case and the annual expenditure for IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) in each of the past 3 years.

the average monthly cost per case and the annual expenditure for IHCS (frail cases (FC)) in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 289)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not keep the average monthly cost for handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The average monthly cost for handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost for handling each case ($)	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	1,968	635.8
2018-19 (Actual)	2,215	696.6
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2,346	736.6

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)350**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4008)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of service units providing EHCCS across the territory and the number of service places provided in each unit in each of the past 3 years;
2. the number of cases served yearly and the total number of such cases, the total number of cases, the number of waitlisted persons and the waiting time in each of the past 3 years; and
3. the average monthly cost per case and the annual expenditure in each of the past 3 years

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 290)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. There were a total of 34 EHCCS teams in Hong Kong from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The number of service places provided by EHCCS teams is set out in Annexes 1 and 2.
2. The total number of EHCCS cases served yearly, the number of waitlisted persons and the waiting time from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are provided respectively as follows:

Year	Total number of cases served yearly	Number of waitlisted persons [Note]	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)
2017-18	9 721	5 819	15
2018-19	9 572	7 930	18
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	10 960	5 961	15

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS. The figures do not include the elderly persons being classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

3. The average monthly cost per case and the annual expenditure under EHCCS from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per case ($)	Annual expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	4,635	398.1
2018-19 (Actual)	4,853	419.0
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	6,912	680.0

Annex 1

Number of EHCCS service places
(2017-18 to 2018-19)

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Annex 2

Number of EHCCS service places
(2019-20)
(as at end-December 2019)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4155)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the implementation of the home-based child care service (HCCS), what was the amount of funding allocated each year? How many service operators are there? How many home-based child carers have been trained? How many are still providing service at present? What is their turnover rate? Please set out the number of home-based child carers in each of the 18 districts across the territory as well as their background, including age and education level etc. Please also provide the following information:

1. the background information of HCCS; whether the service operators are themselves responsible for the training programmes and whether the Government has conducted checking; what are the contents and usual duration of these programmes for home-based child carers; what assessment process the home-based child carers have to go through; how many additional home-based child carers will be trained and how many additional HCCS places are expected from the Government's allocation of funding of over $20 million this year; and how much government recurrent subsidy is required for each HCCS place.
2. the current demand for home-based child carers in 18 districts across the territory; the Government is invited to give the supply-demand ratio; whether the Government has worked out the amount of additional funding required to meet such demand; difficulties involved if HCCS places are to be increased; and if the demand is not great, what the reasons are (such as promotion and the confidence of parents).
3. the community's demand for home-based child carers by different age groups by percentage; the differences between home-based child carers as a substitute for day child care centres and the latter, including the target age groups and the financial implication on the Government per service place; and whether the Government has any plan to take forward HCCS to complement day child care centres.
4. given the persistent lack of development for HCCS and views that it has something to do with quality as only the role of caring but not the learning function like after school care programme is fulfilled, whether the Government has reviewed the relevant issues; and whether there is any plan to enhance the quality of home-based child carers.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 120)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

The actual expenditure incurred by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in 2017-18 and 2018-19 was $33.8 million and $34.3 million respectively, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 is $44.8 million. At present, there is 1 service operator providing service under NSCCP in each of the 18 districts across the territory. The number of home-based child carers under NSCCP by 18 districts is set out in the table at the Annex. As SWD only keeps the number of home-based child carers provided by service operators as at December each year, it is unable to provide information on the wastage rate, age and education level of the home-based child carers.

1. & 2. NSCCP aims to provide flexible child care services at the neighbourhood level for parents in need of service, while enhancing mutual aid and care in the community. Home-based child carers who assist to provide home care are volunteers providing such services in the spirit of mutual aid in the neighbourhood, with incentive payment offered. After SWD enhanced NSCCP in October 2014, the service operator in each district is required to provide at least 39 home-based child care service places (for children aged under 9) and 14 centre-based care group places (for children aged 3 to under 9) at any time within the year so that the total number of places in the 18 districts across the territory should be no less than 954. Service operators can flexibly increase the number of home-based child care service places on top of the minimum requirement so as to meet the actual service demand in the district.

In January 2020, SWD further enhanced the service quality of NSCCP. This included additional provision for service operators to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff in each service unit. Registered nurses/midwives trained in child care will be employed to strengthen training for home-based child carers by providing them with training courses on contemporary knowledge and skills regarding infant and child care. The level of incentive payment was raised across the board to $25 per hour for home-based child carers across the territory so as to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus continuing to promote mutual aid and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need for child care service. The annual additional recurrent expenditure involved in the enhancement measures is about $24 million.

Under the Service Agreements on NSCCP between the service operators and SWD, the service operators must recruit suitable volunteers as home-based child carers and provide them with relevant training on a regular basis. The training material in general includes skills in infant and child care, nutrition for young children, identification of child abuse cases and home safety, etc. so as to ensure the quality of home-based child carers. SWD will, under the Service Agreement, monitor the performance standards of the service operators on a regular basis. SWD has set no ceiling on the number of home-based child carers. Nor does it have information on the regular allowance involved in each home-based child care service place.

3. & 4. NSCCP provides service for parents in need who are unable to take care of their children aged under 9 due to the lack of a support network and financial hardship. NSCCP can flexibly arrange suitable centre-based care group or home-based child care service for service users in the light of their ages/needs/places of residence and the supply and demand regarding home-based child carers and service users. NSCCP is a care-based service and does not have any learning element.

Annex

Number of home-based child carers under NSCCP
(as at end-December 2019)

District	**No. of home-based child carers**
Central & Western	40
Eastern	176
Islands	16
Kowloon City	473
Kwun Tong	52
Kwai Tsing	88
North	58
Southern	29
Sai Kung	114
Sham Shui Po	74
Sha Tin	87
Tuen Mun	42
Tai Po	64
Tsuen Wan	56
Wan Chai	161
Wong Tai Sin	59
Yuen Long	58
Yau Tsim Mong	267
Total	**1 914**

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LWB(WW)352

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4204)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the total amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention and the funding allocated by the Social Welfare Department under "Civil Service Pay Adjustment" for subvented organisations to adjust the pay of their staff in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 169)

Reply:

Year	Total LSG subvention ($ million)	Funding allocated to organisations receiving LSG arising from Civil Service Pay Adjustment ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	11,845	480
2016-17 (Actual)	12,530	520
2017-18 (Actual)	13,057	337
2018-19 (Actual)	14,625	558
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	16,820	770

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4898)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work in relation to the Code on Access to Information, will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1) Concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from October 2018 to present for which only some of the required information has been provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests for which only some of the required information has been provided; (ii) the reasons for providing some of the information only; (iii) whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application); (iv) whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)? If yes, please provide the details of how the requests have been handled eventually.

From October to December 2018

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2019

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2) Concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by SWD from October 2018 to present for which the required information has not been provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests refused; (ii) the reasons for refusal; (iii) whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application); (iv) whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)? If yes, please provide the details of how the requests have been handled eventually.

From October to December 2018

(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2019

(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

3) Any person who believes that a department has failed to comply with any provision of the Code on Access to Information may ask the department to review the situation. Please advise this Committee in each of the past 5 years, (i) the number of review cases received; (ii) the number of cases, among the review cases received in the year, in which further information was disclosed after review; (iii) whether the decisions on review were made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level.

Year in which review cases were received	(i) Number of review cases received	(ii) Number of cases, among the review cases received in the year, in which further information was disclosed after review	(iii) Whether the decisions on review were made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			

4) With reference to the target response times set out in paragraphs 1.16.1 to 1.19.1 of Guidelines on Interpretation and Application of the Code on Access to Information, please advise this Committee on the following information by year in table form (with text descriptions).

(a) Within 10 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

Within 10 to 21 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

Within 21 to 51 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

(b) cases in which information could not be provided within 21 days from date of receipt of a request in the past 5 years:

Date	Subject of information requested	Specific reason

(c) cases in which information could not be provided within 51 days from date of receipt of a request in the past 5 years:

Date	Subject of information requested	Specific reason

5) Please state in table form the number of those, among the cases in which requests for information were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information, on which the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was consulted when they were being handled in the past 5 years. For cases on which advice had been sought, was it fully accepted in the end? For cases where the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was not accepted or was only partially accepted, what are the reasons?

Date	Subject	Particular exemption provision in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information under which requests for information were refused	Whether the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was fully accepted	Reasons for refusing to accept or only partially accepting the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 468)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) & 2) From October 2018 to September 2019, among the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information (the Code) received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), 3 were refused to provide the required information on grounds of "privacy of the individual", while 38 were provided with partial information on grounds of "privacy of the individual" and other applicable exemption provisions as set out in Part 2 of the Code.

3) From 2015 to September 2019, SWD received 4 requests for review. Further information was disclosed in 1 of these cases after review in accordance with the requirements in the Code.

4) From 2016 to September 2019, there were 89, 195 and 20 occasions respectively on which SWD was able to provide the requested information within 10 days, the 11th to 21st day and the 22nd to 51st day from the date of receipt of a request. Among these, there were 16 occasions where the required information could not be provided because third party information was involved, and 130 occasions where the provision of required information was refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code.

There were 25 and 5 occasions respectively in which SWD could not provide the requested information within 21 days and 51 days from the date of receipt of a request, and the main reason was that the requested information was complex and hence it took time to process.

5) From 2016 to September 2019, SWD did not consult the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data for any cases of refusal to requests for information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5192)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the estimated overall expenditure of the Special Needs Trust Office (SNTO), the estimated payroll cost for each rank and the actual expenditure since its commencement in December 2018 setting out the payroll cost for each rank.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1700)

Reply:

The SNTO is staffed with social workers, treasury accountant and clerical grade staff. The $50 million earmarked in the 2018-19 Estimates is to cover the costs of SNTO for the first 5 years.

The actual expenditure on the SNTO since its commencement in December 2018 was $7.1 million as at end-February 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5193)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide, since its commencement in December 2018,

(1) the details of work of the Special Needs Trust Office (SNTO) since its commencement in December 2018;

(2) the number and details of phone enquires received by SNTO since its commencement in December 2018;

(3) the number and details of drop-in enquiries received by SNTO since its commencement in December 2018;

(4) the future work plan of SNTO; and

(5) the staff ratio of each rank of SNTO.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1701)

Reply:

With the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as the trustee, SNTO provides reliable and affordable trust services for parents with sufficient assets for managing their assets after their passing, which will be used for meeting the long-term daily needs of their children with special needs.

SNTO has held a number of service briefings, talks and workshops for parents and stakeholders since the first quarter of 2019. Moreover, SNTO produced various promotional materials and video clips, and visited various parent self-help organisations, parents/relatives resource centres, rehabilitation service units, special schools, district welfare organisations and local organisations/groups, as well as attending radio programme and organising poster design competition, etc., to introduce and promote the Special Need Trust (SNT) service. To further promote SNT, apart from continuing to visit rehabilitation service units of non-governmental organisations, special schools and local organisations/groups, SNTO will expand their scope of service promotion by proactively contacting more units/organisations/ groups with potential service targets of SNT and arranging for visits. SNTO is also planning to hold joint activities or thematic workshops with stakeholders.

There are social workers, treasury accountant and clerical grade staff in SNTO. As at end-February 2020, SNTO handled about 320 enquiries related to SNT service, assisting parents in understanding the service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5194)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the actual expenditure, follow-up actions and the relevant details of the Special Needs Trust Poster Design Competition.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1702)

Reply:

The Special Needs Trust Poster Design Competition is a territory-wide competition divided into Open Group and Special Schools Group. A total of 55 entries have been received during the entry collection period from mid-October 2019 to end-February 2020. The selection is in progress now and the result will be announced in due course. Winning entries will be used in the making of publicity posters and souvenirs, so as to enhance the awareness and knowledge of the Special Needs Trust service among families of participants and members of public. The actual expenditure on this competition is about $8 000.

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LWB(WW)357

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5195)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide in a table the items, brief introduction and application eligibility of the Special Needs Trust (SNT), and the actual situation and number of successful applications since its commencement in December 2018, as well as the current situation and number of applications under process.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1703)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

Brief introduction	With the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as the trustee, the Special Needs Trust Office (SNTO) provides reliable and affordable trust services for parents with sufficient assets for managing their assets after their passing, which will be used for meeting the long-term daily needs of their children with special needs.
Application eligibility	Eligibility criteria for the Settlor: 1. A parent or relative of a person with special needs; 2. Aged 18 or above; 3. Not an undischarged bankrupt at the time of signing the Trust Deed; and 4. A Hong Kong permanent resident. Eligibility criteria for the Beneficiary: 1. A person with intellectual disability (including Down's syndrome), mental disorder or autism; 2. A person who is eligible for rehabilitation services subsidised by the Social Welfare Department or admission to special schools of the Education Bureau; and 3. A Hong Kong permanent resident who ordinarily resides in Hong Kong.
Number of applications	As at end-February 2020, SNTO handled about 320 enquiries related to SNT service, assisting parents in understanding the service. Moreover, SNTO started accepting application on 25 March 2019 and has received 14 applications for the service.

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LWB(WW)358

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5341)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of places for temporary accommodation provided by the Government and voluntary organisations in Hong Kong in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1617)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of temporary accommodation places provided by the Government and voluntary organisations in Hong Kong. The number of places available for street sleepers at emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels subvented by SWD or operated by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing basis over the past 5 years is set out below.

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Subvented	202	222	222	222	222
Self-financing	421	408	418	414	413
Total	623	630	640	636	635

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5342)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the expenditure on street sleeper services, the manpower involved and the number of cases served in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1618)

Reply:

The expenditure on integrated services for street sleepers subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 financial years is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The number of street sleeper cases receiving support each year is set out in Table 2 of Annex.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators of non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing in compliance with the requirements under the Funding and Service Agreements to ensure service quality and meet service needs. SWD therefore does not have the staff establishment of services for street sleepers.

Annex

Table 1: Expenditure on Subvented Integrated Services for Street Sleepers

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	18.9
2016-17 (Actual)	20.2
2017-18 (Actual)	21.7
2018-19 (Actual)	22.9
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	23.3

Table 2: Number of Street Sleeper Cases Receiving Support

Year	Number of cases
2015-16	566
2016-17	635
2017-18	641
2018-19	643
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	513

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5480)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is applicable to Hong Kong, with Article 19 recognising the right of persons with disabilities to live independently and to be included in the community. According to General Comment No. 5 published by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in October 2017, the signing parities have a responsibility to safeguard the right of persons with disabilities to live independently and autonomously. Residential institutions, especially those isolated from the community, should not be established. Instead, resources should be devoted to community support services and deinstitutionalisation is a policy directive that should be adopted globally. As such, what is the Government's strategy to help persons with disabilities live independently and autonomously in the community? Is there any strategy to reduce the demand of persons with disabilities and their families for residential institutions and enhance community support?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 941)

Reply:

The policy objective of the Government in respect of the provision of day care and community support services for persons with disabilities is to make available training and support to them in response to their needs, develop their potentials, enable them to continue to live independently at home, and prepare them for full integration into the community. These services also aim at strengthening the carers' caring capacity and reducing their burden so as to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities and their carers.

In this connection, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is committed to increasing the places of day rehabilitation services. It is estimated that 1 600 additional day rehabilitation service places will be provided from 2019-20 to 2021-22 progressively through planned development projects, and 130 additional places will be provided in 2020-21 through acquisition of premises.

Besides, to meet the needs of persons with severe disabilities who have intensive care needs and living at home in a more comprehensive and focused manner, SWD has planned to set up 2 new rehabilitation service centres through the Lotteries Fund to implement a two-year pilot scheme on community care services. The new rehabilitation service centres

will integrate the services of day care centres and home care services to enhance the service flexibility and will provide appropriate support for persons with severe disabilities having regard to the changes of their service needs at different stages. SWD has also planned to increase the manpower in the 17 social and recreational centres for the disabled across the territory in 2020-21 by adding about 19 social workers and 17 supporting staff members in total, with a view to strengthening the community support for persons with disabilities and their carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5496)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Maximised Use of Reserve (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, based on the actual circumstances and their development strategies, decide on their own how the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) reserve be utilised in different areas, such as fulfilling the contractual commitment to staff, maintaining or strengthening service delivery and implementing strategic development plans, including building up a staff team with high quality through enhancement of the employment terms of existing staff, supporting the professional development of staff, etc.			

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs' governing boards/management committees are required to discuss in their meeting(s), at least once a year, how to manage and utilise the reserve, and to consider during the discussion how to maximise the use of the reserve for the NGOs' development. The discussion has to be put on record.			
In managing the LSG reserve, NGOs are required to observe the intended purposes as stipulated in the LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications, and to have documents such as financial reports, financial plans, etc.			
NGOs are required to have documents setting out the policies and procedures on managing and monitoring their LSG reserve, and to make known to staff such procedures.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1001)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) self-assessment checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

Maximised Use of Reserve is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth self-assessment checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, based on the actual circumstances and their development strategies, decide on their own how the LSG reserve be utilised in different areas, such as fulfilling the contractual commitment to staff, maintaining or strengthening service delivery and implementing strategic development plans, including building up a staff team with high quality through enhancement of the employment terms of existing staff, supporting the professional development of staff, etc.	164	-	-

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs' governing boards/management committees are required to discuss in their meeting(s), at least once a year, how to manage and utilise the reserve, and to consider during the discussion how to maximise the use of the reserve for the NGOs' development. The discussion has to be put on record.	164	-	-
In managing the LSG reserve, NGOs are required to observe the intended purposes as stipulated in the LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications, and to have documents such as financial reports, financial plans, etc.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to have documents setting out the policies and procedures on managing and monitoring their LSG reserve, and to make known to staff such procedures.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to SWD self-assessment checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGO's compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5497)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM self-assessment checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Status of Reserve (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about the utilisation of the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) reserve in the past year to the public. Such information should include briefly a plan on how the reserve will be used in the future.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1002)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) self-assessment checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

Status of LSG Reserve is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth

self-assessment checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about the utilisation of LSG reserve in the past year to the public. Such information should include briefly a plan on how the reserve will be used in the future.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to SWD self-assessment checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGO's compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5498)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Use of Reserve (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, based on the actual circumstances of their provident fund (PF) reserve, determine on their own the use of PF reserve in such ways as adjusting the PF contribution rates or giving a one-off additional contribution to staff.			
NGOs' governing boards/management committees are required to discuss in their meeting(s), at least once a year, how the PF reserve should be managed and utilised. The discussion has to take the above principles into consideration and be put on record.			

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to observe the relevant legislation and the purposes as stipulated in the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications in utilising the PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff, and to have documents such as financial reports, financial plans, etc.			
NGOs are required to have documents spelling out the mechanisms, policies and procedures regarding the management and monitoring of the PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff.			
NGOs are required to report on the utilisation of the PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff in the past year and to provide a brief plan on how the reserve is going to be used in the future at their annual general meetings/in their annual reports.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1003)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

Use of PF Reserve for non-Snapshot Staff is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, based on the actual circumstances of their PF reserve, determine on their own the use of PF reserve in such ways as adjusting the PF contribution rates or giving a one-off additional contribution to staff.	164	-	-
NGOs' governing boards/management committees are required to discuss in their meeting(s), at least once a year, how the PF reserve should be managed and utilised. The discussion has to take the above principles into consideration and be put on record.	164	-	-

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to observe the relevant legislation and the purposes as stipulated in the LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications in utilising the PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff, and to have documents such as financial reports, financial plans, etc.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to have documents spelling out the mechanisms, policies and procedures regarding the management and monitoring of the PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to report on the utilisation of the PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff in the past year and to provide a brief plan on how the reserve is going to be used in the future at their annual general meetings/in their annual reports.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to SWD Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5499)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Status of Reserve (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about utilisation of the provident fund (PF) reserve in the past year to staff members, and to provide a brief plan on how the reserve will be used in the future.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1004)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

Status of PF Reserve is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth

Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to, through appropriate channels, disseminate information about utilisation of the PF reserve in the past year to staff members, and to provide a brief plan on how the reserve will be used in the future.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to SWD Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5500)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Maximised Use of Reserve (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
In spending the allocation for salary adjustment, NGOs are required to observe the relevant orders as imposed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council when granting the allocation, the latest Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications of SWD regarding the designated purpose of the allocation.			
Meanwhile, when NGOs spend the allocation on salary adjustment, they are required to either: (a) adjust the staff salary by the same percentage of the Civil Service Pay Adjustment (CSPA); or (b) spend the full amount of the additional allocation for salary adjustment on salary adjustment for			

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
staff.			
NGOs are required to, through letters or emails, inform all staff members subvented by LSG about the salary adjustment arrangement for the financial year, including the following: (a) the amount of subvention allocated by SWD as additional resources to the NGO for salary adjustment for the financial year; (b) the NGO's salary adjustment arrangement for the financial year, briefly explaining why the staff salary will be adjusted by the same percentage of CSPA, or why the additional allocation for salary adjustment will be fully spent on salary adjustment for staff.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1005)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

Salary Adjustment is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
In spending the allocation for salary adjustment, NGOs are required to observe the relevant orders as imposed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council when granting the allocation, the latest LSG Manual, LSG Circulars, relevant letters/notifications of SWD regarding the designated purpose of the allocation.	164	-	-
Meanwhile, when NGOs spend the allocation on salary adjustment, they are required to either: (a) adjust the staff salary by the same percentage of CSPA; or (b) spend the full amount of the additional allocation for salary adjustment on	164	-	-

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
salary adjustment for staff.			
NGOs are required to, through letters or emails, inform all staff members subvented by LSG about the salary adjustment arrangement for the financial year, including the following: (a) the amount of subvention allocated by SWD as additional resources to the NGO for salary adjustment for the financial year; (b) the NGO's salary adjustment arrangement for the financial year, briefly explaining why the staff salary will be adjusted by the same percentage of CSPA, or why the additional allocation for salary adjustment will be fully spent on salary adjustment for staff.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to SWD Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5501)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Composition, Duties and Responsibilities on Handling Complaints at Different Levels (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
Lump Sum Grant (LSG)-related complaints against NGOs or their service units lodged by service users/staff should first be handled by the NGO concerned in accordance with its established policies.			
NGOs are required to have policy documents spelling out the policies and mechanism in relation to complaints handling (including complaints involving staff, the senior management and board members). If NGOs' existing complaints handling policies and mechanism (Service Quality Standard 15) have already covered the complaints mentioned above, the NGOs just need to follow the existing mechanism.			

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to let both the complainant and the parties being complained against know that the complaint concerned is being handled in accordance with the procedures set out by the NGOs/the LSG Independent Complaint Handling Committee (ICHC).			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1006)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

Composition, Duties and Responsibilities on Handling Complaints at Different Levels is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
LSG-related complaints against NGOs or their service units lodged by service users/staff should first be handled by the NGO concerned in accordance with its established policies.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to have policy documents spelling out the policies and mechanism in relation to complaints handling (including complaints involving staff, the senior management and board members). If NGOs' existing complaints handling policies and mechanism (Service Quality Standard 15) have already covered the complaints mentioned above, the NGOs just need to follow the existing mechanism.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to let both the complainant and the parties being complained against know that the complaint concerned is being handled in accordance with the procedures set out by the NGOs/the LSG ICHC.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to SWD Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5502)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under NGOs' Policies and Procedures on Complaints Handling (Level One)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to have documents spelling out their internal control measures in relation to handling Lump Sum Grant (LSG)-related complaints.			
NGOs are required to keep written records of the complaints received and the actions taken to ensure that the complaints will be handled fairly in accordance with the established policies, procedures and personnel composition.			
NGOs are required to comply with the LSG Independent Complaint Handling Committee's (ICHC) requirements to provide relevant information and written records of the complaints concerned in a timely manner to facilitate the ICHC's investigation into the complaints.			
NGOs are required to keep relevant written records to show that follow-up actions have been taken in accordance with the ICHC's recommendations.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1007)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to the SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One, with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two [Note 2].

NGOs' Policies and Procedures on Complaints Handling is one of the items under Level One that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level One)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs are required to have documents spelling out their internal control measures in relation to handling LSG-related complaints.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to keep written records of the complaints received and the actions taken to ensure that the complaints will be handled fairly in accordance with the established policies, procedures and personnel composition.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to comply with the LSG ICHC's requirements to provide relevant information and written records of the complaints concerned in a timely manner to facilitate the ICHC's investigation into the complaints.	164	-	-
NGOs are required to keep relevant written records to show that follow-up actions have been taken in accordance with the ICHC's recommendations.	164	-	-

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. NGOs are still required to submit to the SWD Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). The SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level Two items are those that NGOs are encouraged to adopt.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5503)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in progress towards compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Optimal Level of Reserve (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should have documents briefly setting out their mechanisms in planning, evaluating and determining the level of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) reserve including: (a) planning and evaluation of the reserve level, which should be conducted regularly; (b) reference material and tools for planning and evaluation of the reserve level, including such factors as the salary structure, staff turnover rate, staff age distribution, NGOs' projection of the increase/decrease in income and expenditure, NGOs' contractual commitment to subvented staff, and long-term financial viability, etc., with a view to facilitating NGOs' development plan and projection of the reserve level. The above planning and projection should be discussed by NGOs' governing boards, and the discussion be put on record.			
NGOs' chief executives should regularly report the			

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
status of the reserve to their governing boards.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1008)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

Optimal Level of Reserve is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should have documents briefly setting out their mechanisms in planning, evaluating and determining the level of LSG reserve including: (a) planning and evaluation of the reserve level, which should be conducted regularly; (b) reference material and tools for planning and evaluation of the reserve level, including such factors as the salary structure, staff turnover rate, staff age distribution, NGOs' projection of the increase/decrease in income and expenditure, NGOs' contractual commitment to subvented staff, and long-term financial viability, etc., with a view to facilitating NGOs' development plan and projection of the reserve level. The above planning and projection should be discussed by NGOs' governing boards, and the discussion be put on record.	102	14	44
NGOs' chief executives should regularly report the status of the reserve to their governing boards.	156	0	4

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of the BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing the transparency and monitoring of financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5504)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in the preparatory stage for compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Communication (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should establish effective channels of communication, such as meetings, visits to service units, emails, questionnaires and suggestion boxes, etc. to collect feedback from staff and service users.			
NGOs should have documents spelling out the regular communication channels for the governing board and the management to collect feedback from staff and service users. NGOs should provide appropriate channels for staff and service users to access such information.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1009)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

Communication is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should establish effective channels of communication, such as meetings, visits to service units, emails, questionnaires and suggestion boxes, etc. to collect feedback from staff and service users.	152	1	7
NGOs should have documents spelling out the regular communication channels for the governing board and the management to collect feedback from staff and service users. NGOs should provide appropriate channels for staff and service users to access such information.	136	5	19

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of the BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing the transparency and monitoring of financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5505)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in the preparatory stage for compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Term of Office of the Governing Board (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should establish a succession mechanism for their governing board members, especially for the chairman and key posts (such as secretary, treasurer, etc.), where there are no such restrictions in relevant legislation or constitution. NGOs should also have documents spelling out the succession mechanism, including the term of office, number of consecutive terms, etc., which should be made public.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1010)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

Term of Office of the Governing Board is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should establish a succession mechanism for their governing board members, especially for the chairman and key posts (such as secretary, treasurer, etc.), where there are no such restrictions in relevant legislation or constitution. NGOs should also have documents spelling out the succession mechanism, including the term of office, number of consecutive terms, etc., which should be made public.	126	14	20

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of the BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing the transparency and monitoring of financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5506)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in the preparatory stage for compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Roles of Governing Board (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should, at least once a year, provide the governing board and the relevant committees with updated service information, including the objectives of their SWD-subvented services, the number of subvented staff and service users of each service unit, etc.			
NGOs should arrange for members of the governing board and the relevant committees to meet with the subvented staff and service users so that they can be familiar with the operation of their SWD-subvented services.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1011)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

Roles of Governing Board is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should, at least once a year, provide the governing board and the relevant committees with updated service information, including the objectives of their SWD-subvented services, the number of subvented staff and service users of each service unit, etc.	152	-	8
NGOs should arrange for members of the governing board and the relevant committees to meet with the subvented staff and service users so that they can be familiar with the operation of their SWD-subvented services.	135	7	18

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of the BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing the transparency and monitoring of financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5507)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in the preparatory stage for compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under Delineation of Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Board (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should have documents and the organisation chart to illustrate the structure and membership of the governing board, the relevant committees and senior management, their roles and responsibilities, and delineate the roles and responsibilities between governing board members and senior management.			
NGOs should provide appropriate channels for the staff and service users to access such information.			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1012)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

Delineation of Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Board is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should have documents and the organisation chart to illustrate the structure and membership of the governing board, the relevant committees and senior management, their roles and responsibilities, and delineate the roles and responsibilities between governing board members and senior management.	145	3	12
NGOs should provide appropriate channels for the staff and service users to access such information.	140	3	17

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of the BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing the transparency and monitoring of financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5508)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in the preparatory stage for compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under NGOs' Decision Making on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should prepare documents and policies on their own, explaining how feedback from staff and/or service users will be collected and responded to when making important decisions related to Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS), such as through meetings, visits to service units, emails, questionnaires, newsletters, notice boards, suggestion boxes, etc. [Examples of important decisions mentioned above: (a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.; (b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions; (c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment			

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
that may become necessary; (d) service re-engineering; (e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and (f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1013)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

NGOs' Decision Making on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should prepare documents and policies on their own, explaining how feedback from staff and/or service users will be collected and responded to when making important decisions related to LSGSS, such as through meetings, visits to service units, emails, questionnaires, newsletters, notice boards, suggestion boxes, etc. [Examples of important decisions mentioned above: (a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.; (b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions; (c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary; (d) service re-engineering; (e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and (f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]	110	10	40

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

Generally speaking, NGOs are positive about the implementation of the BPM, which is considered useful in enhancing the transparency and monitoring of financial management, human resource management, and corporate governance and public accountability, in addition to being useful for their formulation of relevant policies and procedures.

[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5509)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has produced the Best Practice Manual (BPM) jointly with the sector through a number of visits, meetings and consultations since 2010. The BPM was finally endorsed by the Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee in April 2014. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

What is the number of subvented organisations that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015)?

Among the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have submitted the fifth BPM Self-assessment Checklist to SWD (the first having been submitted in October 2015), how many have complied with, have not yet complied with or are still in the preparatory stage for compliance with the Criteria and Procedures under NGO's Decisions Made on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services (Level Two)? (Please fill in the following table)

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should prepare documents and policies on their own, spelling out how information about important decisions related to Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) will be disseminated to their staff and/or service users, such as through meetings, visits to service units, emails, newsletters, notice boards, etc. [Examples of important decisions made by NGO: (a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.; (b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions; (c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary;			

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
(d) service re-engineering; (e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and (f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]			

What are the reasons for the subvented organisations failing to comply with the above criteria and procedures? How will SWD assist and monitor those subvented organisations that have not yet complied with the above criteria and procedures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1014)

Reply:

164 [Note 1] NGOs receiving LSG subvention have submitted to SWD the fifth (i.e. 2018-19) Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level One [Note 2], with 160 of them having also submitted the Self-assessment Checklist under BPM Level Two.

NGO's Decisions Made on Important Management Issues of SWD-subvented Services is one of the items under Level Two that NGOs are encouraged to adopt. NGOs may consider whether to implement the item according to their actual circumstances. Based on the data collected in the fifth Self-assessment Checklist (as at 31 March 2019), the implementation of this particular item by NGOs is set out as follows:

Criteria and Procedures (Level Two)	Complied with	Not yet complied with	In progress
NGOs should prepare documents and policies on their own, spelling out how information about important decisions related to LSGSS will be disseminated to their staff and/or service users, such as through meetings, visits to service units, emails, newsletters, notice boards, etc. [Examples of important decisions made by NGO: (a) changing the existing establishment structure and staff ratios, etc.; (b) changing the remuneration package or the working conditions; (c) re-engineering and rationalising the service delivery modes, and the corresponding manpower redeployment that may become necessary; (d) service re-engineering; (e) changing the existing service delivery mode; and (f) monitoring compliance with service performance standards.]	108	10	42

At present, the 7 Level One items that were introduced on 1 July 2014 are fully implemented by NGOs receiving LSG subvention. The number of NGOs implementing Level Two items is increasing as well.

In 2018-19, SWD organised a BPM briefing session, in which NGOs were invited to share their experience in the implementation of Level Two items and the good practice that had been adopted, in order to further promote these items.

At present, NGOs are still required to submit Self-assessment Checklists on a yearly basis to continue reporting the implementation of Level One and Level Two items (including 2 Level One items and 1 Level Two item that were newly added on 1 October 2018). SWD will also conduct on-site assessments and examine relevant implementation records and documents, in order to enhance the monitoring of NGOs' compliance with Level One items. SWD will continue to examine the suitability of raising relevant Level Two items to Level One through obtaining details from the NGOs about the implementation of Level Two items.

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[Note 1] Another NGO has ceased to receive LSG subvention since August 2018 and is not required to submit the self-assessment checklist in 2018-19.

[Note 2] Level One items are those that NGOs are required to follow unless there are strong justifications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5511)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of service users of care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1016)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of service users of C&A/SDs broken down by district and age in the past 5 years. As such, the information sought cannot be provided. The information on the number of service users of C&A/SDs in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of C&A/SDs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Number of service users**
2015-16	978
2016-17	988
2017-18	979
2018-19	982
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	1011

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5512)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1017)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2015-16
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Age Group							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	9	6	4	8	15	3	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	4	4	4	14	2	2	-
Kwun Tong	5	6	6	5	8	4	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	16	6	4	7	16	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	7	3	3	5	15	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	14	4	1	3	14	1	1	-
Sha Tin	4	6	6	4	13	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	11	4	2	8	10	4	3	-
Yuen Long	21	6	2	3	11	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	14	4	5	4	23	2	1	-
Tuen Mun	7	6	5	3	10	4	-	-
Total	**117**	**55**	**42**	**54**	**149**	**29**	**7**	**-**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2016-17
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Age Group							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	8	6	12	18	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	3	6	4	14	5	2	-
Kwun Tong	5	5	5	3	9	2	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	16	6	3	9	21	7	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	6	7	3	9	20	4	-	-
Sham Shui Po	13	6	1	6	15	-	-	-
Sha Tin	3	4	5	8	17	3	-	-
Tai Po/North	10	5	4	8	10	9	4	-
Yuen Long	18	11	1	4	11	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	15	8	3	8	23	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	9	4	3	4	6	7	1	-
Total	**107**	**67**	**40**	**75**	**164**	**43**	**9**	**-**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2017-18
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Age Group							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	7	7	8	24	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	5	3	6	14	5	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	6	3	4	11	4	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	20	5	6	8	21	5	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	6	8	2	13	18	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	7	11	3	5	15	1	-	-
Sha Tin	4	4	6	7	18	4	-	-
Tai Po/North	11	11	2	8	15	6	5	-
Yuen Long	13	14	1	7	11	1	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	20	8	2	8	23	3	1	-
Tuen Mun	8	6	2	4	9	7	1	-
Total	**108**	**85**	**37**	**78**	**179**	**43**	**13**	**-**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2018-19
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Age Group							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	7	7	9	26	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	6	3	9	16	6	2	-
Kwun Tong	6	8	2	5	17	4	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	21	9	3	9	23	5	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	4	7	3	9	28	5	-	-
Sham Shui Po	6	8	3	9	14	1	-	-
Sha Tin	7	5	4	7	20	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	16	8	6	9	16	9	6	-
Yuen Long	11	17	2	6	9	2	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	18	11	3	12	24	6	1	-
Tuen Mun	6	8	3	5	13	8	1	-
Total	**106**	**94**	**39**	**89**	**206**	**54**	**14**	**-**

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2019-20
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	Age Group							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	8	9	8	28	3	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	2	10	15	5	2	-
Kwun Tong	7	5	-	9	15	2	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	20	10	2	9	21	5	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	6	5	5	12	26	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	8	4	2	6	13	4	1	-
Sha Tin	8	2	4	8	21	6	-	-
Tai Po/North	19	8	7	6	20	7	5	1
Yuen Long	10	17	2	11	10	1	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	14	11	4	9	17	8	2	-
Tuen Mun	8	8	-	3	14	9	2	-
Total	**113**	**86**	**37**	**91**	**200**	**57**	**17**	**1**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5513)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of service users of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1018)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of service users of HSMHs broken down by district and age in the past 5 years. As such, the information sought cannot be provided. The number of service users of HSMHs in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of HSMHs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Number of Service Users**
2015-16	3 567
2016-17	3 601
2017-18	3 600
2018-19	3 620
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	3 847

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5514)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1019)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2015-16
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	20	62	19	14	14	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	74	29	22	24	3	-	-
Kwun Tong	29	96	42	24	22	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	62	103	46	17	34	14	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	29	68	33	25	27	11	-	-
Sham Shui Po	24	61	24	21	16	9	1	-
Sha Tin	31	78	26	24	13	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	55	98	30	15	11	7	-	-
Yuen Long	36	92	23	23	20	8	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	28	101	44	44	21	8	-	-
Tuen Mun	22	75	43	41	33	21	1	-
Total	**363**	**908**	**359**	**270**	**235**	**98**	**5**	**-**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2016-17
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	23	64	26	13	16	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	28	79	34	23	26	5	1	-
Kwun Tong	32	91	49	24	27	7	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	67	114	47	21	33	16	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	35	70	35	20	33	13	-	-
Sham Shui Po	30	60	28	16	20	6	1	-
Sha Tin	30	81	35	24	12	11	-	-
Tai Po/North	55	103	34	14	15	6	1	-
Yuen Long	34	101	20	26	25	11	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	31	98	48	44	22	12	1	-
Tuen Mun	23	73	51	39	38	23	2	-
Total	**388**	**934**	**407**	**264**	**267**	**112**	**12**	**-**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2017-18
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	26	74	30	13	16	4	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	84	38	27	29	8	2	-
Kwun Tong	49	95	54	26	27	10	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	58	119	57	23	30	16	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	35	74	43	23	28	14	-	-
Sham Shui Po	24	65	34	15	23	6	1	-
Sha Tin	32	82	38	18	14	13	1	-
Tai Po/North	48	110	40	14	13	6	1	-
Yuen Long	37	106	27	24	23	12	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	38	102	54	45	20	12	2	-
Tuen Mun	19	74	54	39	37	28	2	-
Total	**396**	**985**	**469**	**267**	**260**	**129**	**15**	**-**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2018-19
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	31	76	34	16	18	5	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	84	44	22	24	13	2	-
Kwun Tong	46	100	57	30	24	13	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	52	126	65	27	26	20	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	42	75	47	25	26	10	1	-
Sham Shui Po	27	58	39	15	24	8	1	-
Sha Tin	27	79	51	17	13	13	2	-
Tai Po/North	37	114	48	13	9	4	3	-
Yuen Long	32	110	39	29	24	13	1	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	37	99	65	43	22	16	2	-
Tuen Mun	23	71	65	33	35	29	3	-
Total	**384**	**992**	**554**	**270**	**245**	**144**	**20**	**-**

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2019-20
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	29	69	40	13	20	4	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	88	44	21	24	15	5	-
Kwun Tong	45	87	58	17	20	15	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	47	130	57	21	20	20	1	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	46	85	42	24	16	5	3	-
Sham Shui Po	29	55	36	12	20	7	1	-
Sha Tin	25	69	36	15	12	10	3	-
Tai Po/North	35	99	28	9	6	5	4	-
Yuen Long	40	103	34	24	23	11	2	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	41	95	62	35	24	18	2	-
Tuen Mun	24	60	64	29	30	22	1	-
Total	**391**	**940**	**501**	**220**	**215**	**132**	**26**	**-**

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LWB(WW)379

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5515)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of service users of hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1020)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of service users of HMMHs broken down by district and age in the past 5 years, the information sought cannot be provided. The information on the number of service users of HMMHs in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of HMMHs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Number of service users**
2015-16	2 394
2016-17	2 416
2017-18	2 496
2018-19	2 544
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	2 574

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5516)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1021)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in the past 5 years with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2015-16
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	28	49	32	27	22	7	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	12	77	49	37	16	12	-	-
Kwun Tong	27	64	45	43	26	6	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	44	78	41	31	26	4	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	21	37	33	31	11	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	13	58	30	15	16	4	-	-
Sha Tin	18	47	51	32	9	5	-	-
Tai Po/North	25	84	31	19	16	5	-	-
Yuen Long	18	55	32	20	18	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	93	51	38	24	8	-	-
Tuen Mun	21	64	38	15	8	1	-	-
Total	**257**	**706**	**433**	**308**	**192**	**65**	**-**	**-**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2016-17
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	34	55	33	25	22	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	18	76	54	37	17	11	1	-
Kwun Tong	32	79	45	45	34	9	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	57	96	48	30	26	5	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	21	43	36	37	15	12	-	-
Sham Shui Po	21	57	37	16	17	3	-	-
Sha Tin	21	59	52	30	10	5	1	-
Tai Po/North	28	73	41	21	18	5	-	-
Yuen Long	24	59	37	17	22	4	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	38	97	47	50	27	6	-	-
Tuen Mun	27	66	50	16	8	1	-	-
Total	**321**	**760**	**480**	**324**	**216**	**69**	**2**	**-**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2017-18
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	37	56	34	23	17	9	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	20	69	55	36	16	11	1	-
Kwun Tong	34	86	51	44	30	14	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	67	101	56	30	34	8	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	35	46	37	37	20	13	1	-
Sham Shui Po	24	53	45	18	20	4	1	-
Sha Tin	27	61	55	34	15	5	1	-
Tai Po/North	32	69	36	20	17	5	-	-
Yuen Long	31	61	36	13	23	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	37	100	52	42	28	11	-	-
Tuen Mun	35	76	53	19	9	2	-	-
Total	**379**	**778**	**510**	**316**	**229**	**88**	**5**	**-**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2018-19
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	32	67	35	24	16	8	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	71	65	42	14	14	2	-
Kwun Tong	31	92	50	47	33	16	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	61	110	61	33	38	10	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	43	51	39	38	19	12	1	-
Sham Shui Po	31	56	40	24	20	6	1	-
Sha Tin	28	75	63	35	20	4	2	-
Tai Po/North	35	74	39	23	19	6	-	-
Yuen Long	42	70	43	11	24	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	41	94	62	38	29	14	-	-
Tuen Mun	38	80	51	26	9	2	-	-
Total	**403**	**840**	**548**	**341**	**241**	**95**	**7**	**-**

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2019-20
(By administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	32	71	38	22	18	5	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	25	68	70	42	14	11	1	-
Kwun Tong	35	91	51	45	32	14	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	65	118	62	32	30	13	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	53	49	45	32	19	9	1	-
Sham Shui Po	33	58	37	24	21	4	1	-
Sha Tin	21	75	62	33	21	4	2	-
Tai Po/North	30	76	44	25	20	6	-	-
Yuen Long	44	83	44	12	22	5	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	101	69	34	33	13	1	-
Tuen Mun	40	80	56	27	9	2	-	-
Total	**413**	**870**	**578**	**328**	**239**	**86**	**8**	**-**

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LWB(WW)381

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5517)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of service users of long stay care homes (LSCHs) for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1022)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of service users of LSCHs for persons with disabilities broken down by district and age in the past 5 years, the information sought cannot be provided. The number of service users of LSCHs for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of LSCHs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Number of service users**
2015-16	1 541
2016-17	1 550
2017-18	1 568
2018-19	1 567
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	1 565

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LWB(WW)382

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5518)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for long stay care homes (LSCHs) for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1023)

Reply:

The number of applicants for LSCHs in the past 5 years broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of applicants for LSCHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2015-16

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	1	15	44	78	49	7	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	7	35	70	46	13	-
Kwun Tong	-	2	15	24	48	26	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	12	34	62	31	4	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	5	11	32	63	40	1	2
Sham Shui Po	-	2	6	24	52	31	3	3
Sha Tin	-	3	18	51	71	51	2	2
Tai Po/North	-	6	15	32	65	38	5	1
Yuen Long	1	5	16	17	51	15	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	5	18	55	99	38	9	2
Tuen Mun	-	3	24	65	110	50	6	-
Total	**2**	**36**	**157**	**413**	**769**	**415**	**52**	**15**

Table 2: Number of applicants for LSCHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2016-17

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	1	13	53	85	44	12	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	2	6	28	72	57	10	2
Kwun Tong	-	2	15	26	54	38	3	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	17	36	68	32	3	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	4	14	45	77	45	2	3
Sham Shui Po	-	2	9	28	64	35	6	2
Sha Tin	-	3	18	47	87	59	6	2
Tai Po/North	-	6	17	31	67	51	6	-
Yuen Long	1	5	18	26	52	18	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	8	23	61	123	59	11	1
Tuen Mun	-	4	20	71	122	59	3	-
Total	**2**	**39**	**170**	**452**	**871**	**497**	**63**	**17**

Table 3: Number of applicants for LSCHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2017-18

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	1	16	57	84	53	12	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	1	3	27	71	64	14	3
Kwun Tong	-	3	15	30	57	37	4	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	2	17	37	75	48	2	1
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	6	12	47	81	44	3	3
Sham Shui Po	-	1	13	26	64	39	5	2
Sha Tin	-	7	23	48	89	55	9	1
Tai Po/North	-	4	14	33	73	51	9	-
Yuen Long	1	5	20	31	59	26	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	5	20	53	103	67	10	-
Tuen Mun	-	6	29	63	121	59	2	1
Total	**3**	**41**	**182**	**452**	**877**	**543**	**71**	**18**

Table 4: Number of applicants for LSCHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2018-19

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	3	20	59	102	64	12	8
Eastern/Wan Chai	1	2	4	22	67	68	12	3
Kwun Tong	-	2	11	34	62	46	5	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	12	33	93	46	5	2
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	17	52	84	48	4	3
Sham Shui Po	-	2	13	30	74	43	5	-
Sha Tin	-	7	22	58	102	68	13	-
Tai Po/North	-	2	16	33	84	60	10	-
Yuen Long	2	3	17	38	59	28	4	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	4	22	68	113	79	11	-
Tuen Mun	-	8	30	72	130	82	7	1
Total	**5**	**36**	**184**	**499**	**970**	**632**	**88**	**17**

Table 5: Number of applicants for LSCHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	3	19	64	112	81	13	7
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	3	4	21	75	79	13	3
Kwun Tong	-	3	10	34	71	43	3	1
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	1	15	34	90	56	9	2
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	2	15	56	86	55	4	2
Sham Shui Po	-	2	12	34	76	40	6	-
Sha Tin	-	8	22	59	102	83	16	-
Tai Po/North	-	2	20	34	81	70	10	-
Yuen Long	1	6	16	41	54	31	5	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	5	26	76	124	81	12	1
Tuen Mun	-	10	28	62	119	102	8	2
Total	**2**	**45**	**187**	**515**	**990**	**721**	**99**	**18**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5519)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of service users of halfway houses (HWHs) for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1024)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of service users of HWHs for persons with disabilities broken down by district and age in the past 5 years, the information sought cannot be provided. The number of service users of HWHs for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of HWHs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of service users
2015-16	1 455
2016-17	1 454
2017-18	1 433
2018-19	1 411
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	1 431

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LWB(WW)384

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5520)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for halfway houses (HWHs) for persons with disabilities in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1025)

Reply:

The number of applicants for HWHs in the past 5 years broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of applicants for HWHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2015-16

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	17	18	20	21	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	15	24	33	21	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	14	15	13	12	1	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	20	14	19	11	1	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	10	15	24	8	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	7	15	8	3	2	-	-
Sha Tin	1	9	18	16	12	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	13	25	18	8	1	-	-
Yuen Long	-	10	12	12	9	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	18	28	17	10	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	10	15	14	6	-	-	-
Total	**19**	**143**	**199**	**194**	**121**	**14**	**-**	**-**

Table 2: Number of applicants for HWHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2016-17

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	21	20	15	19	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	14	32	36	34	4	1	-
Kwun Tong	-	10	18	20	11	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	20	17	7	12	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	12	12	21	8	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	4	11	8	7	-	-	-
Sha Tin	2	14	22	8	8	-	-	-
Tai Po/North	2	17	19	11	12	-	-	-
Yuen Long	3	15	7	13	7	1	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	19	25	27	17	1	-	-
Tuen Mun	2	15	21	17	13	-	-	-
Total	**11**	**161**	**204**	**183**	**148**	**13**	**1**	**-**

Table 3: Number of applicants for HWHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2017-18

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	9	15	18	14	4	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	15	27	22	30	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	2	13	12	10	9	3	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	11	13	16	13	2	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	7	16	15	12	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	4	7	7	6	-	-	-
Sha Tin	1	7	9	24	9	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	5	10	20	11	5	1	-	-
Yuen Long	1	13	6	15	3	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	18	19	23	9	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	14	10	9	6	-	-	-
Total	**20**	**121**	**154**	**170**	**116**	**20**	**1**	**-**

Table 4: Number of applicants for HWHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2018-19

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	-	17	9	16	13	9	-	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	-	24	21	28	28	8	-	-
Kwun Tong	1	13	20	12	13	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	8	10	10	11	2	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	-	10	10	10	10	3	-	-
Sham Shui Po	-	3	3	11	5	-	-	-
Sha Tin	4	20	20	8	5	2	-	-
Tai Po/North	1	12	17	16	9	3	-	-
Yuen Long	2	8	11	7	9	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	18	17	18	11	1	1	-
Tuen Mun	1	7	17	12	4	1	-	-
Total	**11**	**140**	**155**	**148**	**118**	**29**	**1**	**-**

Table 5: Number of applicants for HWHs by administrative district of SWD and age group in 2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	9	14	15	21	6	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	17	21	31	25	4	-	-
Kwun Tong	3	13	12	25	7	2	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	-	6	10	6	11	-	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	11	8	8	8	1	-	-
Sham Shui Po	1	6	8	8	9	2	-	-
Sha Tin	-	8	23	17	10	1	-	-
Tai Po/North	3	7	23	12	5	5	1	-
Yuen Long	3	19	15	4	5	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	15	31	12	9	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	1	11	12	15	8	2	-	-
Total	**17**	**122**	**177**	**153**	**118**	**28**	**3**	**-**

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LWB(WW)385

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5521)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of service users of sheltered workshops (SWs), broken down by district and distribution of age, in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1026)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of service users of SWs broken down by district and age for the past 5 years, the information sought cannot be provided. The number of service users of SWs in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of SWs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Number of service users**
2015-16	5 301
2016-17	5 258
2017-18	5 234
2018-19	5 315
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	5 338

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LWB(WW)386

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5522)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for sheltered workshops (SWs), broken down by district of residence and distribution of age, in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1027)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for SWs broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for SWs in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central Western, Southern and Islands	41	45	20	24	44	13	-	-
Eastern and Wan Chai	28	40	17	41	38	15	-	-
Kwun Tong	68	61	38	61	54	15	-	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	73	96	26	59	74	16	-	-
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	31	34	16	44	32	11	-	-
Sham Shui Po	48	35	19	25	31	5	-	-
Sha Tin	46	61	40	41	58	11	-	-
Tai Po and North	77	131	53	41	49	11	-	-
Yuen Long	57	56	38	34	30	8	-	-
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	44	38	24	33	35	4	1	-
Tuen Mun	40	44	38	26	33	3	-	-
Total	**553**	**641**	**329**	**429**	**478**	**112**	**1**	**1**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for SWs in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central Western, Southern and Islands	45	50	21	20	44	15	-	-
Eastern and Wan Chai	36	47	23	37	38	19	1	-
Kwun Tong	83	81	34	65	64	17	1	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	104	94	34	54	81	22	-	-
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	45	14	41	34	15	-	-
Sham Shui Po	50	46	21	21	29	6	1	-
Sha Tin	53	71	44	46	60	17	-	-
Tai Po and North	65	145	60	50	48	15	-	-
Yuen Long	70	68	39	37	44	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	55	45	27	42	36	6	1	-
Tuen Mun	45	53	41	35	38	5	-	-
Total	**649**	**745**	**358**	**448**	**516**	**143**	**4**	**1**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for SWs in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central Western, Southern and Islands	46	53	26	32	42	16	-	-
Eastern and Wan Chai	35	41	23	36	39	18	-	-
Kwun Tong	76	80	37	58	49	25	2	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	106	92	32	52	76	19	-	-
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	44	43	19	35	40	15	-	-
Sham Shui Po	34	42	26	25	30	8	1	-
Sha Tin	51	73	46	44	59	18	-	-
Tai Po and North	68	110	54	46	41	18	-	-
Yuen Long	80	69	43	27	48	6	-	-
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	54	56	30	39	37	10	1	-
Tuen Mun	54	54	35	32	31	10	-	-
Total	**648**	**713**	**371**	**426**	**492**	**163**	**4**	**1**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for SWs in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	37	54	27	21	36	16	-	-
Eastern and Wan Chai	39	41	32	34	32	18	2	-
Kwun Tong	62	87	29	64	55	19	3	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	102	90	34	45	72	20	-	-
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	50	35	19	35	37	16	-	-
Sham Shui Po	38	37	17	17	30	8	1	-
Sha Tin	49	64	35	41	50	19	-	-
Tai Po and North	56	73	42	33	38	18	-	-
Yuen Long	59	49	24	19	37	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	52	59	29	46	43	14	1	-
Tuen Mun	50	50	33	27	29	8	-	-
Total	**594**	**639**	**321**	**382**	**459**	**159**	**7**	**1**

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for SWs in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	44	51	30	19	42	15	-	-
Eastern and Wan Chai	42	42	30	30	30	14	1	-
Kwun Tong	60	81	25	52	49	13	2	-
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	102	91	39	43	60	16	-	-
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	55	33	24	29	36	7	-	-
Sham Shui Po	40	31	16	19	33	4	-	-
Sha Tin	36	52	28	37	39	12	-	-
Tai Po and North	53	70	45	30	33	2	-	-
Yuen Long	69	48	28	15	36	3	-	-
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	52	61	32	46	43	13	1	-
Tuen Mun	48	44	33	34	29	10	-	-
Total	**601**	**604**	**330**	**354**	**430**	**109**	**4**	**-**

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LWB(WW)387

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5523)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of service users of day activity centres (DACs) (not waitlisted for residential services) in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1028)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of service users of DACs (not waitlisted for residential services) broken down by district and age in the past 5 years, the information sought cannot be provided. The number of service users of DACs (not waitlisted for residential services) for the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of DACs (not waitlisted for residential services) from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of service users
2015-16	3 913
2016-17	3 906
2017-18	3 879
2018-19	4 107
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	4 165

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LWB(WW)388

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5524)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of service users of day activity centres (DACs) (waitlisted for residential services) in the past 5 years (as at end-December each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1029)

Reply:

As the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of service users of DACs (waitlisted for residential services) broken down by district and age in the past 5 years, the information sought cannot be provided. The number of service users of DACs (waitlisted for residential services) for the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of service users of DACs (waitlisted for residential services) from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of service users
2015-16	1 195
2016-17	1 266
2017-18	1 299
2018-19	1 133
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	1 265

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LWB(WW)389

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5525)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for day activity centres (DACs) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1030)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for DACs broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for DACs in 2015-16 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	15	8	9	12	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	37	18	13	8	14	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	38	36	6	12	11	5	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	64	45	20	9	20	9	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	20	8	12	10	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	24	21	8	12	12	6	-	-
Sha Tin	32	29	13	15	10	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	59	30	11	8	6	4	-	-
Yuen Long	42	27	14	19	17	5	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	25	17	29	14	5	-	-
Tuen Mun	21	29	15	28	29	11	1	-
Total	**400**	**295**	**133**	**161**	**155**	**62**	**3**	**-**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for DACs in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	14	11	8	12	1	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	37	22	13	11	12	3	1	-
Kwun Tong	39	32	7	16	13	5	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	66	43	20	12	21	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	37	19	9	8	19	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	28	23	7	10	15	5	-	-
Sha Tin	39	28	13	15	10	8	-	-
Tai Po/North	57	39	9	9	8	5	-	-
Yuen Long	43	34	11	19	24	7	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	23	15	30	13	8	1	-
Tuen Mun	24	27	22	26	31	14	2	-
Total	**425**	**304**	**137**	**164**	**178**	**77**	**7**	**-**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for DACs in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	23	12	8	13	2	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	35	27	15	14	14	4	2	-
Kwun Tong	58	36	9	17	12	6	2	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	57	53	19	13	20	13	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	35	29	9	9	18	8	-	-
Sham Shui Po	24	21	9	9	17	5	-	-
Sha Tin	41	28	12	13	12	8	1	-
Tai Po/North	50	47	13	8	8	5	-	-
Yuen Long	40	42	12	17	22	8	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	40	28	16	31	13	8	1	-
Tuen Mun	20	30	22	25	34	20	2	-
Total	**426**	**364**	**148**	**164**	**183**	**87**	**9**	**-**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for DACs in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	24	18	13	9	13	4	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	29	27	15	10	13	8	2	-
Kwun Tong	53	43	11	16	9	8	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	55	56	17	18	19	15	-	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	43	36	8	8	17	5	1	-
Sham Shui Po	28	17	10	11	16	5	-	-
Sha Tin	30	34	18	12	11	8	2	-
Tai Po/North	42	54	16	8	6	3	1	-
Yuen Long	33	49	13	21	21	10	-	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	31	20	32	13	11	1	-
Tuen Mun	23	31	27	21	30	24	2	-
Total	**395**	**396**	**168**	**166**	**168**	**101**	**11**	**-**

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for DACs in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD and age group) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted							
	Aged 15 to 19	**Aged 20 to 29**	**Aged 30 to 39**	**Aged 40 to 49**	**Aged 50 to 59**	**Aged 60 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	15	13	7	14	3	1	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	30	28	13	10	15	11	4	-
Kwun Tong	47	36	14	11	11	10	1	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	50	50	16	14	14	16	1	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	50	36	8	8	10	3	2	-
Sham Shui Po	32	18	11	9	15	5	-	-
Sha Tin	25	21	12	10	10	6	3	-
Tai Po/North	31	30	11	8	3	3	1	-
Yuen Long	41	40	12	17	18	10	1	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	29	25	23	28	12	12	1	-
Tuen Mun	25	28	31	17	22	15	1	-
Total	**386**	**327**	**164**	**139**	**144**	**94**	**16**	**-**

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LWB(WW)390

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5526)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of service users of special child care centre (SCCC) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1031)

Reply:

The number of service users of SCCC, broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department and age group in the past 5 years, is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service users of SCCC and their age distribution in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	69	80	**153**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	79	93	**178**
Kwun Tong	6	54	108	**168**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	78	123	**204**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	56	118	**177**
Sham Shui Po	3	42	71	**116**
Sha Tin	5	70	93	**168**
Tai Po/North	4	63	73	**140**
Yuen Long	3	66	92	**161**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	75	105	**186**
Tuen Mun	3	29	68	**100**
Total	**46**	**681**	**1 024**	**1 751**

Table 2: Number of service users of SCCC and their age distribution in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	13	61	78	**152**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	69	103	**175**
Kwun Tong	3	58	118	**179**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	69	132	**207**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	103	**165**
Sham Shui Po	3	37	75	**115**
Sha Tin	5	61	110	**176**
Tai Po/North	11	64	93	**168**
Yuen Long	2	57	103	**162**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	54	134	**194**
Tuen Mun	5	50	69	**124**
Total	**61**	**638**	**1 118**	**1 817**

Table 3: Number of service users of SCCC and their age distribution in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	14	64	98	**176**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	80	139	**224**
Kwun Tong	-	16	49	**65**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	107	216	**336**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	14	13	**30**
Sham Shui Po	6	59	140	**205**
Sha Tin	1	38	99	**138**
Tai Po/North	5	68	146	**219**
Yuen Long	-	24	82	**106**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	58	105	**167**
Tuen Mun	4	46	95	**145**
Total	**55**	**574**	**1 182**	**1 811**

Table 4: Number of service users of SCCC and their age distribution in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	77	84	**172**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	78	99	**183**
Kwun Tong	3	57	118	**178**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	64	155	**226**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	103	**165**
Sham Shui Po	3	40	73	**116**
Sha Tin	1	57	127	**185**
Tai Po/North	3	94	117	**214**
Yuen Long	3	40	111	**154**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	57	140	**207**
Tuen Mun	2	49	69	**120**
Total	**53**	**671**	**1 196**	**1 920**

Table 5: Number of service users of SCCC and their age distribution in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	77	76	**164**
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	90	81	**177**
Kwun Tong	8	72	113	**193**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	115	120	**245**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	67	100	**177**
Sham Shui Po	4	56	68	**128**
Sha Tin	6	73	101	**180**
Tai Po/North	9	92	115	**216**
Yuen Long	5	57	92	**154**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	10	91	105	**206**
Tuen Mun	4	42	78	**124**
Total	**83**	**832**	**1 049**	**1 964**

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LWB(WW)391

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5527)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for special child care centre (SCCC) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1032)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for SCCC broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department and age group in the past 5 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCC in 2015-16

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	45	71	4	120
Eastern/Wan Chai	44	75	1	120
Kwun Tong	41	122	5	168
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	48	128	7	183
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	65	87	10	162
Sham Shui Po	39	75	8	122
Sha Tin	49	116	14	179
Tai Po/North	53	104	8	165
Yuen Long	43	101	10	154
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	67	119	17	203
Tuen Mun	40	66	8	114
Total	**534**	**1 064**	**92**	**1 690**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCC in 2016-17

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	54	69	4	127
Eastern/Wan Chai	44	86	10	140
Kwun Tong	45	133	19	197
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	51	153	19	223
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	65	92	11	168
Sham Shui Po	34	72	9	115
Sha Tin	51	126	12	189
Tai Po/North	44	93	16	153
Yuen Long	35	95	19	149
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	72	147	15	234
Tuen Mun	42	44	9	95
Total	**537**	**1 110**	**143**	**1 790**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCC in 2017-18

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	52	71	15	138
Eastern/Wan Chai	50	77	10	137
Kwun Tong	53	125	23	201
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	82	180	33	295
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	54	114	22	190
Sham Shui Po	37	90	15	142
Sha Tin	57	167	28	252
Tai Po/North	43	92	15	150
Yuen Long	46	103	21	170
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	72	143	21	236
Tuen Mun	23	64	9	96
Total	**569**	**1 226**	**212**	**2 007**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCC in 2018-19

District	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	43	34	5	82
Eastern/Wan Chai	44	61	3	108
Kwun Tong	47	87	9	143
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	56	147	16	219
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	49	95	15	159
Sham Shui Po	19	68	4	91
Sha Tin	52	108	12	172
Tai Po/North	47	66	4	117
Yuen Long	74	87	13	174
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	61	118	11	190
Tuen Mun	35	51	9	95
Total	**527**	**922**	**101**	**1 550**

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of early education and training centres or on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCC in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	56	41	7	104
Eastern/Wan Chai	48	41	3	92
Kwun Tong	44	70	11	125
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	66	76	4	146
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	46	68	11	125
Sham Shui Po	35	33	1	69
Sha Tin	44	73	5	122
Tai Po/North	38	64	3	105
Yuen Long	67	102	10	179
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	59	76	5	140
Tuen Mun	35	47	5	87
Total	**538**	**691**	**65**	**1 294**

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of early education and training centres or on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5528)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of service users of integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1033)

Reply:

The number of service users of IP broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department and age group in the past 5 years is set out in Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of IP service users and their age distribution in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	47	74	126
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	68	101	177
Kwun Tong	3	87	139	229
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	92	141	234
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	85	103	189
Sham Shui Po	3	51	68	122
Sha Tin	3	41	137	181
Tai Po/North	-	57	123	180
Yuen Long	2	76	101	179
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	73	113	192
Tuen Mun	2	69	92	163
Total	**34**	**746**	**1 192**	**1 972**

Table 2: Number of IP service users and their age distribution in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	52	71	124
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	65	100	168
Kwun Tong	1	78	155	234
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	81	145	229
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	83	129	213
Sham Shui Po	-	43	72	115
Sha Tin	-	64	107	171
Tai Po/North	-	42	132	174
Yuen Long	-	50	130	180
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	82	115	200
Tuen Mun	-	45	111	156
Total	**12**	**685**	**1 267**	**1 964**

Table 3: Number of IP service users and their age distribution in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	49	77	128
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	63	113	181
Kwun Tong	3	74	151	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	82	156	241
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	71	139	211
Sham Shui Po	1	32	77	110
Sha Tin	-	59	111	170
Tai Po/North	-	35	133	168
Yuen Long	1	44	141	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	57	137	199
Tuen Mun	2	45	107	154
Total	**23**	**611**	**1 342**	**1 976**

Table 4: Number of IP service users and their age distribution in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	63	76	145
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	62	95	162
Kwun Tong	4	73	146	223
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	87	134	224
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	81	135	218
Sham Shui Po	-	37	81	118
Sha Tin	-	53	114	167
Tai Po/North	-	51	121	172
Yuen Long	5	63	125	193
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	64	138	204
Tuen Mun	2	56	79	137
Total	**29**	**690**	**1 244**	**1 963**

Table 5: Number of IP service users and their age distribution in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	61	60	131
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	69	68	142
Kwun Tong	5	100	117	222
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	109	106	225
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	86	133	224
Sham Shui Po	1	45	73	119
Sha Tin	10	53	101	164
Tai Po/North	5	68	101	174
Yuen Long	11	78	92	181
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	77	98	178
Tuen Mun	9	60	73	142
Total	**74**	**806**	**1 022**	**1 902**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5529)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1034)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for IP broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department and age group in the past 5 years is set out in Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for IP in 2015-16

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	26	60	13	**99**
Eastern/Wan Chai	25	69	8	**102**
Kwun Tong	29	158	18	**205**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	47	168	20	**235**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	36	119	28	**183**
Sham Shui Po	14	63	9	**86**
Sha Tin	46	173	25	**244**
Tai Po/North	57	187	29	**273**
Yuen Long	45	173	20	**238**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	120	8	**160**
Tuen Mun	23	103	14	**140**
Total	**380**	**1 393**	**192**	**1 965**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for IP in 2016-17

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	30	75	14	**119**
Eastern/Wan Chai	34	84	14	**132**
Kwun Tong	24	125	30	**179**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	45	152	32	**229**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	44	127	29	**200**
Sham Shui Po	24	89	16	**129**
Sha Tin	60	154	34	**248**
Tai Po/North	56	183	46	**285**
Yuen Long	42	163	32	**237**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	127	23	**181**
Tuen Mun	23	72	14	**109**
Total	**413**	**1 351**	**284**	**2 048**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for IP in 2017-18

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	25	64	16	**105**
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	83	11	**121**
Kwun Tong	24	124	18	**166**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	34	109	29	**172**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	28	104	28	**160**
Sham Shui Po	16	109	14	**139**
Sha Tin	48	149	34	**231**
Tai Po/North	33	168	43	**244**
Yuen Long	44	136	19	**199**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	30	149	22	**201**
Tuen Mun	23	87	7	**117**
Total	**332**	**1 282**	**241**	**1 855**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for IP in 2018-19

District	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	20	23	-	**43**
Eastern/Wan Chai	17	34	4	**55**
Kwun Tong	21	54	12	**87**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	32	52	7	**91**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	27	67	14	**108**
Sham Shui Po	16	46	5	**67**
Sha Tin	29	60	9	**98**
Tai Po/North	29	61	7	**97**
Yuen Long	27	54	10	**91**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	19	50	6	**75**
Tuen Mun	15	39	4	**58**
Total	**252**	**540**	**78**	**870**

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of early education and training centres or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for IP in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	9	17	1	**27**
Eastern/Wan Chai	15	26	3	**44**
Kwun Tong	15	35	5	**55**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	17	25	2	**44**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	21	40	3	**64**
Sham Shui Po	16	37	5	**58**
Sha Tin	17	31	2	**50**
Tai Po/North	14	31	1	**46**
Yuen Long	22	23	1	**46**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	15	6	**30**
Tuen Mun	2	11	-	**13**
Total	**157**	**291**	**29**	**477**

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of early education and training centres or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5530)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of service users of early education and training centre (EETC) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1035)

Reply:

The number of service users of EETC broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department and age group in the past 5 years is set out in Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of EETC service users and their age distribution in 2015-16

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	88	157	**252**
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	73	239	**319**
Kwun Tong	13	60	171	**244**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	27	87	305	**419**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	74	197	**283**
Sham Shui Po	8	56	119	**183**
Sha Tin	14	71	239	**324**
Tai Po/North	9	59	186	**254**
Yuen Long	14	55	109	**178**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	112	239	**371**
Tuen Mun	12	68	112	**192**
Total	**143**	**803**	**2 073**	**3 019**

Table 2: Number of EETC service users and their age distribution in 2016-17

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	67	177	**252**
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	77	236	**318**
Kwun Tong	22	57	164	**243**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	35	107	258	**400**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	24	74	222	**320**
Sham Shui Po	21	51	130	**202**
Sha Tin	18	80	209	**307**
Tai Po/North	21	42	194	**257**
Yuen Long	19	66	125	**210**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	40	92	283	**415**
Tuen Mun	14	53	110	**177**
Total	**227**	**766**	**2 108**	**3 101**

Table 3: Number of EETC service users and their age distribution in 2017-18

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	49	146	188	**383**
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	102	292	**397**
Kwun Tong	16	64	183	**263**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	25	95	294	**414**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	44	54	133	**231**
Sham Shui Po	28	65	178	**271**
Sha Tin	11	44	234	**289**
Tai Po/North	5	54	210	**269**
Yuen Long	5	52	114	**171**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	32	114	254	**400**
Tuen Mun	9	71	148	**228**
Total	**227**	**861**	**2 228**	**3 316**

Table 4: Number of EETC service users and their age distribution in 2018-19

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	122	189	**334**
Eastern/Wan Chai	7	87	258	**352**
Kwun Tong	23	78	214	**315**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	104	305	**439**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	27	104	215	**346**
Sham Shui Po	16	63	123	**202**
Sha Tin	23	86	255	**364**
Tai Po/North	36	85	227	**348**
Yuen Long	7	49	161	**217**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	35	101	240	**376**
Tuen Mun	9	40	160	**209**
Total	**236**	**919**	**2 347**	**3 502**

Table 5: Number of EETC service users and their age distribution in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	43	143	136	**322**
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	150	180	**351**
Kwun Tong	51	120	160	**331**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	68	174	202	**444**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	53	135	160	**348**
Sham Shui Po	34	86	108	**228**
Sha Tin	50	142	161	**353**
Tai Po/North	49	110	145	**304**
Yuen Long	22	70	134	**226**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	42	132	188	**362**
Tuen Mun	19	68	118	**205**
Total	**452**	**1 330**	**1 692**	**3 474**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5531)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

the number of persons waitlisted for early education and training centres (EETCs) in the past 5 years (as at end-March each year) with a breakdown by district of residence and age.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1036)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for EETCs broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department and age group in the past 5 years is set out in Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs in 2015-16

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	85	217	47	**349**
Eastern/Wan Chai	93	321	71	**485**
Kwun Tong	100	212	64	**376**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	153	347	93	**593**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	142	269	88	**499**
Sham Shui Po	86	144	48	**278**
Sha Tin	95	300	82	**477**
Tai Po/North	83	240	73	**396**
Yuen Long	68	146	48	**262**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	121	303	95	**519**
Tuen Mun	62	134	25	**221**
Total	**1 088**	**2 633**	**734**	**4 455**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs in 2016-17

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	126	259	83	**468**
Eastern/Wan Chai	95	307	92	**494**
Kwun Tong	123	305	90	**518**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	161	366	154	**681**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	152	292	91	**535**
Sham Shui Po	88	164	57	**309**
Sha Tin	109	352	153	**614**
Tai Po/North	93	243	89	**425**
Yuen Long	61	218	50	**329**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	144	346	107	**597**
Tuen Mun	54	169	24	**247**
Total	**1 206**	**3 021**	**990**	**5 217**

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs in 2017-18

District	Number of persons waitlisted			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	85	203	56	**344**
Eastern/Wan Chai	88	346	92	**526**
Kwun Tong	117	366	163	**646**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	141	400	207	**748**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	151	317	116	**584**
Sham Shui Po	63	159	81	**303**
Sha Tin	125	356	183	**664**
Tai Po/North	83	198	106	**387**
Yuen Long	71	262	73	**406**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	110	350	124	**584**
Tuen Mun	58	233	50	**341**
Total	**1 092**	**3 190**	**1 251**	**5 533**

Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs in 2018-19

District	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	90	111	15	**216**
Eastern/Wan Chai	57	171	31	**259**
Kwun Tong	137	169	50	**356**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	138	187	56	**381**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	124	162	50	**336**
Sham Shui Po	72	78	24	**174**
Sha Tin	99	152	47	**298**
Tai Po/North	65	93	22	**180**
Yuen Long	61	143	42	**246**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	78	126	47	**251**
Tuen Mun	54	98	18	**170**
Total	**975**	**1 490**	**402**	**2 867**

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	57	43	16	**116**
Eastern/Wan Chai	58	46	6	**110**
Kwun Tong	75	58	16	**149**
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	81	58	7	**146**
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	95	84	16	**195**
Sham Shui Po	66	41	17	**124**
Sha Tin	87	53	12	**152**
Tai Po/North	49	29	9	**87**
Yuen Long	53	63	19	**135**
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	56	44	25	**125**
Tuen Mun	36	22	5	**63**
Total	**713**	**541**	**148**	**1 402**

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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LWB(WW)396

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5532)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of:

the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time and the service places for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) and self-care (S/C) hostels/homes for the aged (H/A) over the past 5 years (as at March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1037)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for DE/day care unit for the elderly (DCU), the waiting time and the number of service places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented S/C hostels and H/As since 1 January 2003. There are currently no elderly persons waiting for such placement, and therefore SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted and the waiting time for such services. Starting from 2005-06, subvented S/C and H/A places have gradually been converted into care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care. The conversion for S/C places has already been completed. Therefore, no subsidised S/C hostel places were provided from 2015-16 to 2019-20, while 67 H/A places remained in the aforesaid five-year period.

Annex 1

Information on DEs/DCUs

Financial year	Number of persons waitlisted [Note]	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)	Service places
2015-16	2 885	9	3 039
2016-17	3 338	11	3 059
2017-18	3 568	10	3 202
2018-19	4 370	12	3 240
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 612	14	3 383

[Note] The figures do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5533)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

among integrated home care services (IHCS), the respective numbers of cases involving elderly persons (ordinary cases) (OC), persons with disabilities (OC), individuals and families with social needs, elderly persons (frail cases) (FC) and persons with disabilities (FC) over the past 5 years (as at March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1038)

Reply:

The respective numbers of cases receiving IHCS(OC) for elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs, and the respective numbers of cases receiving IHCS(FC) for elderly persons and persons with disabilities from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out below:

Year	IHCS(OC)			IHCS(FC)	
	No. of cases receiving services [Note]			No. of cases receiving services [Note]	
	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities	Individuals and families with social needs	Elderly persons	Persons with disabilities
2015-16	17 211	1 322	257	999	107
2016-17	17 194	1 214	256	1 007	101
2017-18	17 124	1 118	221	1 018	91
2018-19	16 614	1 091	232	1 025	82
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	16 307	1 040	240	1 028	81

[Note] The figures reflect the number of persons receiving relevant services at year-end.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5534)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of:

the number of persons waitlisted for care-and-attention (C&A) services, the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subvented and contract homes over the past 5 years (as at March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1039)

Reply:

The average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places (including subvented and contract homes) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly may make a maximum of 3 choices at the same time by indicating their preference for the location of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), including the cluster, the district or even a specified RCHE, etc. Elderly persons may also choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places of subvented/contract RCHEs, homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of persons waitlisted for subvented and contract homes.

Annex 1

Average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in 2015-16

Service type	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 1]	**No. of persons waitlisted**
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	36 9 22	27 365 [Note 2]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from home for the aged (H/A) places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC) in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes about 2 670 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the central waiting list (CWL).

Annex 2

Average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in 2016-17

Service type	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 1]	**No. of persons waitlisted**
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	36 11 24	29 672 [Note 2]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes about 2 760 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 3

Average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in 2017-18

Service type	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 1]	**No. of persons waitlisted**
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs	36	
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	11	31 358 [Note 2]
Overall	24	

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes about 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 4

Average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in 2018-19

Service type	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 1]	**No. of persons waitlisted**
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	40 10 24	33 716 [Note 2]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes about 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 5

Average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted
C&A places - Subvented/ contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS	41 8	33 843 [Note 2]
Overall	20	

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes about 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

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LWB(WW)399

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5535)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

the number of homes, waiting time and service places for subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), contract homes, homes participating in conversion of residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) and home for the aged (H/A) places, private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), self-financing homes operated by NGOs, and private RCHEs respectively over the past 5 years (as at March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.:1040)

Reply:

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of various types of RCHEs and the number of service places are set out in Annexes 1 and 2, and the average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential care services for the elderly is set out in Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the waiting time for various types of non-subsidised residential places.

Annex 1

Number of various types of RCHEs

Year	Number of units					
	Subvented homes [Note 1]	**Subvented homes participating in conversion**	**Contract RCHEs**	**Self-financing homes** [Note 2]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Private RCHEs** [Note 3]
2015-16	53	74	26	39	142	404
2016-17	53	74	28	38	142	403
2017-18	54	73	30	38	139	409
2018-19	54	72	31	38	140	409
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	54	72	32	38	147	407

[Note 1] Excluding subvented homes participating in the conversion of self-care (S/C) and H/A places.

[Note 2] Including self-financing nursing homes (NHs) licensed solely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

[Note 3] Excluding private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

Annex 2

Number of service places of various types of RCHEs

Year	Number of service places					
	Subvented homes [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Subvented homes participating in conversion** [Note 2]	**Contract RCHEs** [Note 2]	**Self-financing homes** [Note 2] [Note 3]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS** [Note 2]	**Private RCHEs** [Note 4]
2015-16	9 852	7 046	3 373	3 603	16 191	33 307
2016-17	9 852	7 115	3 564	3 633	16 231	33 605
2017-18	9 972	7 144	3 792	3 501	15 649	34 439
2018-19	9 972	7 198	3 892	3 514	15 756	34 587
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	9 972	7 236	3 992	3 503	16 362	34 739

[Note 1] Excluding subvented homes participating in the conversion of S/C and H/A places.

[Note 2] Subsidised and non-subsidised residential places are provided.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs licensed solely under the registration regime administered by the DH.

[Note 4] Excluding private RCHEs participating in the EBPS. They are providing non-subsidised residential places, the number of which are capped at the maximum number of residential places permitted under licence.

Annex 3

Average waiting time for various subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Service type [Note 1]	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 2]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Care and attention (C&A) places					
- Subvented/ contract RCHEs	36	36	36	40	41
- Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	9	11	11	10	8
Overall	22	24	24	24	20
NH places [Note 3]	27	25	24	25	22

[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented homes for the aged (H/As) since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places.

[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing continuum of care in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5536)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of:

regarding nursing homes (NHs), the number of waitlisted persons, the waiting time, the number of homes, the service places (counting subvented NHs only), the service places (including bought places) respectively over the past 5 years (as at March each year).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1041)

Reply:

The average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised NH places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1, while the number of homes providing subsidised NH places and the respective numbers of service places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Average waiting time for subsidised NH places and the number of persons waitlisted [Note 1]

Year	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 2]	No. of persons waitlisted [Note 3]
2015-16	27	6 003
2016-17	25	6 259
2017-18	24	6 553
2018-19	25	7 062
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	22	7 168

[Note 1] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised NH places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, and those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 3] The figures include the elderly persons using subsidised community care services while waiting for subsidised NH places, but do not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the central waiting list.

Annex 2

Number of homes providing subsidised NH places and the respective service places

Year	Number of homes	Number of service places			
		Subvented NHs	Self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme	Contract homes [Note]	Total
2015-16	38	1 574	241	1 794	**3 609**
2016-17	39	1 574	296	1 936	**3 806**
2017-18	41	1 574	294	2 094	**3 962**
2018-19	42	1 574	289	2 153	**4 016**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	43	1 574	288	2 226	**4 088**

[Note] Contract homes provide care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5591)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the COVID-19 epidemic, please provide:

(1) the number of civil servants participating in voluntary work to combat the epidemic on a voluntary basis and the nature of their voluntary work;

(2) the Government's definition on the principle of "basic needs" of the home confinees under mandatory home quarantine and whether there are clear guidelines on its details;

(3) the number of support services provided by the Government for the home confinees under mandatory home quarantine and the service nature (including the provision of personal daily necessities, meals or food ingredients, counselling services and others) in a table; and

(4) the estimated expenditure on the supplies for the home confinees under home quarantine and the relevant transportation costs.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 618)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) As at 10 March 2020, there was a total of 33 serving and retired civil servants assisting the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in voluntary work to combat the epidemic on a voluntary basis. They rendered support to SWD by purchasing and delivering meals and daily necessities for the persons/families in quarantine at home and designated venue/camp.

(2) In accordance with relevant guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection under the Department of Health, support services are provided by SWD for persons staying at quarantine centres or put under compulsory home quarantine, which include the provision of personal daily necessities, counselling services and reasonable meals or food ingredients (only for the persons under compulsory home quarantine without any support from families, relatives, friends or other persons). The District Social Welfare Officers of SWD will examine the requests made by persons under compulsory home quarantine to make sure the support provided is reasonable and fair.

(3) Between 8 February and 10 March 2020, SWD provided daily necessities, food and emotional support to 7 434 persons under compulsory home quarantine (either at their home or other places of residence), totalling 4 850 households.

(4) SWD will, in response to the demands, deploy resources in the 2020-21 Budget to meet the expenditure on the support for persons in quarantine.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5592)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the details related to the Government's measure to "prepare for the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years", including the location of the premises to be purchased, their floor area, the nature of welfare facilities and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 619)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated to the Government for purchasing suitable premises over some 3 years for the provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with a list of premises proposed to be purchased, which details the distribution by type of welfare facilities, district and floor area requirements, for Members' information. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5605)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Family and child protective services include those for child abuse, spouse/cohabitant battering and child custody dispute cases. In this connection, please advise the following:

1. The Domestic Violence Ordinance was amended to cover same-sex cohabitants. Since the broadening of statutory protection, have additional resources been allocated for services and supportive measures for members of homosexual communities affected by domestic violence? If not, what are the reasons?

2. There is serious discrimination against transgender persons in Hong Kong. For these transgender persons who are made homeless due to termination of employment or refusal of tenancy (not related to domestic violence) by landlords, no accommodation services are provided and their service requests are rejected by all existing organisations. When will the Government set up shelter services suitable for transgender persons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 812)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence (including same-sex cohabitant and intimate partners) and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC), the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, etc. The service targets cover same-sex cohabitants.

2. The MCISC subvented by SWD offers temporary accommodation service to victims of domestic violence, or families and individuals, including transgender persons, who are in crisis. SWD has no plan to set up other shelter services for transgender persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5614)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General Non-recurrent

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the estimated expenditure and work plan for the new items "811 Short-term food assistance" and "808 Additional provision for social security recipients"? What are the reasons for seeking funding from the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the context of the Appropriation Bill? Despite it is not a new arrangement, why doesn't the Government seek approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo separately?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 851)

Reply:

The Government has increased the financial commitment for the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects by $447 million in 2018-19 and extended the projects for 3 years until 2021, and conducted a comprehensive review on its positioning and way forward. Having regard to the current economic situation and outlook in Hong Kong, the Government has proposed to increase financial commitment by another $85 million in 2020-21 to cope with the rising service demand.

Besides, it is proposed in the 2020-21 Budget that extra allowance shall be provided to the social security recipients. A one-off additional payment will be made to recipients who are eligible for social security payments (including Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, Old Age Allowance, Old Age Living Allowance, Disability Allowance, Guangdong Scheme and Fujian Scheme) on the date of the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2020 (the Bill) by the LegCo. The estimated expenditure involved will be about $4.2 billion. Upon the passage of the Bill by the LegCo and having confirmed the appropriation, the Social Welfare Department will adjust its computer system after confirming the funding arrangement and disburse the payments to those eligible persons as soon as possible.

The arrangement to include in the draft estimates funding proposals for creating commitments or increasing expenditure ceilings for approved commitment items under the General Revenue Account for scrutiny and approval by the LegCo in the context of the Appropriation Bill is in line with the requirements under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Finance Ordinance. The Government explained the relevant arrangements to the Finance Committee in early 2015. We have included the necessary provision for this proposal under the respective heads and sub-heads of expenditure, as well as provided appropriate information in the Controlling Officer's Report to facilitate Members' consideration.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)405**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5621)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please advise the number of civil servants who are required to be a "registered social worker" in the appointment conditions of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by type of posts.

2. Please set out the starting and maximum pay points of all posts in SWD and the number of staff for each post.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 861)

Reply:

1. From 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019), the number of posts in the establishment of SWD which required the post holder to be a registered social worker is as follows:

Position as at	Number of posts requiring the post holder to be a registered social worker
31 March 2016	2 146
31 March 2017	2 180
31 March 2018	2 210
31 March 2019	2 376
31 December 2019	2 422

2. The starting and maximum pay points of various grades of SWD are detailed below:

Grade	Starting pay point	Maximum pay point	Establishment (as at 31 December 2019)
Directorate posts	Directorate Pay Scale Points 1 to 3 and Point 6		26 (including 21 directorate posts in social work grades)
Social work grades	Master Pay Scale (MPS) Point 9	MPS Point 49	2 401
Social security grades	MPS Point 7	MPS Point 49	1 821
Others (including other professional and general supporting grades)	Model Scale 1 Pay Scale Point 0	MPS Point 49	2 143

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LWB(WW)406

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5771)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

(1) whether the Department has received and used CSI masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD); if yes, the details; if not, the reasons for that;

(2) if CSI masks produced by CSD have been received and used, the respective figures on the CSI masks received and used in each of the past 5 years; and

(3) a breakdown of the number of CSI masks distributed to subvented organisations by their name in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 598)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has both received masks produced by CSD from the Government Logistics Department and procured masks on the market on its own for distribution to staff for use. SWD has not compiled records on the distribution of masks from different sources to individual staff.

Further to providing 1 million masks for the staff of subvented, contract, self-financing and private residential service units, including residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities licensed by SWD in end-February and early March 2020, the Government has pledged to provide 2 million masks each month for the staff of the above service units to assist their continued provision of services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5781)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is expressed by some persons under 60 with disabilities that they wish to apply for the services of meal delivery and home cleaning for reasons including the domestic helper's return to homeland or chronic diseases. Yet, such services, though provided in the home care service for elderly persons, are neither provided in the home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) nor the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS). With regard to such noticeable discrepancy between services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, will the Government consider re-engineering the services in order to meet the needs of service users? If yes, what are the specific details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 185)

Reply:

The Government has been providing a range of multifarious services and support for persons with disabilities, and increasing the allocation of resources according to the service demand and the constantly changing situation, so as to enhance the rehabilitation services continuously. Since 2014, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented case management service for HCS and ISS to support persons with disabilities living in the community. Multi-disciplinary services are co-ordinated by the case manager in a one-stop approach to provide a package of professional integrated home-based care services. The 2 services mainly cater for the personal care, rehabilitation training and nursing care needs of persons with severe disabilities. If individual service users with severe disabilities are in need of household cleaning or meal delivery service, case managers will conduct assessments and arrange for service provision. SWD will closely monitor the implementation of the 2 services. Besides, Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have been medically assessed and are recommended by social workers may apply for the Care and Attention Allowance under CSSA Scheme to meet the cost of special care need including mainly the actual expenses of hiring a carer. The Government launched through the Community Care Fund on 3 October 2016 the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities to provide needy carers of persons with disabilities with financial assistance to supplement their living expenses, so that persons with disabilities with long term care needs may, with

their carers' assistance, continue to live in the community and receive proper care. Currently, each eligible carer may receive a monthly allowance of $2,400.

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LWB(WW)408

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5823)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

1. the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently providing rehabilitation services for children with physical or intellectual disabilities; and
2. the number of complaints against rehabilitation services for children with physical or intellectual disabilities purchased from NGOs with a breakdown by type of complaints in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 449)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Currently, there are 58 NGOs providing subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (including early education and training centres, special child care centres, integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres and on-site pre-school rehabilitation services) and 37 NGOs providing services in relation to "Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services".
2. The Social Welfare Department does not have the figures sought.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)409

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5876)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out in respect of each of the past 5 years:

1. the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients and their median age and average age by different case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.);
2. the number of CSSA cases and recipients and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases by different case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.);
3. the number of children applied for the CSSA Scheme (with a breakdown by recipients' age, class level attended and duration of receiving CSSA);
4. the number of children on CSSA who are born in Hong Kong with parents being non-Hong Kong residents, and the types of guardian involved (e.g. relative, friend, etc.).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of CSSA cases, number of recipients and their median age by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information sought.

3. The number of school children on CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by class level attended is set out in the Annex 2. SWD does not have the other information sought.

4. The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 5 years is set out in Annex 3. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	146 135	144 781	144 129	141 280	136 050
Permanent disability	17 797	17 423	17 036	16 621	16 923
Ill health	24 417	24 105	23 570	23 043	23 917
Single parent	28 099	26 779	25 669	24 382	23 678
Low-earnings	6 065	5 054	4 182	3 422	3 002
Unemployment	15 852	13 981	12 623	11 696	12 570
Others	4 538	4 399	4 259	4 159	4 035
Total	**242 903**	**236 522**	**231 468**	**224 603**	**220 175**

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	179 042	176 477	173 190	167 937	161 354
Permanent disability	23 745	23 233	22 522	22 054	22 223
Ill health	37 705	36 856	35 554	34 243	34 889
Single parent	67 382	64 195	61 722	58 913	57 085
Low-earnings	19 679	16 380	13 538	11 283	9 811
Unemployment	26 369	23 339	20 737	19 552	20 409
Others	6 471	6 229	5 941	5 819	5 568
Total	**360 393**	**346 709**	**333 204**	**319 801**	**311 339**

Table 3: CSSA recipients' median age by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	74	74	74	74	74
Permanent disability	47	47	47	48	48
Ill health	47	47	47	47	48
Single parent	16	16	16	16	16
Low-earnings	31	31	30	29	30
Unemployment	42	42	42	42	43
Others	14	14	14	14	14
Total	**57**	**58**	**59**	**60**	**60**

Annex 2

Number of school children on CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by class level attended

Class level attended	Kindergarten	Primary	Secondary	Others	Total
2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)	9 260	27 461	32 117	4 366	**73 204**
2016-17 (as at end-December 2016)	8 769	25 804	29 355	3 761	**67 689**
2017-18 (as at end-December 2017)	8 447	24 909	29 802	451	**63 609**
2018-19 (as at end-December 2018)	8 002	23 617	28 055	394	**60 068**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) (preliminary figures)	7 538	22 357	26 712	487	**57 094**

Annex 3

Number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 5 years

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of recipients
2015	358
2016	331
2017	330
2018	298
2019	303

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5877)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the following information in connection with the past 5 years:

1. The number of persons receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA), with a breakdown by entirety and type of accommodation (including: subsidised housing/private housing/subsidised residential care home/private residential care home/self-financing residential care home);
2. The number of NDA and HDA cases with a breakdown by type of disability certified under the Medical Assessment Form (MAF) and Checklist for Disability Allowance (DA);
3. The number of persons having switched from NDA to HDA;
4. The number of persons having switched from HDA to NDA;
5. The total government expenditure on NDA and HDA respectively;
6. The number of DA appeal cases, the percentage of successful cases and the average time required;
7. Please also provide the number of persons having switched from NDA to HDA and from HDA to NDA after the use of revised MAF for DA.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by type of accommodation is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1 respectively.

2. Regarding the breakdown of cases relating to Part (I) of the MAF for DA, please refer to Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 2. As for the 4 options about the applicants' capabilities as shown in Part (II) of the MAF, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant figures because doctors are

not required to indicate which options are applicable to applicants in the MAF.

3., 4. & 7. SWD does not have the information sought.

5. The expenditure on NDA and HDA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 3.

6. The number of DA appeals and percentage of successful appeals from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 4. Upon receipt of an appeal that involves the result of a medical assessment, the Social Security Appeal Board (the Board) will arrange with the Hospital Authority for the appellant to undergo a medical assessment to be processed by the Medical Assessment Board (MAB), the appeal will be processed within 6 months. The Board will notify the appellant in writing of its decision, normally within 3 weeks after the receipt of the decision of the MAB.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of NDA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of accommodation

Year	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	**Private housing**	**Subsidised home [Note]**	**Non-subsidised home [Note]**
2015-16	51 394	51 121	5 634	2 466
2016-17	54 063	53 645	5 733	2 454
2017-18	56 382	55 618	5 942	2 454
2018-19	58 711	57 604	5 675	2 116
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	60 721	59 686	5 777	2 237

[Note] The above figures include recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

Table 2: Number of HDA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of accommodation

Year	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	**Private housing**	**Subsidised home [Note]**	**Non-subsidised home [Note]**
2015-16	6 954	8 833	87	4 468
2016-17	7 578	9 434	81	4 692
2017-18	7 302	9 553	78	4 336
2018-19	5 406	8 057	52	3 114
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 495	8 438	60	2 991

[Note] The above figures include recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

Annex 2

Table 1: Breakdown relating to Part (I) of the MAF for DA

Item	As at end-December 2015		
	Number of HDA cases	**Number of NDA cases**	**Total**
Loss of functions of 2 limbs	1 527	2 711	**4 238**
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	38	207	**245**
Loss of functions of both feet	178	263	**441**
Total loss of sight	91	2 992	**3 083**
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	246	185	**431**
Paraplegia	330	320	**650**
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	555	471	**1 026**
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	17 621	102 616	**120 237**
Sub-total	**20 586**	**109 765**	**130 351**
Profoundly deaf [Note]	-	4 041	**4 041**
Total	**20 586**	**113 806**	**134 392**

[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A person who is certified by ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctors to be profoundly deaf is regarded as having met the definition of severe disabilities.

Table 2: Breakdown relating to Part (I) of the MAF for DA

Item	As at end-December 2016		
	Number of HDA cases	**Number of NDA cases**	**Total**
Loss of functions of 2 limbs	1 667	2 744	**4 411**
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	44	228	**272**
Loss of functions of both feet	182	272	**454**
Total loss of sight	104	2 971	**3 075**
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	249	186	**435**
Paraplegia	342	331	**673**
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	589	498	**1 087**
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	18 840	107 882	**126 722**
Sub-total	**22 017**	**115 112**	**137 129**
Profoundly deaf [Note]	-	4 013	**4 013**
Total	**22 017**	**119 125**	**141 142**

[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A person who is certified by ENT doctors to be profoundly deaf is regarded as having met the definition of severe disabilities.

Table 3: Breakdown relating to Part (I) of the MAF for DA

Item	As at end-December 2017		
	Number of HDA cases	**Number of NDA cases**	**Total**
Loss of functions of 2 limbs	1 779	2 849	**4 628**
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	47	221	**268**
Loss of functions of both feet	202	282	**484**
Total loss of sight	101	2 903	**3 004**
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	265	198	**463**
Paraplegia	358	332	**690**
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	690	503	**1 193**
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	18 897	112 558	**131 455**
Sub-total	**22 339**	**119 846**	**142 185**
Profoundly deaf [Note]	-	4 005	**4 005**
Total	**22 339**	**123 851**	**146 190**

[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A person who is certified by ENT doctors to be profoundly deaf is regarded as having met the definition of severe disabilities.

Table 4: Breakdown relating to Part (I) of the MAF for DA

Item	As at end-December 2018		
	Number of HDA cases	**Number of NDA cases**	**Total**
Loss of functions of 2 limbs	1 471	2 950	**4 421**
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	42	269	**311**
Loss of functions of both feet	181	295	**476**
Total loss of sight	90	2 793	**2 883**
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	259	193	**452**
Paraplegia	317	315	**632**
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	521	535	**1 056**
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	14 682	117 132	**131 814**
Sub-total	**17 563**	**124 482**	**142 045**
Profoundly deaf [Note]	-	3 920	**3 920**
Total	**17 563**	**128 402**	**145 965**

[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A person who is certified by ENT doctors to be profoundly deaf is regarded as having met the definition of severe disabilities.

Table 5: Breakdown relating to Part (I) of the MAF for DA

Item	As at end-December 2019		
	Number of HDA cases	**Number of NDA cases**	**Total**
Loss of functions of 2 limbs	1 604	3 153	**4 757**
Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers and both thumbs	56	335	**391**
Loss of functions of both feet	198	328	**526**
Total loss of sight	87	2 741	**2 828**
Total paralysis (quadriplegia)	266	190	**456**
Paraplegia	328	317	**645**
Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden	605	566	**1 171**
Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement	14 459	122 712	**137 171**
Sub-total	**17 603**	**130 342**	**147 945**
Profoundly deaf [Note]	-	3 911	**3 911**
Total	**17 603**	**134 253**	**151 856**

[Note] There is a different set of MAF for cases of profound deafness. A person who is certified by ENT doctors to be profoundly deaf is regarded as having met the definition of severe disabilities.

Annex 3

Expenditure on NDA and HDA from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)	
	NDA	HDA
2015-16 (Actual)	2,654	894
2016-17 (Actual)	2,766	937
2017-18 (Actual)	2,923	981
2018-19 (Actual)	3,331	853
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,579	885

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance, and that for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, and the extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex 4

Number of DA appeal cases decided by the Board that involve the result of a medical assessment, number and percentage of successful appeal cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of decided DA appeal cases that involve the result of a medical assessment	Number of successful appeal cases	
		Number of cases	Percentage
2015-16	309	67	21.7%
2016-17	309	64	20.7%
2017-18	302	60	19.9%
2018-19	253	76	30.0%
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	265	80	30.2%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5879)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please list in respect of each of the past 5 years:

(a) by the 18 districts in Hong Kong, the number of households and recipients on CSSA in various districts, their respective percentages in the total number of CSSA cases and the amount of expenditure involved;

(b) the current number of households and recipients in various public housing estates (PHEs) on CSSA and their respective percentages in the total number of households and residents in the estate concerned and the amount of expenditure involved;

(c) the current number of households and residents in various private housing estates (rental/self-owned accommodation) on CSSA and their respective percentages in the total number of households and residents in the estate concerned and the amount of expenditure involved;

(d) by CSSA case nature (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrival), the number and percentage of residents and households on CSSA in various districts and the amount of expenditure involved;

(e) by CSSA case nature (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and new arrival), the number and percentage of residents and households on CSSA in various PHEs and the amount of expenditure involved;

(f) by case nature and the 18 districts, the number of CSSA cases and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of households and recipients on CSSA (excluding those under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by district is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1 respectively. The annual CSSA expenditure involved is set out in Table 3 of

Annex 1, while the percentages of the number of CSSA households and CSSA recipients in each district in the annual CSSA expenditure involved are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the expenditure of CSSA by district.

(b) The number of households and recipients in various PHEs on CSSA and their respective percentages of the total number of households and recipients in the PHE concerned as at end-December 2019 is set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have the number of CSSA households and recipients in each PHE from 2015-16 to 2018-19 and their respective percentages of all PHE households and residents, or the breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by PHE.

(c) The number of households and recipients on CSSA living in private housing from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out below:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of CSSA households	38 326	36 277	35 661	33 409	32 889
Number of CSSA recipients	64 501	60 702	59 663	55 416	54 139

SWD does not have the percentages of the number of CSSA households and recipients in private housing out of all households and residents in private housing in Hong Kong, or the breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by private housing.

(d) The number and percentage of CSSA recipients and households (excluding those under the PCSSA Scheme) in each district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by case nature are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 3. SWD does not have statistics on the expenditure of CSSA by case nature in each district. The annual CSSA expenditure involved is set out in Table 3 of Annex 1.

(e) The number of CSSA recipients and households in each PHE by case nature as at end-December 2019 and their respective percentages of all residents in each PHE are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 4. SWD does not have the number of CSSA recipients and households in each PHE from 2015-16 to 2018-19 by case nature and their respective percentages of all residents in each PHE, or the breakdown of expenditure on CSSA by PHE.

(f) The CSSA Scheme is a household-based programme, as such, the number of CSSA cases equals to the number of CSSA households. The number of CSSA households and the percentage in the total number of CSSA households (excluding those under the PCSSA Scheme) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by case nature and district are set out in Table 2 of Annex 3.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CSSA households (excluding those under the PCSSA Scheme) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

District	Number of CSSA households				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	3 050	3 013	3 012	2 897	2 765
Eastern	11 969	11 497	11 168	10 897	10 625
Islands	3 607	3 486	3 402	3 705	3 720
Kowloon City	13 445	13 272	13 156	12 812	12 481
Kwai Tsing	23 795	22 779	21 970	21 362	20 991
Kwun Tong	32 413	32 066	31 499	30 557	29 857
North	12 605	12 245	12 041	11 561	11 376
Sai Kung	7 717	7 457	7 223	7 019	6 815
Sha Tin	15 789	15 957	15 915	15 597	15 397
Sham Shui Po	22 544	22 140	21 734	21 231	21 049
Southern	7 660	7 547	7 418	7 270	7 120
Tai Po	8 178	8 024	7 852	7 662	7 605
Tsuen Wan	7 038	6 872	6 868	6 637	6 384
Tuen Mun	18 719	17 967	17 661	17 380	17 122
Wan Chai	1 542	1 465	1 432	1 363	1 328
Wong Tai Sin	18 411	17 616	16 967	16 109	15 617
Yau Tsim Mong	9 489	8 890	8 617	8 092	8 000
Yuen Long	23 115	22 562	21 975	21 067	20 646
Total	**241 086**	**234 855**	**229 910**	**223 218**	**218 898**

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the PCSSA Scheme) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

District	Number of CSSA recipients				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Central & Western	3 630	3 556	3 520	3 255	3 149
Eastern	16 893	16 032	15 202	14 536	14 174
Islands	6 834	6 391	6 000	6 659	6 675
Kowloon City	19 081	18 604	18 033	17 284	16 772
Kwai Tsing	36 007	33 884	32 027	30 494	29 827
Kwun Tong	51 072	50 045	48 124	46 467	44 698
North	18 771	18 020	17 430	16 699	16 427
Sai Kung	11 702	10 954	10 327	9 800	9 294
Sha Tin	24 594	24 666	24 313	23 280	22 883
Sham Shui Po	32 123	31 108	30 198	29 343	29 141
Southern	10 105	9 845	9 425	9 061	8 938
Tai Po	11 740	11 501	11 259	10 851	10 540
Tsuen Wan	10 398	9 945	9 739	9 225	8 932
Tuen Mun	26 626	25 521	24 655	24 401	23 720
Wan Chai	1 685	1 608	1 499	1 359	1 362
Wong Tai Sin	27 712	26 097	24 744	23 325	22 399
Yau Tsim Mong	11 924	10 994	10 692	9 942	9 733
Yuen Long	37 858	36 449	34 687	32 614	31 528
Total	**358 755**	**345 220**	**331 874**	**318 595**	**310 192**

Table 3: Annual expenditure on CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Expenditure ($ million) [Note]
2015-16 (Actual)	22,313
2016-17 (Actual)	22,308
2017-18 (Actual)	21,700
2018-19 (Actual)	22,323
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	23,118

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates in that year; and the actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the respective years. The actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme and (2) a one-off grant of $2,000 to each needy student. The revised estimate for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in that year, (2) a one-off grant of $2,500 to each needy student and (3) extra round of 1 additional month of allowance as announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex 2

Number of households and recipients in various PHEs on CSSA and their respective percentages of the total number of households and residents as at end-December 2019

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of the total number of households in respective PHEs	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of the total population in respective PHEs
Ap Lei Chau	412	10%	657	5%
Bo Shek Mansion	38	14%	49	8%
Broadview Garden	20	5%	30	2%
Butterfly	919	17%	1 328	12%
Chai Wan	339	21%	448	12%
Chak On	365	20%	523	13%
Cheung Ching	420	9%	706	5%
Cheung Fat	257	29%	360	18%
Cheung Hang	404	9%	575	4%
Cheung Hong	1 046	13%	1 639	8%
Cheung Kwai	43	10%	63	5%
Cheung Lung Wai	266	20%	507	14%
Cheung On	362	39%	474	22%
Cheung Sha Wan	275	20%	411	13%
Cheung Shan	128	8%	236	5%
Cheung Wah	474	36%	723	23%
Cheung Wang	596	14%	844	7%
Ching Ho	1 410	20%	2 249	12%
Cho Yiu Chuen	177	7%	267	4%
Choi Fai	131	10%	196	5%
Choi Fook	576	17%	929	11%
Choi Ha	153	36%	208	22%
Choi Hung	1 058	14%	1 677	9%
Choi Ming Court	414	15%	529	6%
Choi Tak	899	16%	1 339	10%
Choi Wan (I)	524	9%	932	5%
Choi Wan (II)	273	9%	468	5%
Choi Ying	703	18%	1 030	10%
Choi Yuen	989	20%	1 501	12%
Chuk Yuen (North)	370	37%	505	21%
Chuk Yuen (South)	1 005	17%	1 454	10%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	100	11%	142	6%
Chun Shek	303	14%	442	8%
Chung On	367	13%	566	7%
Clague Garden Estate	64	12%	95	7%
Easeful Court	28	6%	63	3%
Fortune	631	30%	765	16%
Fu Cheong	1 362	23%	1 748	11%
Fu Heng	528	40%	749	24%
Fu Shan	216	14%	334	8%
Fu Shin	484	29%	737	18%
Fu Tai	596	12%	1 035	6%
Fu Tung	128	8%	230	4%
Fuk Loi	418	14%	636	9%
Fung Tak	472	47%	588	30%
Fung Wah	106	33%	132	19%
Fung Wo	249	16%	381	11%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of the total number of households in respective PHEs	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of the total population in respective PHEs
Grandeur Terrace	403	10%	945	7%
Hau Tak	527	13%	815	6%
Healthy Village	113	10%	152	5%
Heng On	253	47%	429	27%
High Prosperity Terrace	36	5%	90	3%
Hin Keng	273	64%	413	34%
Hin Yiu	141	18%	208	11%
Hing Man	211	11%	366	6%
Hing Tin	112	37%	168	18%
Hing Tung	200	10%	321	5%
Hing Wah (I)	334	15%	459	7%
Hing Wah (II)	578	17%	861	10%
Ho Man Tin	831	18%	1 152	9%
Hoi Fu Court	550	20%	778	10%
Hoi Lai	528	11%	1 028	6%
Hoi Ying	149	11%	319	9%
Hong Tung	177	38%	202	24%
Hung Fuk	781	16%	1 344	11%
Hung Hom	613	22%	879	13%
Jat Min Chuen	392	11%	529	5%
Ka Fuk	280	14%	417	7%
Ka Wai Chuen	215	13%	306	7%
Kai Ching	788	15%	1 221	10%
Kai Tin	379	17%	522	8%
Kai Yip	805	19%	1 208	13%
Kam Peng	35	14%	60	8%
Kin Ming	954	14%	1 416	7%
Kin Sang	132	32%	188	19%
King Lam	514	42%	651	28%
Ko Cheung Court	146	8%	324	5%
Ko Yee	222	19%	327	10%
Kwai Chung	2 195	16%	3 263	9%
Kwai Fong	831	13%	1 301	8%
Kwai Hing	107	41%	151	27%
Kwai Luen	434	15%	767	10%
Kwai Shing East	1 053	17%	1 499	9%
Kwai Shing West	567	11%	889	6%
Kwai Tsui	87	10%	188	8%
Kwong Fuk	757	12%	1 250	7%
Kwong Tin	268	12%	426	6%
Kwong Yuen	378	41%	547	26%
Kwun Lung Lau	197	9%	312	5%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	540	12%	753	6%
Lai King	532	13%	786	7%
Lai Kok	629	22%	909	14%
Lai On	212	16%	341	10%
Lai Tak Tsuen	189	8%	297	4%
Lai Tsui Court	87	8%	219	6%
Lai Yiu	308	11%	536	7%
Lakeside Garden	18	8%	29	4%
Lam Tin	534	18%	834	11%
Lee On	465	13%	727	7%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of the total number of households in respective PHEs	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of the total population in respective PHEs
Lei Cheng Uk	400	42%	562	25%
Lei Muk Shue	1 303	13%	2 009	7%
Lei Tung	489	30%	707	18%
Lei Yue Mun	575	16%	869	9%
Lek Yuen	451	14%	718	9%
Leung King	648	31%	903	19%
Lin Tsui	29	10%	46	7%
Lok Fu	569	16%	821	8%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	364	11%	524	6%
Lok Wah (North)	228	8%	451	5%
Lok Wah (South)	1 480	22%	2 090	16%
Long Ching	75	17%	124	12%
Long Ping	653	27%	1 069	16%
Long Shin	182	15%	326	10%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	684	14%	1 129	10%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	657	52%	933	33%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	695	11%	1 141	6%
Lung Hang	403	9%	713	6%
Lung Tin	98	23%	175	16%
Lung Yat	139	14%	271	10%
Ma Hang	73	8%	110	4%
Ma Tau Wai	318	16%	542	11%
Mei Lam	564	14%	865	9%
Mei Tin	1 095	16%	1 690	10%
Mei Tung	410	18%	644	11%
Ming Tak	190	13%	256	6%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	199	10%	259	5%
Model Housing	70	11%	116	5%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	96	11%	144	6%
Moon Tung	346	9%	832	7%
Nam Cheong	184	36%	268	22%
Nam Shan	484	18%	765	11%
Nga Ning Court	42	10%	68	5%
Ngan Wan	51	12%	90	7%
Oi Man	605	10%	1 034	6%
Oi Tung	904	23%	1 236	14%
On Tai	926	11%	1 927	8%
On Tat	1 130	12%	2 063	9%
On Tin	50	7%	120	4%
On Ting	799	16%	1 172	10%
On Yam	607	12%	1 190	8%
Pak Tin	1 485	22%	2 073	12%
Ping Shek	484	11%	768	6%
Ping Tin	995	18%	1 403	9%
Po Heung	68	14%	144	11%
Po Lam	384	31%	592	18%
Po Shek Wu	69	8%	169	7%
Po Tat	1 206	16%	1 839	8%
Po Tin	1 956	25%	2 325	20%
Pok Hong	335	38%	516	23%
Prosperous Garden	68	11%	75	5%
Sai Wan	51	8%	123	6%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of the total number of households in respective PHEs	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of the total population in respective PHEs
Sam Shing	201	11%	325	7%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	696	18%	1 057	10%
Sau Mau Ping	2 108	17%	3 172	9%
Sha Kok	1 021	16%	1 536	10%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	54	7%	94	3%
Shan King	1 026	22%	1 604	15%
Shatin Pass	179	14%	272	9%
Shek Kip Mei	1 874	19%	2 905	11%
Shek Lei (I)	733	15%	1 161	9%
Shek Lei (II)	1 372	16%	2 080	9%
Shek Mun	617	12%	1 132	9%
Shek Pai Wan	680	13%	998	7%
Shek Wai Kok	754	12%	1 209	8%
Shek Yam East	399	17%	565	9%
Shek Yam	431	16%	671	8%
Sheung Lok	129	38%	144	25%
Sheung Tak	748	14%	1 089	6%
Shin Ming	350	18%	522	13%
Shui Chuen O	1 485	13%	2 648	9%
Shui Pin Wai	522	22%	753	13%
Shun Lee	528	12%	825	7%
Shun On	446	15%	693	10%
Shun Tin	965	14%	1 526	8%
Siu Sai Wan	568	9%	1 024	5%
So Uk	856	13%	1 751	9%
Sun Chui	825	13%	1 292	8%
Sun Tin Wai	331	10%	545	6%
Tai Hang Tung	506	25%	664	14%
Tai Hing	1 492	18%	2 209	12%
Tai Ping	55	36%	84	17%
Tai Wo	582	42%	807	25%
Tai Wo Hau	1 043	14%	1 697	8%
Tai Yuen	595	13%	1 078	8%
Tak Long	1 213	15%	1 959	10%
Tak Tin	715	41%	932	28%
Tin Chak	630	16%	995	9%
Tin Ching	1 261	20%	2 170	13%
Tin Heng	449	8%	1 164	5%
Tin King	143	24%	264	15%
Tin Ping	260	33%	391	18%
Tin Shui	847	11%	1 462	6%
Tin Tsz	596	18%	860	10%
Tin Wah	630	17%	932	9%
Tin Wan	503	16%	671	8%
Tin Yan	1 395	25%	1 839	17%
Tin Yat	282	9%	676	6%
Tin Yiu	976	12%	1 690	7%
Tin Yuet	727	18%	1 151	10%
Tsing Yi	199	39%	277	26%
Tsui Lam	214	20%	398	12%
Tsui Lok	109	34%	154	21%
Tsui Ping (South)	478	10%	732	6%

PHE	Number of CSSA households	Percentage of the total number of households in respective PHEs	Number of CSSA recipients	Percentage of the total population in respective PHEs
Tsui Ping (North)	1 126	42%	1 623	28%
Tsui Wan	146	32%	187	17%
Tsz Ching	1 475	19%	2 005	9%
Tsz Hong	192	10%	387	6%
Tsz Lok	906	15%	1 390	8%
Tsz Man	275	14%	485	8%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	22	9%	34	5%
Tung Tau	684	40%	969	26%
Tung Wui	328	25%	409	15%
Un Chau	1 514	20%	2 126	11%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 485	23%	1 997	13%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	956	20%	1 306	11%
Verbena Heights	164	17%	203	11%
Wah Fu	848	9%	1 358	5%
Wah Ha	15	8%	44	6%
Wah Kwai	313	35%	423	21%
Wah Lai	179	13%	275	6%
Wah Ming	436	40%	658	23%
Wah Sum	232	16%	368	8%
Wan Hon	375	39%	526	26%
Wan Tau Tong	211	48%	288	30%
Wan Tsui	454	13%	722	7%
Wang Tau Hom	625	11%	977	6%
Wing Cheong	258	18%	449	12%
Wo Che	662	11%	1 171	6%
Wo Lok	284	15%	439	10%
Wu King	322	7%	617	5%
Yan On	422	16%	629	10%
Yan Tin	572	12%	1 203	9%
Yat Tung	1 384	12%	2 785	7%
Yau Lai	1 504	17%	2 339	10%
Yau Oi	1 036	11%	1 767	7%
Yau Tong	667	19%	1 007	10%
Yee Ming	254	12%	490	9%
Ying Tung	353	10%	681	7%
Yiu On	263	36%	396	21%
Yiu Tung	592	12%	818	5%
Yue Kwong Chuen	72	7%	108	4%
Yue Wan	314	15%	511	9%
Yung Shing Court	306	18%	415	7%
Total	**127 548**	**16%**	**198 055**	**9%**

Annex 3

Table 1: Number and percentage of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the PCSSA Scheme) in each district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by case nature

District	2015-16							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 067	261	340	477	197	236	52	**3 630 (1.0%)**
Eastern	9 133	1 550	1 367	2 772	868	946	257	**16 893 (4.7%)**
Islands	2 167	324	762	1 552	796	1 025	208	**6 834 (1.9%)**
Kowloon City	9 395	1 246	1 712	4 077	941	1 462	248	**19 081 (5.3%)**
Kwai Tsing	18 174	2 890	3 340	5 891	2 744	2 439	529	**36 007 (10.0%)**
Kwun Tong	27 669	2 028	5 018	9 314	2 760	3 558	725	**51 072 (14.2%)**
North	8 953	1 432	1 890	4 030	797	1 226	443	**18 771 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	5 292	979	1 566	1 917	814	817	317	**11 702 (3.3%)**
Sha Tin	11 366	1 873	3 360	5 050	1 184	1 098	663	**24 594 (6.9%)**
Sham Shui Po	15 919	1 641	3 428	6 356	1 614	2 726	439	**32 123 (9.0%)**
Southern	5 327	1 381	1 002	1 303	528	391	173	**10 105 (2.8%)**
Tai Po	6 021	762	1 525	2 125	342	669	296	**11 740 (3.3%)**
Tsuen Wan	5 516	699	873	2 018	618	503	171	**10 398 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	13 906	2 434	2 897	4 143	1 082	1 718	446	**26 626 (7.4%)**
Wan Chai	982	61	139	172	39	194	98	**1 685 (0.5%)**
Wong Tai Sin	14 653	1 566	2 742	5 023	1 526	1 833	369	**27 712 (7.7%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	5 275	464	1 145	2 714	532	1 555	239	**11 924 (3.3%)**
Yuen Long	15 589	2 154	4 599	8 448	2 297	3 973	798	**37 858 (10.6%)**
Total	**177 404**	**23 745**	**37 705**	**67 382**	**19 679**	**26 369**	**6 471**	**358 755 (100.0%)**

District	2016-17							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 058	236	348	475	161	229	49	**3 556 (1.0%)**
Eastern	8 790	1 507	1 459	2 561	699	768	248	**16 032 (4.6%)**
Islands	2 114	332	752	1 362	622	990	219	**6 391 (1.9%)**
Kowloon City	9 456	1 184	1 722	3 816	842	1 361	223	**18 604 (5.4%)**
Kwai Tsing	17 754	2 814	3 124	5 395	2 302	2 022	473	**33 884 (9.8%)**
Kwun Tong	27 434	2 113	4 936	9 300	2 355	3 267	640	**50 045 (14.5%)**
North	8 780	1 360	1 821	3 903	628	1 104	424	**18 020 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	5 253	953	1 459	1 730	657	587	315	**10 954 (3.2%)**
Sha Tin	11 751	1 835	3 207	5 055	1 044	1 099	675	**24 666 (7.1%)**
Sham Shui Po	15 886	1 659	3 369	6 058	1 378	2 345	413	**31 108 (9.0%)**
Southern	5 311	1 380	1 003	1 228	394	366	163	**9 845 (2.9%)**
Tai Po	5 932	752	1 494	2 108	270	621	324	**11 501 (3.3%)**
Tsuen Wan	5 337	691	843	1 924	491	502	157	**9 945 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	13 622	2 330	2 798	3 958	895	1 494	424	**25 521 (7.4%)**
Wan Chai	928	64	114	185	42	169	106	**1 608 (0.5%)**
Wong Tai Sin	14 139	1 394	2 808	4 585	1 327	1 472	372	**26 097 (7.6%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	5 059	465	1 092	2 463	364	1 303	248	**10 994 (3.2%)**
Yuen Long	15 384	2 164	4 507	8 089	1 909	3 640	756	**36 449 (10.6%)**
Total	**174 988**	**23 233**	**36 856**	**64 195**	**16 380**	**23 339**	**6 229**	**345 220 (100.0%)**

District	2017-18							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 069	239	383	459	133	192	45	**3 520 (1.1%)**
Eastern	8 545	1 399	1 400	2 407	509	689	253	**15 202 (4.6%)**
Islands	2 124	320	694	1 313	521	846	182	**6 000 (1.8%)**
Kowloon City	9 280	1 145	1 694	3 790	706	1 209	209	**18 033 (5.4%)**
Kwai Tsing	17 292	2 676	2 907	4 946	1 929	1 758	519	**32 027 (9.7%)**
Kwun Tong	26 958	2 088	4 694	8 851	1 966	2 922	645	**48 124 (14.5%)**
North	8 616	1 340	1 865	3 676	489	1 030	414	**17 430 (5.3%)**
Sai Kung	5 175	884	1 381	1 600	504	514	269	**10 327 (3.1%)**
Sha Tin	11 825	1 782	3 069	5 143	863	1 022	609	**24 313 (7.3%)**
Sham Shui Po	15 690	1 653	3 238	5 891	1 067	2 241	418	**30 198 (9.1%)**
Southern	5 233	1 298	966	1 140	315	310	163	**9 425 (2.8%)**
Tai Po	5 722	713	1 594	2 125	275	519	311	**11 259 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	5 331	710	822	1 863	385	462	166	**9 739 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	13 463	2 273	2 656	3 759	840	1 276	388	**24 655 (7.4%)**
Wan Chai	877	61	113	181	18	158	91	**1 499 (0.5%)**
Wong Tai Sin	13 701	1 323	2 573	4 398	1 142	1 265	342	**24 744 (7.5%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 834	515	1 149	2 497	274	1 172	251	**10 692 (3.2%)**
Yuen Long	15 125	2 103	4 356	7 683	1 602	3 152	666	**34 687 (10.5%)**
Total	**171 860**	**22 522**	**35 554**	**61 722**	**13 538**	**20 737**	**5 941**	**331 874 (100.0%)**

District	2018-19							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	1 988	240	358	378	101	144	46	**3 255 (1.0%)**
Eastern	8 256	1 342	1 381	2 210	60	638	249	**14 536 (4.6%)**
Islands	2 277	395	796	1 630	479	914	168	**6 659 (2.1%)**
Kowloon City	9 093	1 071	1 691	3 511	557	1 139	222	**17 284 (5.4%)**
Kwai Tsing	16 779	2 647	2 817	4 577	1 579	1 606	489	**30 494 (9.6%)**
Kwun Tong	26 258	2 108	4 423	8 565	1 625	2 845	643	**46 467 (14.6%)**
North	8 220	1 275	1 858	3 477	411	1 080	378	**16 699 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	5 036	837	1 327	1 437	387	486	290	**9 800 (3.1%)**
Sha Tin	11 579	1 743	2 821	4 921	714	936	566	**23 280 (7.3%)**
Sham Shui Po	15 251	1 627	3 164	5 818	901	2 163	419	**29 343 (9.2%)**
Southern	5 104	1 250	951	1 019	271	307	159	**9 061 (2.8%)**
Tai Po	5 593	746	1 528	2 042	245	407	290	**10 851 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	5 088	650	807	1 760	303	474	143	**9 225 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	13 213	2 226	2 675	3 973	726	1 190	398	**24 401 (7.7%)**
Wan Chai	827	48	99	143	13	148	81	**1 359 (0.4%)**
Wong Tai Sin	12 932	1 284	2 476	4 013	986	1 271	363	**23 325 (7.3%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 543	461	1 098	2 283	198	1 097	262	**9 942 (3.1%)**
Yuen Long	14 694	2 104	3 973	7 156	1 327	2 707	653	**32 614 (10.2%)**
Total	**166 731**	**22 054**	**34 243**	**58 913**	**11 283**	**19 552**	**5 819**	**318 595 (100.0%)**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)							
	Number of CSSA recipients							
	Old age	**Permanent disability**	**Ill health**	**Single parent**	**Low-earnings**	**Unemploy-ment**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	1 902	261	345	348	85	171	37	**3 149 (1.0%)**
Eastern	8 040	1 302	1 428	2 129	393	658	224	**14 174 (4.6%)**
Islands	2 195	392	791	1 739	404	1 001	153	**6 675 (2.2%)**
Kowloon City	8 733	1 066	1 719	3 329	502	1 207	216	**16 772 (5.4%)**
Kwai Tsing	16 223	2 713	2 987	4 341	1 365	1 754	444	**29 827 (9.6%)**
Kwun Tong	25 156	2 192	4 322	8 180	1 422	2 802	624	**44 698 (14.4%)**
North	7 932	1 290	1 883	3 490	374	1 105	353	**16 427 (5.3%)**
Sai Kung	4 818	820	1 324	1 293	320	449	270	**9 294 (3.0%)**
Sha Tin	11 151	1 783	2 823	4 938	599	1 028	561	**22 883 (7.4%)**
Sham Shui Po	14 706	1 570	3 319	5 868	911	2 359	408	**29 141 (9.4%)**
Southern	4 965	1 250	938	1 030	230	362	163	**8 938 (2.9%)**
Tai Po	5 352	778	1 547	1 961	209	409	284	**10 540 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	4 809	656	819	1 787	275	453	133	**8 932 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	12 677	2 203	2 731	3 793	605	1 339	372	**23 720 (7.6%)**
Wan Chai	798	56	131	142	7	145	83	**1 362 (0.4%)**
Wong Tai Sin	12 344	1 316	2 477	3 717	829	1 330	386	**22 399 (7.2%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 344	475	1 143	2 279	121	1 130	241	**9 733 (3.1%)**
Yuen Long	14 069	2 099	4 156	6 721	1 160	2 707	616	**31 528 (10.2%)**
Total	**160 214**	**22 222**	**34 883**	**57 085**	**9 811**	**20 409**	**5 568**	**310 192 (100.0%)**

Table 2: Number and percentage of CSSA households (excluding those under the PCSSA Scheme) in each district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by case nature

District	2015-16							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 044	241	294	188	59	182	42	**3 050 (1.3%)**
Eastern	7 737	1 130	869	1 165	272	576	220	**11 969 (5.0%)**
Islands	1 694	190	359	613	215	384	152	**3 607 (1.5%)**
Kowloon City	8 178	994	1 252	1 699	287	889	146	**13 445 (5.6%)**
Kwai Tsing	14 565	2 280	2 075	2 409	778	1 356	332	**23 795 (9.9%)**
Kwun Tong	20 887	1 446	2 951	3 909	897	1 895	428	**32 413 (13.4%)**
North	7 418	1 039	1 217	1 669	270	684	308	**12 605 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	4 270	755	910	800	266	442	274	**7 717 (3.2%)**
Sha Tin	8 977	1 371	1 940	2 091	365	669	376	**15 789 (6.5%)**
Sham Shui Po	13 300	1 154	2 514	2 687	516	2 059	314	**22 544 (9.4%)**
Southern	4 668	1 101	722	559	165	253	192	**7 660 (3.2%)**
Tai Po	5 176	485	940	896	110	367	204	**8 178 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	4 551	502	534	835	186	317	113	**7 038 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	11 111	2 017	2 075	1 770	327	1 085	334	**18 719 (7.8%)**
Wan Chai	982	62	121	84	11	187	95	**1 542 (0.6%)**
Wong Tai Sin	11 654	1 042	1 785	2 081	513	1 065	271	**18 411 (7.6%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	5 116	421	996	1 195	158	1 434	169	**9 489 (3.9%)**
Yuen Long	12 135	1 561	2 806	3 441	664	2 001	507	**23 115 (9.6%)**
Total	**144 463**	**17 791**	**24 360**	**28 091**	**6 059**	**15 845**	**4 477**	**241 086 (100.0%)**

District	2016-17							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 045	216	303	188	46	176	39	**3 013 (1.3%)**
Eastern	7 478	1 103	936	1 066	220	477	217	**11 497 (4.9%)**
Islands	1 662	196	366	542	176	383	161	**3 486 (1.5%)**
Kowloon City	8 248	941	1 256	1 604	248	830	145	**13 272 (5.7%)**
Kwai Tsing	14 287	2 209	1 961	2 210	660	1 152	300	**22 779 (9.7%)**
Kwun Tong	20 860	1 463	2 939	3 894	763	1 746	401	**32 066 (13.7%)**
North	7 309	1 010	1 170	1 627	218	613	298	**12 245 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	4 258	728	896	724	218	358	275	**7 457 (3.2%)**
Sha Tin	9 295	1 359	1 861	2 072	331	658	381	**15 957 (6.8%)**
Sham Shui Po	13 383	1 181	2 485	2 565	439	1 789	298	**22 140 (9.4%)**
Southern	4 679	1 087	725	523	126	227	180	**7 547 (3.2%)**
Tai Po	5 084	487	915	911	85	325	217	**8 024 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	4 467	516	555	800	157	288	89	**6 872 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	10 884	1 914	2 013	1 674	260	907	315	**17 967 (7.7%)**
Wan Chai	939	67	104	85	12	157	101	**1 465 (0.6%)**
Wong Tai Sin	11 392	922	1 801	1 891	437	902	271	**17 616 (7.5%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 889	422	996	1 098	114	1 200	171	**8 890 (3.8%)**
Yuen Long	12 090	1 597	2 764	3 298	542	1 789	482	**22 562 (9.6%)**
Total	**143 249**	**17 418**	**24 046**	**26 772**	**5 052**	**13 977**	**4 341**	**234 855 (100.0%)**

District	2017-18							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 061	217	322	185	36	157	34	**3 012 (1.3%)**
Eastern	7 373	1 043	919	1 003	169	434	227	**11 168 (4.9%)**
Islands	1 693	192	358	525	155	347	132	**3 402 (1.5%)**
Kowloon City	8 323	939	1 213	1 579	215	754	133	**13 156 (5.7%)**
Kwai Tsing	14 065	2 131	1 836	2 020	544	1 048	326	**21 970 (9.6%)**
Kwun Tong	20 885	1 440	2 867	3 687	645	1 588	387	**31 499 (13.7%)**
North	7 282	1 015	1 176	1 539	165	568	296	**12 041 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	4 255	685	881	674	162	308	258	**7 223 (3.1%)**
Sha Tin	9 461	1 312	1 802	2 128	276	589	347	**15 915 (6.9%)**
Sham Shui Po	13 330	1 190	2 400	2 475	344	1 682	313	**21 734 (9.5%)**
Southern	4 698	1 040	715	493	106	207	159	**7 418 (3.2%)**
Tai Po	4 954	469	955	897	80	285	212	**7 852 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	4 509	544	537	777	127	274	100	**6 868 (3.0%)**
Tuen Mun	10 902	1 892	1 960	1 565	249	799	294	**17 661 (7.7%)**
Wan Chai	923	57	112	81	5	158	96	**1 432 (0.6%)**
Wong Tai Sin	11 200	883	1 687	1 808	355	775	259	**16 967 (7.4%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 701	449	1 059	1 073	91	1 069	175	**8 617 (3.7%)**
Yuen Long	12 113	1 535	2 689	3 153	458	1 577	450	**21 975 (9.6%)**
Total	**142 728**	**17 033**	**23 488**	**25 662**	**4 182**	**12 619**	**4 198**	**229 910 (100.0%)**

District	2018-19							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 027	220	310	153	27	122	38	**2 897 (1.3%)**
Eastern	7 281	1 009	927	910	148	413	209	**10 897 (4.9%)**
Islands	1 778	226	420	653	145	370	113	**3 705 (1.7%)**
Kowloon City	8 262	874	1 240	1 459	161	682	134	**12 812 (5.7%)**
Kwai Tsing	13 890	2 092	1 812	1 879	439	942	308	**21 362 (9.6%)**
Kwun Tong	20 462	1 419	2 726	3 547	511	1 505	387	**30 557 (13.7%)**
North	7 021	969	1 169	1 432	126	566	278	**11 561 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	4 181	649	881	617	136	274	281	**7 019 (3.1%)**
Sha Tin	9 456	1 269	1 731	2 042	216	561	322	**15 597 (7.0%)**
Sham Shui Po	13 122	1 168	2 369	2 445	285	1 556	286	**21 231 (9.5%)**
Southern	4 655	1 016	718	444	83	200	154	**7 270 (3.3%)**
Tai Po	4 898	474	932	849	71	238	200	**7 662 (3.4%)**
Tsuen Wan	4 378	536	530	715	98	288	92	**6 637 (3.0%)**
Tuen Mun	10 722	1 832	1 943	1 642	217	719	305	**17 380 (7.8%)**
Wan Chai	896	45	105	71	3	155	88	**1 363 (0.6%)**
Wong Tai Sin	10 647	851	1 631	1 644	307	755	274	**16 109 (7.2%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 464	431	1 018	977	70	960	172	**8 092 (3.6%)**
Yuen Long	11 897	1 539	2 514	2 895	379	1 382	461	**21 067 (9.4%)**
Total	**140 037**	**16 619**	**22 976**	**24 374**	**3 422**	**11 688**	**4 102**	**223 218 (100.0%)**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)							
	Number of CSSA households							
	Old age	**Permanent disability**	**Ill health**	**Single parent**	**Low-earnings**	**Unemploy-ment**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	1 889	238	298	145	22	149	24	**2 765 (1.3%)**
Eastern	7 026	1 010	946	868	134	437	204	**10 625 (4.9%)**
Islands	1 745	224	433	691	117	408	102	**3 720 (1.7%)**
Kowloon City	7 944	862	1 302	1 377	144	717	135	**12 481 (5.7%)**
Kwai Tsing	13 400	2 157	1 947	1 790	374	1 042	281	**20 991 (9.6%)**
Kwun Tong	19 771	1 487	2 784	3 388	449	1 601	377	**29 857 (13.6%)**
North	6 780	957	1 205	1 455	117	615	247	**11 376 (5.2%)**
Sai Kung	4 018	650	901	552	122	284	288	**6 815 (3.1%)**
Sha Tin	9 112	1 340	1 752	2 057	186	623	327	**15 397 (7.0%)**
Sham Shui Po	12 698	1 169	2 486	2 465	277	1 662	292	**21 049 (9.6%)**
Southern	4 487	1 019	716	437	74	239	148	**7 120 (3.3%)**
Tai Po	4 745	528	1 004	823	61	260	184	**7 605 (3.5%)**
Tsuen Wan	4 126	533	538	717	87	302	81	**6 384 (2.9%)**
Tuen Mun	10 384	1 834	2 015	1 565	187	812	325	**17 122 (7.8%)**
Wan Chai	849	53	131	67	3	136	89	**1 328 (0.6%)**
Wong Tai Sin	10 197	863	1 681	1 526	265	812	273	**15 617 (7.1%)**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 267	436	1 079	997	49	1 006	166	**8 000 (3.7%)**
Yuen Long	11 443	1 561	2 652	2 757	334	1 453	446	**20 646 (9.4%)**
Total	**134 881**	**16 921**	**23 870**	**23 677**	**3 002**	**12 558**	**3 989**	**218 898 (100.0%)**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Annex 4

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients in each PHE and its percentage of all residents in each PHE by case nature

PHE	As at end-December 2019								Percentage of the total population in the respective PHEs
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	296	94	112	97	16	33	9	657	5%
Bo Shek Mansion	45	2	2	-	-	-	-	49	8%
Broadview Garden	18	3	1	5	-	3	-	30	2%
Butterfly	897	66	98	164	17	76	10	1 328	12%
Chai Wan	284	27	51	65	1	18	2	448	12%
Chak On	349	23	29	91	5	24	2	523	13%
Cheung Ching	406	39	69	98	20	59	15	706	5%
Cheung Fat	237	38	25	47	2	10	1	360	18%
Cheung Hang	345	47	58	62	24	29	10	575	4%
Cheung Hong	1 039	110	90	244	54	92	10	1 639	8%
Cheung Kwai	24	5	11	12	-	11	-	63	5%
Cheung Lung Wai	211	26	38	139	16	70	7	507	14%
Cheung On	334	48	24	38	-	17	13	474	22%
Cheung Sha Wan	228	28	43	71	16	17	8	411	13%
Cheung Shan	138	8	21	28	27	13	1	236	5%
Cheung Wah	410	48	104	85	19	37	20	723	23%
Cheung Wang	480	86	94	85	22	70	7	844	7%
Ching Ho	1 084	115	278	506	51	187	28	2 249	12%
Cho Yiu Chuen	170	10	19	16	30	14	8	267	4%
Choi Fai	107	9	28	33	10	8	1	196	5%
Choi Fook	478	14	69	260	30	70	8	929	11%
Choi Ha	124	9	30	27	9	9	-	208	22%
Choi Hung	940	51	180	333	62	87	24	1 677	9%
Choi Ming Court	312	50	76	40	18	23	10	529	6%
Choi Tak	736	33	146	306	43	63	12	1 339	10%
Choi Wan (I)	454	46	102	224	70	34	2	932	5%
Choi Wan (II)	248	22	40	68	34	43	13	468	5%
Choi Ying	562	19	105	232	34	68	10	1 030	10%
Choi Yuen	917	100	173	204	8	91	8	1 501	12%
Chuk Yuen (North)	295	18	83	44	22	36	7	505	21%
Chuk Yuen (South)	868	66	176	259	22	52	11	1 454	10%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	100	3	8	15	4	9	3	142	6%
Chun Shek	225	21	57	77	3	21	38	442	8%
Chung On	267	52	81	101	23	31	11	566	7%
Clague Garden Estate	75	-	7	9	3	-	1	95	7%
Easeful Court	12	3	14	18	11	5	-	63	3%
Fortune	535	55	79	60	9	23	4	765	16%
Fu Cheong	1 170	87	199	133	42	108	9	1 748	11%
Fu Heng	406	49	147	72	27	32	16	749	24%
Fu Shan	201	19	23	58	23	10	-	334	8%
Fu Shin	344	75	99	122	21	25	51	737	18%
Fu Tai	430	93	197	124	109	68	14	1 035	6%
Fu Tung	96	5	34	54	-	38	3	230	4%
Fuk Loi	369	40	58	136	10	14	9	636	9%
Fung Tak	403	51	54	30	6	39	5	588	30%
Fung Wah	69	13	15	14	3	15	3	132	19%
Fung Wo	136	18	43	150	10	15	9	381	11%
Grandeur Terrace	289	51	139	237	88	126	15	945	7%
Hau Tak	391	64	131	114	48	54	13	815	6%

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	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Healthy Village	112	7	12	12	6	1	2	152	5%
Heng On	195	26	54	98	18	18	20	429	27%
High Prosperity Terrace	24	-	27	24	8	7	-	90	3%
Hin Keng	244	28	43	55	9	22	12	413	34%
Hin Yiu	114	11	29	37	6	2	9	208	11%
Hing Man	157	29	34	71	31	40	4	366	6%
Hing Tin	73	15	40	29	3	5	3	168	18%
Hing Tung	170	39	46	43	16	5	2	321	5%
Hing Wah (I)	260	46	59	47	11	34	2	459	7%
Hing Wah (II)	522	44	90	150	14	34	7	861	10%
Ho Man Tin	651	85	169	121	45	67	14	1 152	9%
Hoi Fu Court	509	38	85	83	23	38	2	778	10%
Hoi Lai	303	80	193	208	82	144	18	1 028	6%
Hoi Ying	74	10	58	114	26	30	7	319	9%
Hong Tung	163	15	9	13	-	-	2	202	24%
Hung Fuk	518	68	172	449	18	112	7	1 344	11%
Hung Hom	510	60	105	136	20	37	11	879	13%
Jat Min Chuen	425	25	32	26	9	6	6	529	5%
Ka Fuk	237	24	43	71	-	39	3	417	7%
Ka Wai Chuen	220	23	39	21	-	3	-	306	7%
Kai Ching	538	35	107	390	40	87	24	1 221	10%
Kai Tin	298	36	72	53	24	23	16	522	8%
Kai Yip	824	34	114	166	11	56	3	1 208	13%
Kam Peng	27	2	11	14	-	6	-	60	8%
Kin Ming	582	104	271	261	93	97	8	1 416	7%
Kin Sang	113	21	18	16	8	7	5	188	19%
King Lam	425	30	94	60	7	31	4	651	28%
Ko Cheung Court	97	22	30	85	35	48	7	324	5%
Ko Yee	209	9	24	47	11	21	6	327	10%
Kwai Chung	1 524	268	385	591	189	270	36	3 263	9%
Kwai Fong	630	96	233	153	89	91	9	1 301	8%
Kwai Hing	86	12	13	18	5	17	-	151	27%
Kwai Luen	254	42	98	245	47	69	12	767	10%
Kwai Shing East	872	93	169	171	52	123	19	1 499	9%
Kwai Shing West	514	42	94	167	16	45	11	889	6%
Kwai Tsui	69	4	11	70	12	17	5	188	8%
Kwong Fuk	670	94	146	240	37	51	12	1 250	7%
Kwong Tin	212	31	49	76	35	19	4	426	6%
Kwong Yuen	262	69	78	62	-	26	50	547	26%
Kwun Lung Lau	140	22	46	54	22	28	-	312	5%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	540	39	78	51	12	28	5	753	6%
Lai King	509	43	63	96	29	31	15	786	7%
Lai Kok	513	69	81	175	2	48	21	909	14%
Lai On	155	33	55	49	21	28	-	341	10%
Lai Tak Tsuen	180	13	29	31	18	26	-	297	4%
Lai Tsui Court	17	11	24	95	29	37	6	219	6%
Lai Yiu	241	37	61	65	86	43	3	536	7%
Lakeside Garden	14	5	7	3	-	-	-	29	4%
Lam Tin	495	34	80	145	37	35	8	834	11%
Lee On	323	128	108	114	3	26	25	727	7%
Lei Cheng Uk	347	40	57	82	9	22	5	562	25%
Lei Muk Shue	1 016	137	239	361	92	143	21	2 009	7%
Lei Tung	393	81	75	103	13	30	12	707	18%
Lei Yue Mun	533	55	62	135	23	54	7	869	9%

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	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Lek Yuen	351	49	80	172	10	39	17	718	9%
Leung King	514	78	116	116	23	44	12	903	19%
Lin Tsui	12	1	3	24	-	6	-	46	7%
Lok Fu	396	52	128	151	22	67	5	821	8%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	359	10	54	60	13	26	2	524	6%
Lok Wah (North)	215	16	67	87	27	28	11	451	5%
Lok Wah (South)	1 562	40	145	256	12	60	15	2 090	16%
Long Ching	62	1	14	36	-	8	3	124	12%
Long Ping	596	46	158	162	19	67	21	1 069	16%
Long Shin	129	14	23	117	8	31	4	326	10%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	576	38	136	220	35	112	12	1 129	10%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	498	60	113	133	59	60	10	933	33%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	509	50	187	246	41	88	20	1 141	6%
Lung Hang	322	38	116	169	42	18	8	713	6%
Lung Tin	59	10	11	44	7	44	-	175	16%
Lung Yat	90	21	19	100	8	30	3	271	10%
Ma Hang	56	9	5	22	3	14	1	110	4%
Ma Tau Wai	238	33	63	159	5	39	5	542	11%
Mei Lam	469	56	105	178	11	34	12	865	9%
Mei Tin	730	84	267	447	61	73	28	1 690	10%
Mei Tung	305	37	72	163	23	40	4	644	11%
Ming Tak	150	17	34	26	16	11	2	256	6%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	193	7	30	12	6	10	1	259	5%
Model Housing	39	23	19	16	3	13	3	116	5%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	97	7	16	16	6	2	-	144	6%
Moon Tung	122	37	121	373	34	124	21	832	7%
Nam Cheong	155	27	35	32	8	8	3	268	22%
Nam Shan	401	43	88	182	22	28	1	765	11%
Nga Ning Court	22	7	4	10	9	13	3	68	5%
Ngan Wan	35	6	11	22	8	8	-	90	7%
Oi Man	492	101	125	190	60	59	7	1 034	6%
Oi Tung	727	153	113	160	23	49	11	1 236	14%
On Tai	590	91	207	630	136	239	34	1 927	8%
On Tat	845	88	176	707	77	147	23	2 063	9%
On Tin	20	14	14	40	6	17	9	120	4%
On Ting	703	77	91	211	23	62	5	1 172	10%
On Yam	433	94	155	146	203	123	36	1 190	8%
Pak Tin	1 287	105	204	242	45	172	18	2 073	12%
Ping Shek	444	24	69	154	28	38	11	768	6%
Ping Tin	817	99	151	183	54	83	16	1 403	9%
Po Heung	39	7	20	62	5	9	2	144	11%
Po Lam	318	41	80	90	12	48	3	592	18%
Po Shek Wu	28	13	22	87	3	14	2	169	7%
Po Tat	1 111	101	147	234	81	153	12	1 839	8%
Po Tin	1 331	176	320	266	19	197	16	2 325	20%
Pok Hong	280	15	72	90	20	18	21	516	23%
Prosperous Garden	70	-	-	4	-	1	-	75	5%
Sai Wan	36	9	13	28	21	11	5	123	6%
Sam Shing	183	15	43	46	19	18	1	325	7%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	567	46	79	258	23	69	15	1 057	10%
Sau Mau Ping	1 720	144	410	415	172	273	38	3 172	9%

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	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Sha Kok	882	90	164	314	15	53	18	1 536	10%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	44	10	14	13	8	5	-	94	3%
Shan King	987	130	177	221	28	47	14	1 604	15%
Shatin Pass	109	19	26	73	9	31	5	272	9%
Shek Kip Mei	1 527	129	288	605	129	204	23	2 905	11%
Shek Lei (I)	651	89	90	221	34	67	9	1 161	9%
Shek Lei (II)	1 079	142	188	395	121	125	30	2 080	9%
Shek Mun	313	43	147	435	37	130	27	1 132	9%
Shek Pai Wan	502	76	106	167	58	63	26	998	7%
Shek Wai Kok	694	81	124	235	12	49	14	1 209	8%
Shek Yam East	334	37	44	68	42	28	12	565	9%
Shek Yam	372	49	61	119	40	22	8	671	8%
Sheung Lok	112	6	4	18	-	3	1	144	25%
Sheung Tak	611	65	173	136	32	61	11	1 089	6%
Shin Ming	264	28	61	121	28	15	5	522	13%
Shui Chuen O	934	104	277	964	128	202	39	2 648	9%
Shui Pin Wai	458	32	75	142	11	29	6	753	13%
Shun Lee	515	35	81	123	6	52	13	825	7%
Shun On	435	20	63	121	-	47	7	693	10%
Shun Tin	955	59	149	202	36	102	23	1 526	8%
Siu Sai Wan	445	103	118	212	80	61	5	1 024	5%
So Uk	504	78	155	710	82	197	25	1 751	9%
Sun Chui	719	82	127	235	48	46	35	1 292	8%
Sun Tin Wai	290	37	59	126	12	20	1	545	6%
Tai Hang Tung	423	23	67	82	22	43	4	664	14%
Tai Hing	1 384	130	186	370	39	80	20	2 209	12%
Tai Ping	38	6	7	13	4	14	2	84	17%
Tai Wo	491	55	127	86	18	19	11	807	25%
Tai Wo Hau	867	150	187	293	63	119	18	1 697	8%
Tai Yuen	386	133	269	195	25	45	25	1 078	8%
Tak Long	845	98	181	535	80	188	32	1 959	10%
Tak Tin	645	52	98	61	13	53	10	932	28%
Tin Chak	494	50	133	145	40	123	10	995	9%
Tin Ching	940	108	256	622	65	152	27	2 170	13%
Tin Heng	256	75	174	258	147	231	23	1 164	5%
Tin King	111	21	40	71	3	15	3	264	15%
Tin Ping	223	21	60	50	3	31	3	391	18%
Tin Shui	636	127	215	251	66	144	23	1 462	6%
Tin Tsz	455	58	127	104	39	69	8	860	10%
Tin Wah	528	87	119	92	33	70	3	932	9%
Tin Wan	386	66	86	58	33	36	6	671	8%
Tin Yan	1 099	80	184	279	31	143	23	1 839	17%
Tin Yat	205	33	134	115	85	94	10	676	6%
Tin Yiu	753	81	298	321	122	89	26	1 690	7%
Tin Yuet	534	72	160	173	95	100	17	1 151	10%
Tsing Yi	190	19	25	27	4	8	4	277	26%
Tsui Lam	185	13	49	108	15	15	13	398	12%
Tsui Lok	104	9	10	26	-	4	1	154	21%
Tsui Ping (South)	423	48	63	122	34	36	6	732	6%
Tsui Ping (North)	944	79	173	285	45	88	9	1 623	28%
Tsui Wan	109	30	19	18	-	8	3	187	17%
Tsz Ching	1 236	152	180	233	79	99	26	2 005	9%
Tsz Hong	146	18	62	91	45	23	2	387	6%
Tsz Lok	746	102	152	204	64	109	13	1 390	8%
Tsz Man	188	41	65	79	46	63	3	485	8%

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	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	20	1	5	-	4	2	2	34	5%
Tung Tau	578	42	104	116	46	66	17	969	26%
Tung Wui	299	13	39	31	2	19	6	409	15%
Un Chau	1 274	104	217	298	83	132	18	2 126	11%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 318	68	208	189	56	144	14	1 997	13%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	778	91	153	171	27	76	10	1 306	11%
Verbena Heights	153	8	28	5	-	8	1	203	11%
Wah Fu	656	150	136	249	56	91	20	1 358	5%
Wah Ha	4	3	5	16	6	10	-	44	6%
Wah Kwai	240	40	60	50	8	22	3	423	21%
Wah Lai	124	27	48	51	12	11	2	275	6%
Wah Ming	337	80	87	103	8	23	20	658	23%
Wah Sum	198	38	48	50	16	15	3	368	8%
Wan Hon	423	9	19	67	3	1	4	526	26%
Wan Tau Tong	172	25	56	25	-	2	8	288	30%
Wan Tsui	345	72	105	140	14	39	7	722	7%
Wang Tau Hom	453	69	170	173	44	50	18	977	6%
Wing Cheong	191	13	64	132	13	36	-	449	12%
Wo Che	483	85	211	248	71	49	24	1 171	6%
Wo Lok	245	20	52	104	-	14	4	439	10%
Wu King	259	56	75	155	26	35	11	617	5%
Yan On	285	14	74	193	4	48	11	629	10%
Yan Tin	314	62	158	427	72	156	14	1 203	9%
Yat Tung	811	189	344	602	303	477	59	2 785	7%
Yau Lai	1 284	92	208	534	61	125	35	2 339	10%
Yau Oi	922	60	167	339	82	178	19	1 767	7%
Yau Tong	604	57	102	136	44	52	12	1 007	10%
Yee Ming	176	21	71	144	31	37	10	490	9%
Ying Tung	183	24	68	302	17	85	2	681	7%
Yiu On	213	22	69	65	3	16	8	396	21%
Yiu Tung	467	83	103	80	40	38	7	818	5%
Yue Kwong	53	8	12	25	-	7	3	108	4%
Yue Wan	252	40	63	115	12	29	-	511	9%
Yung Shing	241	51	48	54	5	12	4	415	7%
Total	**103 021**	**12 071**	**22 986**	**36 385**	**7 668**	**13 344**	**2 580**	**198 055**	

Table 2: Number of CSSA households in each PHE and its percentage of all households in each PHE by case nature

PHE	As at end-December 2019								Percentage of all households in the respective PHEs
	CSSA case nature (Number of households)								
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	214	56	62	46	8	20	6	412	10%
Bo Shek Mansion	36	1	1	-	-	-	-	38	14%
Broadview Garden	12	2	2	2	-	2	-	20	5%
Butterfly	657	52	61	82	8	52	7	919	17%
Chai Wan	245	18	28	32	2	12	2	339	21%
Chak On	262	17	23	41	2	18	2	365	20%
Cheung Ching	279	24	38	39	7	29	4	420	9%
Cheung Fat	183	23	16	21	1	10	3	257	29%
Cheung Hang	270	37	31	26	6	26	8	404	9%
Cheung Hong	730	66	65	105	14	58	8	1 046	13%
Cheung Kwai	21	4	6	7	-	5	-	43	10%
Cheung Lung Wai	150	12	16	57	4	24	3	266	20%
Cheung On	261	38	22	16	-	15	10	362	39%
Cheung Sha Wan	176	16	28	33	6	11	5	275	20%
Cheung Shan	82	5	11	13	6	10	1	128	8%
Cheung Wah	291	30	64	46	8	25	10	474	36%
Cheung Wang	373	56	61	43	8	50	5	596	14%
Ching Ho	857	74	148	212	17	86	16	1 410	20%
Cho Yiu Chuen	136	6	10	6	8	8	3	177	7%
Choi Fai	81	7	18	14	3	6	2	131	10%
Choi Fook	355	12	46	112	10	37	4	576	17%
Choi Ha	105	6	19	11	3	9	-	153	36%
Choi Hung	686	36	115	139	21	47	14	1 058	14%
Choi Ming Court	274	31	58	16	12	19	4	414	15%
Choi Tak	574	20	96	142	13	47	7	899	16%
Choi Wan (I)	308	29	57	81	20	24	5	524	9%
Choi Wan (II)	165	13	23	27	10	28	7	273	9%
Choi Ying	444	15	75	95	10	58	6	703	18%
Choi Yuen	685	60	90	98	4	46	6	989	20%
Chuk Yuen (North)	238	13	60	23	6	25	5	370	37%
Chuk Yuen (South)	655	45	117	122	11	47	8	1 005	17%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	78	2	5	5	1	8	1	100	11%
Chun Shek	186	14	36	34	2	13	18	303	14%
Chung On	213	35	45	40	8	20	6	367	13%
Clague Garden Estate	56	1	2	3	1	-	1	64	12%
Easeful Court	8	2	6	8	2	2	-	28	6%
Fortune	467	44	70	23	3	20	4	631	30%
Fu Cheong	1 014	55	155	55	18	60	5	1 362	23%
Fu Heng	328	34	90	32	7	29	8	528	40%
Fu Shan	155	9	14	24	7	6	1	216	14%
Fu Shin	280	42	60	54	5	19	24	484	29%
Fu Tai	325	47	108	44	28	35	9	596	12%
Fu Tung	69	3	19	23	-	12	2	128	8%
Fuk Loi	275	27	34	56	6	15	5	418	14%
Fung Tak	343	30	51	13	3	28	4	472	47%
Fung Wah	66	10	11	5	1	10	3	106	33%
Fung Wo	118	13	27	66	6	15	4	249	16%
Grandeur Terrace	144	21	60	94	22	53	9	403	10%
Hau Tak	311	42	72	48	14	31	9	527	13%
Healthy Village	89	4	7	5	4	2	2	113	10%
Heng On	152	12	24	40	6	7	12	253	47%
High Prosperity Terrace	12	-	12	8	2	2	-	36	5%
Hin Keng	174	16	35	24	3	10	11	273	64%

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Hin Yiu	91	9	20	14	2	1	4	141	18%
Hing Man	112	20	21	31	8	17	2	211	11%
Hing Tin	52	8	24	13	5	6	4	112	37%
Hing Tung	126	24	23	17	5	4	1	200	10%
Hing Wah (I)	217	33	40	19	5	18	2	334	15%
Hing Wah (II)	396	33	50	63	5	27	4	578	17%
Ho Man Tin	529	65	116	53	16	44	8	831	18%
Hoi Fu Court	408	24	51	34	8	24	1	550	20%
Hoi Lai	230	35	83	84	25	61	10	528	11%
Hoi Ying	47	7	26	45	8	12	4	149	11%
Hong Tung	150	9	9	8	-	-	1	177	38%
Hung Fuk	386	37	93	191	7	63	4	781	16%
Hung Hom	429	41	57	55	6	21	4	613	22%
Jat Min Chuen	320	16	29	11	3	9	4	392	11%
Ka Fuk	191	20	22	23	-	21	3	280	14%
Ka Wai Chuen	173	12	19	7	-	4	-	215	13%
Kai Ching	436	27	70	172	13	58	12	788	15%
Kai Tin	250	20	46	24	8	25	6	379	17%
Kai Yip	578	27	70	84	4	37	5	805	19%
Kam Peng	20	1	6	4	1	3	-	35	14%
Kin Ming	487	73	162	125	37	65	5	954	14%
Kin Sang	81	14	18	6	2	5	6	132	32%
King Lam	361	25	70	27	2	26	3	514	42%
Ko Cheung Court	47	11	19	33	12	21	3	146	8%
Ko Yee	171	6	16	17	3	7	2	222	19%
Kwai Chung	1 240	216	216	260	67	174	22	2 195	16%
Kwai Fong	514	67	119	61	20	44	6	831	13%
Kwai Hing	67	10	11	10	1	8	-	107	41%
Kwai Luen	204	22	59	95	13	37	4	434	15%
Kwai Shing East	711	68	104	67	19	72	12	1 053	17%
Kwai Shing West	380	21	48	67	6	40	5	567	11%
Kwai Tsui	40	1	4	31	3	6	2	87	10%
Kwong Fuk	461	59	84	112	10	24	7	757	12%
Kwong Tin	165	20	33	25	8	15	2	268	12%
Kwong Yuen	223	53	40	27	-	14	21	378	41%
Kwun Lung Lau	110	15	27	24	6	15	-	197	9%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	413	21	51	23	3	25	4	540	12%
Lai King	372	32	40	47	10	22	9	532	13%
Lai Kok	397	43	58	81	2	39	9	629	22%
Lai On	135	15	31	16	4	11	-	212	16%
Lai Tak Tsuen	130	9	22	12	5	10	1	189	8%
Lai Tsui Court	16	4	7	37	6	14	3	87	8%
Lai Yiu	190	23	26	28	18	22	1	308	11%
Lakeside Garden	12	2	3	1	-	-	-	18	8%
Lam Tin	364	19	49	62	11	23	6	534	18%
Lee On	248	72	69	46	2	18	10	465	13%
Lei Cheng Uk	264	24	41	44	4	16	7	400	42%
Lei Muk Shue	789	93	136	147	32	92	14	1 303	13%
Lei Tung	299	45	53	52	6	23	11	489	30%
Lei Yue Mun	389	33	46	58	9	31	9	575	16%
Lek Yuen	264	29	46	70	5	26	11	451	14%
Leung King	417	50	79	48	5	36	13	648	31%
Lin Tsui	9	1	2	10	-	7	-	29	10%
Lok Fu	330	43	88	68	7	31	2	569	16%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	269	10	38	26	4	15	2	364	11%
Lok Wah (North)	130	9	34	31	6	14	4	228	8%
Lok Wah (South)	1 141	28	112	130	6	54	9	1 480	22%

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	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Long Ching	43	1	7	16	-	7	1	75	17%
Long Ping	405	27	90	75	10	32	14	653	27%
Long Shin	91	8	14	49	3	15	2	182	15%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	408	26	79	93	11	60	7	684	14%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	400	37	90	63	17	42	8	657	52%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	380	31	107	102	14	53	8	695	11%
Lung Hang	236	21	53	61	9	14	9	403	9%
Lung Tin	53	7	8	15	1	14	-	98	23%
Lung Yat	62	8	12	38	5	11	3	139	14%
Ma Hang	45	4	6	7	1	9	1	73	8%
Ma Tau Wai	175	19	33	65	2	21	3	318	16%
Mei Lam	340	38	66	78	6	28	8	564	14%
Mei Tin	593	61	152	206	17	51	15	1 095	16%
Mei Tung	237	19	43	70	8	27	6	410	18%
Ming Tak	128	12	21	11	7	10	1	190	13%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	159	6	15	5	2	10	2	199	10%
Model Housing	33	9	9	6	3	8	2	70	11%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	71	6	8	7	1	3	-	96	11%
Moon Tung	60	18	57	137	12	52	10	346	9%
Nam Cheong	121	15	22	13	3	9	1	184	36%
Nam Shan	295	26	55	81	6	20	1	484	18%
Nga Ning Court	19	5	2	5	4	5	2	42	10%
Ngan Wan	27	3	5	9	3	4	-	51	12%
Oi Man	351	54	80	77	15	23	5	605	10%
Oi Tung	615	100	79	65	8	30	7	904	23%
On Tai	400	42	94	241	38	98	13	926	11%
On Tat	586	44	99	291	24	73	13	1 130	12%
On Tin	10	5	7	17	2	6	3	50	7%
On Ting	539	57	62	93	6	37	5	799	16%
On Yam	344	44	70	54	38	45	12	607	12%
Pak Tin	1 036	69	147	95	15	109	14	1 485	22%
Ping Shek	326	17	38	63	10	23	7	484	11%
Ping Tin	663	64	102	78	19	61	8	995	18%
Po Heung	24	3	11	25	1	3	1	68	14%
Po Lam	233	29	53	39	5	20	5	384	31%
Po Shek Wu	14	5	10	31	1	7	1	69	8%
Po Tat	847	55	97	92	25	83	7	1 206	16%
Po Tin	1 169	154	299	128	8	189	9	1 956	25%
Pok Hong	209	10	48	38	4	15	11	335	38%
Prosperous Garden	65	-	-	2	-	1	-	68	11%
Sai Wan	25	4	5	8	4	3	2	51	8%
Sam Shing	125	11	24	21	6	11	3	201	11%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	450	24	48	117	8	39	10	696	18%
Sau Mau Ping	1 409	92	235	165	50	137	20	2 108	17%
Sha Kok	657	58	113	140	8	34	11	1 021	16%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	9	4	3	5	-	54	7%
Shan King	684	78	107	99	12	36	10	1 026	22%
Shatin Pass	93	10	23	30	3	18	2	179	14%
Shek Kip Mei	1 172	80	184	263	34	124	17	1 874	19%
Shek Lei (I)	475	56	53	92	13	37	7	733	15%
Shek Lei (II)	873	98	122	151	32	80	16	1372	16%
Shek Mun	254	33	78	174	12	55	11	617	12%
Shek Pai Wan	411	50	74	69	18	40	18	680	13%
Shek Wai Kok	496	48	76	93	6	29	6	754	12%

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	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Shek Yam East	283	25	27	27	11	22	4	399	17%
Shek Yam	284	27	40	47	10	16	7	431	16%
Sheung Lok	105	6	4	10	-	3	1	129	38%
Sheung Tak	484	41	118	53	13	30	9	748	14%
Shin Ming	215	15	40	57	8	12	3	350	18%
Shui Chuen O	756	50	140	388	37	97	17	1 485	13%
Shui Pin Wai	352	23	50	65	3	26	3	522	22%
Shun Lee	371	19	47	52	3	30	6	528	12%
Shun On	322	11	35	48	-	27	3	446	15%
Shun Tin	676	36	77	85	16	60	15	965	14%
Siu Sai Wan	302	61	63	84	21	32	5	568	9%
So Uk	345	34	82	279	25	78	13	856	13%
Sun Chui	527	52	74	112	14	31	15	825	13%
Sun Tin Wai	205	23	31	55	4	12	1	331	10%
Tai Hang Tung	364	18	53	38	4	27	2	506	25%
Tai Hing	1 043	87	124	154	12	56	16	1 492	18%
Tai Ping	29	4	4	6	1	9	2	55	36%
Tai Wo	402	32	78	42	6	12	10	582	42%
Tai Wo Hau	630	95	91	123	19	73	12	1 043	14%
Tai Yuen	282	56	132	77	6	29	13	595	13%
Tak Long	658	63	115	231	24	107	15	1 213	15%
Tak Tin	537	36	69	26	5	38	4	715	41%
Tin Chak	384	32	88	61	11	49	5	630	16%
Tin Ching	684	63	135	262	22	80	15	1 261	20%
Tin Heng	133	33	68	90	42	67	16	449	8%
Tin King	71	12	22	25	2	8	3	143	24%
Tin Ping	165	10	37	23	3	18	4	260	33%
Tin Shui	462	65	116	101	17	71	15	847	11%
Tin Tsz	374	40	86	38	10	41	7	596	18%
Tin Wah	423	49	73	37	8	37	3	630	17%
Tin Wan	329	49	57	26	9	25	8	503	16%
Tin Yan	919	64	137	129	15	115	16	1 395	25%
Tin Yat	107	13	48	53	18	36	7	282	9%
Tin Yiu	542	50	155	126	31	52	20	976	12%
Tin Yuet	432	47	96	64	25	55	8	727	18%
Tsing Yi	141	16	18	12	2	7	3	199	39%
Tsui Lam	112	8	34	39	6	10	5	214	20%
Tsui Lok	79	8	6	11	-	4	1	109	34%
Tsui Ping (South)	335	26	38	45	9	22	3	478	10%
Tsui Ping (North)	744	53	120	126	15	60	8	1 126	42%
Tsui Wan	88	21	18	8	1	7	3	146	32%
Tsz Ching	1 081	77	117	89	31	64	16	1 475	19%
Tsz Hong	87	11	31	35	15	12	1	192	10%
Tsz Lok	597	58	96	73	20	52	10	906	15%
Tsz Man	144	19	41	30	11	27	3	275	14%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	13	1	3	-	1	3	1	22	9%
Tung Tau	458	33	78	53	12	41	9	684	40%
Tung Wui	260	9	29	13	1	12	4	328	25%
Un Chau	1 052	76	151	119	24	80	12	1 514	20%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 105	59	145	81	16	70	9	1 485	23%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	642	61	114	72	12	49	6	956	20%
Verbena Heights	126	8	21	2	-	6	1	164	17%
Wah Fu	491	79	84	105	21	52	16	848	9%
Wah Ha	3	1	2	5	2	2	-	15	8%
Wah Kwai	212	28	37	24	2	8	2	313	35%
Wah Lai	97	16	32	19	6	8	1	179	13%
Wah Ming	261	48	46	46	3	18	14	436	40%

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Wah Sum	156	24	21	15	5	9	2	232	16%
Wan Hon	317	5	14	32	1	2	4	375	39%
Wan Tau Tong	139	20	33	12	-	4	3	211	48%
Wan Tsui	257	45	54	54	8	30	6	454	13%
Wang Tau Hom	345	43	103	70	14	42	8	625	11%
Wing Cheong	146	8	29	53	3	19	-	258	18%
Wo Che	345	51	106	99	17	29	15	662	11%
Wo Lok	184	11	37	38	-	11	3	284	15%
Wu King	171	23	34	57	8	20	9	322	7%
Yan On	239	10	45	87	2	32	7	422	16%
Yan Tin	217	37	63	169	20	59	7	572	12%
Yat Tung	611	88	163	254	83	157	28	1 384	12%
Yau Lai	964	59	130	231	21	81	18	1 504	17%
Yau Oi	655	35	89	133	25	82	17	1 036	11%
Yau Tong	445	37	71	54	18	37	5	667	19%
Yee Ming	128	9	31	58	10	14	4	254	12%
Ying Tung	128	12	37	127	6	42	1	353	10%
Yiu On	161	18	42	26	1	11	4	263	36%
Yiu Tung	394	59	65	29	15	24	6	592	12%
Yue Kwong	41	4	10	11	-	4	2	72	7%
Yue Wan	180	29	33	48	4	19	1	314	15%
Yung Shing	211	34	30	18	1	8	4	306	18%
Total	**79 373**	**7 564**	**13 860**	**15 230**	**2 360**	**7 615**	**1 546**	**127 548**	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5880)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please explain in detail whether any changes have been made to the base rates and the items for calculation under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme since 1996. If yes, what have been the changes? If no, what are the reasons?

2. Please explain in detail whether any changes have been made to the base rates and the items for calculation in respect of the rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme since 1996. If yes, what have been the changes? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard payment rates under the CSSA Scheme (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, the Government proposed to increase the CSSA standard payment rates by 3.6% with effect from 1 February 2020. The relevant funds will be disbursed upon approval by the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee (FC) of the proposal. The Social Welfare Department will continue to monitor the movement of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

   In addition, the Government updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. In the latest updating exercise, 2014-15 was adopted as the new base year, and the survey for 2019-20 is under way for preparing a report and updating the weights of the SSAIP.

2. Rent allowance is payable to CSSA households to meet the accommodation expenses. The amount of the allowance per month is the actual rent paid by the household, or the maximum rent allowance (MRA) appropriate to the number of eligible members in the

household for CSSA, whichever is the less. On 3 April 1998, the LegCo FC approved the delegation of authority to the Secretary for the Treasury (now the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury) to approve annual revisions to the levels of MRA under CSSA Scheme in accordance with the movement of rent index for private housing of the Consumer Price Index (A) (please refer to FCR(98-99)10 for details).

The 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of enhancements to the CSSA Scheme, including a one-off increase of the MRA for different household sizes under the CSSA Scheme according to the 10% trimmed mean of rent (the average of rent payment with the lowest and highest 10% excluded) paid by CSSA recipients living in rented private housing as at February 2019. The implementation of the relevant measures is subject to approval of the LegCo FC.

From 2016-17 to 2020-21, MRA per month under the CSSA and the percentage change over the previous year with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household are set out in the Annex.

Annex

MRA per month under CSSA and the percentage change over the previous year by the number of eligible members in the household

Number of eligible members in the household	MRA per month under CSSA ($)				
	2016-17 (with effect from 1 February 2016)	2017-18 (with effect from 1 February 2017)	2018-19 (with effect from 1 February 2018)	2019-20 (with effect from 1 February 2019)	2020-21 [Note]
1	1,735	1,810	1,835	1,885	2,475
2	3,490	3,640	3,695	3,795	4,370
3	4,560	4,755	4,825	4,955	5,245
4	4,850	5,060	5,135	5,275	5,910
5	4,865	5,075	5,150	5,290	6,590
6 or above	6,080	6,340	6,435	6,610	7,675
Percentage change over the previous year	+5.8%	+4.3%	+1.5%	+2.7%	+5.9% to +31.3%

[Note] MRA is adjusted according to the 10% trimmed mean of the rent paid by the CSSA recipients living in rented private housing as at February 2019 and includes the upward adjustment of 3.2% according to the movement of the rent index. The level is rounded to the nearest $5. The implementation of the relevant measures is subject to passage by the LegCo FC.

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LWB(WW)413

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5881)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide details of the basis for calculating the rates of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme payments, and the items in the basket of goods and services.
2. Using an able-bodied adult CSSA recipient under the age of 60 as an example, please explain how the standard rate is calculated. Please set out in detail the amount and percentage of the respective items of goods and services involved in the basket.
3. Using a 50% disabled child CSSA recipient as an example, please explain how the standard rate is calculated. Please set out in detail the amount and percentage of the respective items of goods and services involved in the basket.
4. Please set out the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP) over the past 5 years.
5. When was the last time the Government updated the weighting system of the SSAIP? What is the result?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Government adjusts standard payment rates under the CSSA Scheme (including CSSA standard rates, supplements and monthly meal allowance under the special grants category) on an annual basis taking into account the movements of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices (SSAIP). In accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism, the Government proposed to increase the CSSA standard payment rates by 3.6% with effect from 1 February 2020. The relevant funds will be disbursed upon approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to monitor the movement of the SSAIP and adjust the CSSA payment rates on an annual basis.

In addition, the Government updates the weighting system of the SSAIP every 5 years to take into account the latest expenditure pattern of CSSA households and the impact of price changes. In the latest updating exercise, 2014-15 was adopted as the new base year, and the survey for 2019-20 is under way for preparing a report and updating the weights of the SSAIP.

In the five-year period from 2015 to 2019, SWD has increased the CSSA standard rates by 4.7%, 4.4%, 2.8%, 1.4% and 2.8% respectively in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism.

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LWB(WW)414

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5882)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. In the past 5 years, what is the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance, the number of recipients and the expenditure?
2. Please advise the following by household size (and a breakdown by private housing, public housing and other types (please specify)) in the past 5 years:
    i. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) ("over MRA"), the percentage of such cases in all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and that in its own category by type of housing (public/private housing);
    ii. the average rent of CSSA "over MRA" cases;
    iii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than the rent allowance and the average rent of such cases.
3. Please advise the latest figures as well as the following by case nature (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others) in the past 5 years :
    i. the number of CSSA "over MRA" cases, the percentage of such cases in all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and that in its own category by case nature;
    ii. the average rent of CSSA "over MRA" cases;
    iii. the number of cases which have been granted rent allowance exceeding the MRA on a discretionary basis.
4. Please provide the latest figures as well as the number of cases having been allocated with public rental housing through Compassionate Rehousing on account of "over MRA", with a breakdown by case nature (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA cases and recipients receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

2. i. The number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household, is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

   ii. The median rent of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by number of eligible members in the household, is set out in Table 3 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average rent of the relevant cases.

   iii. The number, percentage and median rent of CSSA cases living in public and private housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household, is set out in Tables 4 and 5 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the average rent of the relevant cases.

3. i. The number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by case nature, are set out in Table 6 of the Annex.

   ii. The median rent of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by case nature, is set out in Table 7 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the average rent of the relevant cases.

   iii. SWD does not have the information sought.

4. SWD does not have the information sought.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases and recipients receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance ($ million)
2015-16	212 780	342 196	3,427
2016-17	208 332	329 544	3,513
2017-18	203 334	316 953	3,579
2018-19	197 461	304 450	3,601
2019-20	194 198 (as at end-December 2019)	296 487 (as at end-December 2019)	2,695 (as at end-December 2019)

Table 2: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible members in the household

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases living in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	3 749	2 855	2 857	3 484	3 456
2	255	151	141	241	215
3	28	43	33	64	43
4	17	18	11	27	16
5	10	9	8	16	10
6 or above	2	1	4	4	7
Total	**4 061 (3.1%)**	**3 077 (2.4%)**	**3 054 (2.5%)**	**3 836 (3.2%)**	**3 747 (3.2%)**
Number of eligible members	**Number of CSSA cases living in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	7 288	6 861	7 644	7 868	8 398
2	4 233	3 920	4 496	4 653	4 968
3	1 928	1 992	2 114	2 234	2 353
4	935	913	1 015	958	1 037
5	397	372	389	360	334
6 or above	148	143	141	118	110
Total	**14 929 (49.3%)**	**14 201 (49.5%)**	**15 799 (55.7%)**	**16 191 (60.6%)**	**17 200 (65.0%)**

Table 3: Median rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible members and type of housing

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA ($)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	2,126	2,195	2,203	2,279	2,276
2	3,753	4,102	4,171	4,200	4,115
3	5,291	5,604	5,599	5,720	5,621
4	5,405	5,897	6,000	6,048	6,000
5	6,037	6,607	6,750	6,530	6,163
6 or above	8,090	7,248	7,800	8,190	8,000
Number of eligible members	**Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA ($)**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	2,366	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,650
2	4,000	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,600
3	5,200	5,500	5,500	5,600	5,700
4	6,000	6,200	6,200	6,500	6,500
5	6,300	6,500	6,700	7,000	7,000
6 or above	7,500	7,800	7,900	8,050	8,350

Table 4: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible members

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases living in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	66 797	67 644	66 870	65 490	65 023
2	37 588	36 270	34 280	32 543	31 354
3	14 597	13 676	12 624	11 667	11 037
4	6 248	5 613	4 935	4 731	4 418
5	2 190	1 975	1 758	1 665	1 589
6 or above	1 026	951	906	906	894
Total	**128 446 (96.9%)**	**126 129 (97.6%)**	**121 373 (97.5%)**	**117 002 (96.8%)**	**114 315 (96.8%)**
Number of eligible members	**Number of CSSA cases living in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	6 699	6 409	5 390	4 544	4 078
2	4 155	4 172	3 528	3 074	2 711
3	3 014	2 592	2 461	1 966	1 687
4	1 063	997	892	702	582
5	267	237	199	157	124
6 or above	133	98	77	68	62
Total	**15 331 (50.7%)**	**14 505 (50.5%)**	**12 547 (44.3%)**	**10 511 (39.4%)**	**9 244 (35.0%)**

Table 5: Median rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible members and type of housing

Number of eligible members	Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in public housing with actual rent less than or equal to MRA ($)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	1,070	1,024	1,022	1,122	1,112
2	1,383	1,328	1,327	1,469	1,460
3	1,716	1,672	1,673	1,806	1,786
4	1,925	1,874	1,868	2,021	2,006
5	2,215	2,086	2,045	2,268	2,238
6 or above	2,513	2,463	2,449	2,687	2,659
Number of eligible members	**Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent less than or equal to MRA ($)**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	1,400	1,500	1,481	1,375	1,295
2	2,500	2,800	2,700	2,600	2,500
3	3,800	4,000	4,100	4,200	4,200
4	4,000	4,200	4,500	4,500	4,500
5	4,000	4,300	4,500	4,500	4,700
6 or above	4,700	5,000	5,100	5,550	5,925

Table 6: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by case nature

Case nature	Number of CSSA cases living in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	2 628	1 966	2 019	2 552	2 472
Permanent disability	297	209	216	261	259
Ill health	532	446	430	501	525
Single parent	123	90	63	117	100
Low-earnings	47	40	30	51	38
Unemployment	403	303	271	327	330
Others	31	23	25	27	23
Total	**4 061 (3.1%)**	**3 077 (2.4%)**	**3 054 (2.5%)**	**3 836 (3.2%)**	**3 747 (3.2%)**
Case nature	**Number of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	4 375	4 115	4 764	5 041	5 148
Permanent disability	905	879	940	925	997
Ill health	2 152	2 177	2 489	2 519	2 761
Single parent	4 324	4 175	4 816	4 987	5 341
Low-earnings	674	561	528	410	349
Unemployment	2 051	1 838	1 784	1 834	2 119
Others	448	456	478	475	485
Total	**14 929 (49.3%)**	**14 201 (49.5%)**	**15 799 (55.7%)**	**16 191 (60.6%)**	**17 200 (65.0%)**

Table 7: Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by case nature

Case nature	Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA ($)				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	2,300	2,400	2,450	2,567	2,566
Permanent disability	2,600	2,800	2,927	3,000	3,000
Ill health	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Single parent	4,560	4,800	5,000	5,000	5,000
Low-earnings	5,800	6,000	6,300	6,200	6,200
Unemployment	2,524	3,000	2,980	3,000	3,000
Others	3,700	4,100	4,100	4,225	4,200

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5883)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Schools are currently implementing life-wide learning, and through an activity approach, students are encouraged to pursue out-of-class learning. Has the Government earmarked funding allocation to support children on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in meeting additional learning needs? What are the specific details? What are the amounts of funding allocations? How will the Government implement relevant support programmes?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

The CSSA Scheme ensures that children in need receive the assistance they require. At present, the monthly CSSA standard rates for able-bodied children, ranging from $2,015 to $3,035, are higher than those for able-bodied adults by $205 to $510. The Government has also proposed to increase the monthly CSSA standard rates for able-bodied children to range from $2,090 to $3,145 with effect from 1 February 2020, being higher than those for able-bodied adults by $215 to $530. The proposal is subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

In addition to the standard rates, school children on CSSA are entitled to a wide range of special grants to meet their educational expenses. These include grants to cover school fees, transport fares to school and examination fees, monthly meal allowance for full-day students taking lunch away from home, and a flat-rate grant, currently ranging from $1,770 to $7,260 for selected items of school-related expenses (i.e. textbooks, stationery, school uniforms, miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses) in each school year.

Apart from CSSA, the Government has developed a comprehensive network of services, many of which are highly subsidised, to take care of our children's developmental needs. These include education, housing, medical services and a series of preventive, supportive and remedial welfare services for children and families.

The Government has set up the Student Activities Support Fund in 2018-19 with an endowment of $2.5 billion. Starting from the 2019/20 school year, public sector schools and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme will be provided with the Student Activities Support Grant (SAS Grant) to support primary and secondary students with financial needs

to participate in out-of-classroom learning activities organised or recognised by the schools. The amount of the SAS Grant to be disbursed to each school is based on the total number of its students receiving CSSA or the full-grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme in that school year. In the 2019/20 school year, the allocation of the SAS Grant was about $80 million.

In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (the Scheme) through district social welfare offices to address the developmental needs of disadvantaged children and youth in the districts. In the 2018-19 Budget, additional resources were allocated for SWD to implement the enhanced measures to raise the maximum amount of direct cash assistance under the Scheme per head per year from $1,500 to $2,000, and increase the number of quotas from 6 000 to 10 000. The additional recurrent expenditure is $11 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5884)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the government expenditure for the implementation, number of participants and effectiveness of the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in the past 5 years.

2. Please set out the estimated government expenditure for the implementation, target number of participants and the performance indicators of the SFS Scheme for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to enhance the employability of able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. As individual IEAPS participants may leave or re-join the programme owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), SWD does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants and a breakdown by financial year.

   SWD has information on the cumulative headcount of IEAPS participants. From January 2013 to end-December 2019, a total headcount of 105 134 persons had participated in the IEAPS, with 22 111 participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among them, 5 039 participants left the CSSA net.

   The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the IEAPS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	92
2016-17 (Actual)	89
2017-18 (Actual)	122
2018-19 (Actual)	126
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	126

2. SWD will continue to provide enhanced employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients through NGOs starting from April 2020. The estimated expenditure for employment support services in 2020-21 is around $174 million and it is expected that there will be about 12 300 recipients to participate. NGOs operating the employment support services are required to achieve the service performance requirements below:

Service target	Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for 1 month	Percentage of participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for 3 months
Unemployed CSSA recipients	25%	20%
Single parents and child carers on CSSA and whose youngest child is aged 12 to 14	40%	30%

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LWB(WW)417

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5885)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide, for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past 5 years, the total number of fraud and abuse cases and the following by CSSA case nature: (i) the total number of reported cases; (ii) the number of established cases of fraud and abuse of public funds, and the number of cases prosecuted and convicted; and (iii) the amount involved.

2. Please provide the number of staff in the Special Investigation Section (SIS) responsible for the investigation into fraud and abuse of public funds, the respective grades of the staff and the staffing establishment for the past 5 years. Does the Government have any plan to further expand the SIS?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of fraud cases relating to CSSA is provided as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of reports on suspected fraud relating to CSSA	1 856	1 847	1 504	1 443	978
Number of established fraud cases relating to CSSA	665	557	647	477	329
Number of prosecuted cases	211	152	106	71	53
Number of convicted cases	211	147	102	69	51
Amount of overpayment involved ($ million)	69.8	49.0	58.5	49.7	39.7

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of fraud cases by case nature.

2. The Fraud Investigation Teams, the Fraud Assessment Team, the Data Matching Team and the Target Investigation Team are responsible for the investigation into fraud and abuse of public funds. The number of staff from the above teams from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by grade is as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Social Security Officer grade staff	62	66	66	66	66
Social Security Assistant grade staff	61	67	67	67	55
General grade staff	9	20	21	21	20
Model I grade staff	1	1	1	1	1
Total	133	154	155	155	142

SWD will make suitable manpower deployment in a timely manner based on the workload of the SIS.

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LWB(WW)418

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5886)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the applications for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) in the past 5 years, please advise the following: the number of new applications, among which the number of approved and rejected cases, and the number of applicants and successful applicants aged 65 to 69 and 70 or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)

Reply:

The number of new, approved and rejected OALA applications from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Number of cases		
	New applications	Approved applications	Rejected applications
2015-16	38 134	35 141	3 574
2016-17	39 072	34 784	3 418
2017-18	47 435	42 114	3 635
2018-19	53 566	50 806	4 043
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	37 714	34 608	2 929

In compiling the statistics on the cumulative number of relevant cases, the Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown on the applicants' age at the time of submission and approval of applications, and therefore the information sought cannot be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5887)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the following programmes of the Social Welfare Department (SWD): (1) Ordinary Employment Assistance Services; (2) Strengthened Employment Assistance Services; (3) New Dawn Project Services; (4) Special Training and Enhancement Programme, please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients participating in the above programmes and the percentage of those having secured employment and those having left the CSSA net over the past 5 years, together with the expenditure on the programmes for the past 5 financial years and the estimated expenditure for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance programmes for able-bodied CSSA recipients into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. As individual IEAPS participants may leave or re-join the programme owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), SWD does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants and a breakdown by financial year.

SWD has information on the cumulative headcount of IEAPS participants. From January 2013 to end-December 2019, a total headcount of 105 134 persons had participated in the IEAPS, with 22 111 participants (21%) having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among them, 5 039 participants (4.8%) left the CSSA net.

The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate the IEAPS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	92
2016-17 (Actual)	89
2017-18 (Actual)	122
2018-19 (Actual)	126
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	126

SWD will continue to provide enhanced employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients through NGOs starting from April 2020. The estimated expenditure for employment support services in 2020-21 is around $174 million.

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LWB(WW)420

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5888)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) implemented by the Government, please advise the number of participants and number of cases of recipients being exempted from participating in the IEAPS over the past 5 years, and the reasons for exemption.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

Reply:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. From January 2013 to end-December 2019, a total headcount of 105 134 persons had participated in the IEAPS. SWD does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants with a breakdown by year.

All able-bodied persons aged 15 to 59 on CSSA are required to participate in the IEAPS, while able-bodied adults aged 60 to 64 may participate on a voluntary basis.

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LWB(WW)421

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5889)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), please advise the following:

1. the staffing establishment and the administrative costs involved over the past year;
2. the total amount of allowance paid and the number of recipients over the past year, and among which the number of recipients aged 65 to 69 and aged over 70; and
3. the number of random checks conducted, and among which the number of fraud cases detected over the past year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Since social security staff is responsible for handling cases under various social security schemes (including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, and OALA is one of the allowances under the SSA Scheme), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the number of social security staff responsible for handling OALA cases and the administrative costs.
2. The revised estimate for OALA in 2019-20 is $27.1 billion, which included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance and an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. As at end-December 2019, there were 158 649 and 404 365 OALA cases with recipients aged 65 to 69 and aged 70 or above respectively, totalling 563 014 cases.
3. SWD conducted reviews for about 172 000 OALA recipients in 2019-20 to verify their continuous eligibility for the allowance. SWD does not have a breakdown of the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5890)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases under the categories of "able-bodied/50% disabled", "100% disabled" and "requiring constant attendance", the percentage in the total number of cases, and the government expenditure involved in the past 5 years.

2. Under the current CSSA Scheme, a care and attention allowance is provided for persons with disabilities to hire carers. Please provide the number of cases in the past 5 years with a breakdown by type of disability and district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 73)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA recipients under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled" and "requiring constant attendance" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA recipients		
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance
2015-16	5 814	87 239	20 341
2016-17	5 438	88 058	21 097
2017-18	4 937	87 707	21 900
2018-19	4 653	87 638	22 459
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 810	88 135	22 969

[Note] Due to the limitation of the category of CSSA recipients, the number of 50% disabled CSSA recipients did not cover CSSA recipients aged 60 or above who were 50% disabled.

The expenditure on CSSA cases under the categories of permanent disability and ill health [Note 1] from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note 2] ($ million)	
	Permanent disability	Ill health
2015-16 (Actual)	1,631	2,402
2016-17 (Actual)	1,640	2,431
2017-18 (Actual)	1,574	2,360
2018-19 (Actual)	1,622	2,424
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	1,741	2,660

[Note 1] There are 7 categories of CSSA cases, namely "old age", "permanent disability", "ill health", "single parent", "low-earnings", "unemployment" and "others". In addition, under the CSSA Scheme, persons with disabilities may receive different standard rate payments according to their level of disability (including 50% disabled, 100% disabled and requiring constant attendance).

[Note 2] The actual expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates; the actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates; whereas the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, (2) a one-off grant of $2,000 to each needy student, whereas the revised estimate of expenditure for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of $2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has information on the number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled", "requiring constant attendance" and "ill-health" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of disability and district (see Annex) and hence the SWD does not have the information sought.

Annex

Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled", "requiring constant attendance" and "ill-health" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

District	2015-16			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	39	1 334	582	14
Eastern	165	5 154	1 602	59
Islands	83	1 226	174	91
Kowloon City	235	4 831	1 766	175
Kwai Tsing	553	9 026	1 737	437
Kwun Tong	905	9 539	2 128	772
North	284	4 592	1 070	196
Sai Kung	240	2 921	302	291
Sha Tin	412	6 353	1 419	301
Sham Shui Po	505	7 063	1 844	440
Southern	113	4 117	602	46
Tai Po	195	3 372	1 039	185
Tsuen Wan	165	2 742	722	129
Tuen Mun	443	7 642	1 384	309
Wan Chai	14	551	205	10
Wong Tai Sin	643	5 746	1 234	702
Yau Tsim Mong	163	2 660	859	164
Yuen Long	656	8 226	1 610	502
Total	**5 813**	**87 095**	**20 279**	**4 823**

District	2016-17			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	27	1 359	598	16
Eastern	168	5 078	1 653	47
Islands	87	1 214	184	64
Kowloon City	236	4 902	1 876	176
Kwai Tsing	520	9 028	1 812	396
Kwun Tong	878	9 807	2 255	753
North	278	4 566	1 098	169
Sai Kung	231	2 920	342	266
Sha Tin	372	6 488	1 503	291
Sham Shui Po	483	7 320	1 908	437
Southern	107	4 227	638	30
Tai Po	194	3 289	1 092	199
Tsuen Wan	125	2 772	695	125
Tuen Mun	388	7 675	1 403	286
Wan Chai	18	542	206	10
Wong Tai Sin	557	5 716	1 204	664
Yau Tsim Mong	153	2 645	900	165
Yuen Long	616	8 378	1 665	434
Total	**5 438**	**87 926**	**21 032**	**4 528**

District	2017-18			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	24	1 397	595	19
Eastern	149	4 889	1 720	39
Islands	79	1 219	200	59
Kowloon City	225	4 770	1 904	169
Kwai Tsing	466	8 926	1 864	360
Kwun Tong	797	9 739	2 386	690
North	252	4 526	1 170	170
Sai Kung	205	2 922	345	270
Sha Tin	320	6 570	1 474	243
Sham Shui Po	446	7 414	2 033	367
Southern	96	4 177	684	23
Tai Po	178	3 342	1 071	212
Tsuen Wan	133	2 867	747	111
Tuen Mun	351	7 616	1 545	249
Wan Chai	17	512	208	13
Wong Tai Sin	493	5 664	1 225	566
Yau Tsim Mong	144	2 697	945	161
Yuen Long	562	8 338	1 720	361
Total	**4 937**	**87 585**	**21 836**	**4 082**

District	2018-19			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	18	1 336	610	15
Eastern	140	4 797	1 754	37
Islands	97	1 427	204	75
Kowloon City	222	4 764	2 033	157
Kwai Tsing	452	8 851	1 930	327
Kwun Tong	767	9 853	2 369	655
North	206	4 533	1 149	148
Sai Kung	203	2 890	364	267
Sha Tin	307	6 527	1 469	219
Sham Shui Po	414	7 487	2 033	317
Southern	80	4 185	711	31
Tai Po	144	3 389	1 036	193
Tsuen Wan	106	2 855	751	105
Tuen Mun	397	7 580	1 678	251
Wan Chai	10	489	208	10
Wong Tai Sin	463	5 645	1 257	495
Yau Tsim Mong	130	2 611	989	138
Yuen Long	497	8 312	1 850	339
Total	**4 653**	**87 531**	**22 395**	**3 779**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			
	50% disabled [Note]	**100% disabled**	**Requiring constant attendance**	**Ill-health**
Central & Western	23	1 328	616	13
Eastern	129	4 799	1 836	46
Islands	100	1 441	213	76
Kowloon City	218	4 813	2 044	160
Kwai Tsing	457	9 000	1 937	322
Kwun Tong	757	9 922	2 374	638
North	229	4 538	1 195	189
Sai Kung	190	2 870	361	243
Sha Tin	324	6 583	1 488	241
Sham Shui Po	481	7 515	2 139	317
Southern	85	4 247	703	33
Tai Po	140	3 470	1 093	205
Tsuen Wan	127	2 801	758	108
Tuen Mun	391	7 644	1 666	245
Wan Chai	18	502	216	5
Wong Tai Sin	483	5 663	1 319	447
Yau Tsim Mong	138	2 633	1 032	142
Yuen Long	520	8 261	1 914	304
Total	**4 810**	**88 030**	**22 904**	**3 734**

[Note] The number of 50% disabled CSSA recipients did not cover CSSA recipients aged 60 or above who were 50% disabled.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5891)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past 5 years by the following categories:

1. Household with family member(s) aged 65 or above
2. Household with family member(s) aged 15 or below
3. Household with family member(s) being employed on full-time/long-term basis
4. Household with family member(s) being employed on part-time/causal job basis
5. Living in public housing
6. Living in non-public housing

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 74)

Reply:

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of CSSA cases involving recipients aged 65 or above and those aged below 15 is provided as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases	
	With recipients aged 65 or above	With recipients aged below 15
2015-16	127 278	37 319
2016-17	125 664	35 421
2017-18	123 859	33 473
2018-19	120 517	31 664
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	119 046	30 502

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment with a breakdown by those with full-time and part-time/casual employment is provided as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment	
	With full-time employment [Note 1]	With part-time/ casual employment [Note 2]
2015-16	8 614	13 428
2016-17	7 241	12 912
2017-18	5 963	12 119
2018-19	4 910	11 495
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 123	10 996

[Note 1] Based on the categorisation of CSSA cases, recipients with full-time employment refer to those with no less than 120 working hours per month.

[Note 2] Based on the categorisation of CSSA cases, recipients with part-time/casual employment refer to those with less than 120 working hours per month.

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of CSSA cases by type of accommodation is provided as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases	
	Public housing estate	Private housing
2015-16	143 721	38 326
2016-17	139 540	36 277
2017-18	134 857	35 661
2018-19	130 664	33 409
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	127 550	32 889

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5892)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the 18 districts in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by able-bodied adults, disabled adults, able-bodied children, disabled children and recipients aged 60 or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 75)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by selected profile and district from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16				
	Able-bodied adults	**Disabled adults**	**Able-bodied children**	**Disabled children**	**CSSA recipients under all categories aged 60 or above**
Central & Western	441	575	522	29	2 063
Eastern	2 189	2 637	2 886	203	8 976
Islands	1 535	783	2 321	91	2 102
Kowloon City	3 126	2 734	4 060	170	8 987
Kwai Tsing	5 701	5 433	7 287	355	17 219
Kwun Tong	8 371	6 174	10 165	523	25 823
North	3 029	2 821	4 243	232	8 443
Sai Kung	1 925	2 173	2 359	147	5 092
Sha Tin	3 704	4 119	4 946	381	11 435
Sham Shui Po	5 632	4 428	6 542	351	15 167
Southern	1 109	2 136	1 388	127	5 345
Tai Po	1 608	1 806	2 085	201	6 036
Tsuen Wan	1 616	1 308	2 151	90	5 230
Tuen Mun	3 770	4 770	4 684	259	13 137
Wan Chai	228	200	265	9	983
Wong Tai Sin	4 311	3 892	5 311	368	13 822
Yau Tsim Mong	2 562	1 508	2 601	78	5 175
Yuen Long	7 782	5 524	9 795	500	14 242
Total	**58 639**	**53 021**	**73 611**	**4 114**	**169 277**

District	2016-17				
	Able-bodied adults	**Disabled adults**	**Able-bodied children**	**Disabled children**	**CSSA recipients under all categories aged 60 or above**
Central & Western	431	561	479	36	2 049
Eastern	1 938	2 609	2 634	213	8 636
Islands	1 410	775	2 068	83	2 053
Kowloon City	2 908	2 708	3 809	178	8 996
Kwai Tsing	4 988	5 265	6 439	353	16 831
Kwun Tong	7 857	6 207	9 715	582	25 674
North	2 790	2 744	3 964	227	8 289
Sai Kung	1 617	2 082	2 046	149	5 058
Sha Tin	3 622	4 062	4 891	395	11 689
Sham Shui Po	5 090	4 461	6 111	357	15 082
Southern	990	2 129	1 281	128	5 315
Tai Po	1 498	1 780	2 065	219	5 935
Tsuen Wan	1 483	1 308	2 010	97	5 046
Tuen Mun	3 311	4 710	4 383	231	12 880
Wan Chai	197	193	269	12	935
Wong Tai Sin	3 766	3 761	4 798	375	13 391
Yau Tsim Mong	2 151	1 539	2 291	78	4 932
Yuen Long	7 142	5 528	9 138	493	14 133
Total	**53 189**	**52 422**	**68 391**	**4 206**	**166 924**

District	2017-18				
	Able-bodied adults	**Disabled adults**	**Able-bodied children**	**Disabled children**	**CSSA recipients under all categories aged 60 or above**
Central & Western	374	588	461	32	2 065
Eastern	1 722	2 490	2 387	218	8 380
Islands	1 236	748	1 846	87	2 081
Kowloon City	2 732	2 627	3 616	192	8 862
Kwai Tsing	4 350	5 085	5 812	347	16 426
Kwun Tong	7 143	6 000	9 104	610	25 256
North	2 582	2 678	3 733	217	8 215
Sai Kung	1 394	2 011	1 778	144	4 998
Sha Tin	3 469	922	4 800	416	11 695
Sham Shui Po	4 692	4 376	5 756	370	14 998
Southern	874	2 032	1 139	129	5 251
Tai Po	1 411	1 832	2 030	229	5 751
Tsuen Wan	1 349	1 317	1 887	100	5 084
Tuen Mun	3 036	4 545	4 058	238	12 769
Wan Chai	174	182	246	9	886
Wong Tai Sin	3 369	3 545	4 468	374	12 984
Yau Tsim Mong	2 018	1 593	2 270	69	4 739
Yuen Long	6 405	5 292	8 463	487	14 024
Total	**48 330**	**50 863**	**63 854**	**4 268**	**164 464**

District	2018-19				
	Able-bodied adults [Note]	**Disabled adults [Note]**	**Able-bodied children**	**Disabled children**	**CSSA recipients under all categories aged 60 or above**
Central & Western	295	561	375	28	1 996
Eastern	1 539	2 444	2 211	213	8 128
Islands	1 407	889	2 038	107	2 217
Kowloon City	2 443	2 563	3 332	207	8 735
Kwai Tsing	3 865	4 940	5 280	359	16 037
Kwun Tong	6 700	5 794	8 675	667	24 614
North	2 465	2 562	3 526	235	7 906
Sai Kung	1 222	1 949	1 582	140	4 898
Sha Tin	3 168	3 798	4 453	425	11 428
Sham Shui Po	4 462	4 276	5 538	382	14 681
Southern	767	1 975	1 059	140	5 120
Tai Po	1 296	1 796	1 904	233	5 621
Tsuen Wan	1 223	1 278	1 708	102	4 912
Tuen Mun	2 951	4 515	4 087	277	12 562
Wan Chai	168	153	202	10	826
Wong Tai Sin	3 027	3 398	4 138	398	12 360
Yau Tsim Mong	1 819	1 525	2 042	73	4 483
Yuen Long	5 643	5 119	7 684	476	13 682
Total	**44 460**	**49 535**	**59 834**	**4 472**	**160 206**

[Note] The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. The above figures only cover able-bodied and disabled adults aged below 60.

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)				
	Able-bodied adults [Note]	**Disabled adults [Note]**	**Able-bodied children**	**Disabled children**	**CSSA recipients under all categories aged 60 or above**
Central & Western	289	535	341	30	1 954
Eastern	1 427	2 402	2 042	234	8 067
Islands	1 404	872	2 041	110	2 247
Kowloon City	2 323	2 510	3 162	203	8 571
Kwai Tsing	3 707	4 937	5 013	360	15 804
Kwun Tong	6 262	5 649	8 069	670	24 043
North	2 417	2 535	3 441	239	7 791
Sai Kung	1 123	1 855	1 405	128	4 783
Sha Tin	3 090	3 812	4 300	450	11 223
Sham Shui Po	4 452	4 306	5 496	404	14 480
Southern	752	1 982	994	138	5 072
Tai Po	1 203	1 832	1 753	231	5 520
Tsuen Wan	1 170	1 270	1 645	100	4 746
Tuen Mun	2 765	4 443	3 812	280	12 416
Wan Chai	161	185	194	11	811
Wong Tai Sin	2 825	3 291	3 786	403	12 093
Yau Tsim Mong	1 757	1 555	1 925	80	4 415
Yuen Long	5 377	5 017	7 182	468	13 480
Total	**42 504**	**48 988**	**56 601**	**4 539**	**157 516**

[Note] The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. The above figures only cover able-bodied and disabled adults aged below 60.

In the above tables, disabled adults and disabled children refer to recipients receiving the standard rates of 50% disabled, 100% disabled, requiring constant attendance or in ill health.

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LWB(WW)425

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5893)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide, with a breakdown by age group and case nature, the number of cases and recipients having been on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for over 3 and 5 years respectively in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients having been on CSSA for more than 3 years and 5 years with a breakdown by age and case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients having been on CSSA for more than 3 years by age and case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

(i) 2015-16

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	3 322	3 032	1 063	2 495	3 798	135 723
Permanent disability	1 413	1 272	3 083	4 816	7 220	1 742
Ill health	3 436	2 424	2 790	5 604	10 223	2 465
Single parent	17 685	9 905	4 508	8 323	3 644	1 227
Low-earnings	4 702	2 778	1 670	2 852	2 056	1 755
Unemployment	3 586	2 644	1 552	3 246	5 806	1 182
Others	1 827	896	189	235	268	307
Total	**35 971**	**22 951**	**14 855**	**27 571**	**33 015**	**144 401**

(ii) 2016-17

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	3 210	2 754	1 127	2 560	3 732	132 429
Permanent disability	1 341	1 200	3 096	4 778	7 051	1 716
Ill health	3 265	2 202	2 886	5 644	9 958	2 350
Single parent	16 967	9 120	4 640	8 322	3 446	1 177
Low-earnings	4 082	2 259	1 605	2 502	1 710	1 394
Unemployment	3 167	2 195	1 518	2 969	5 019	1 024
Others	1 779	847	213	259	243	321
Total	**33 811**	**20 577**	**15 085**	**27 034**	**31 159**	**140 411**

(iii) 2017-18

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	3 003	2 531	1 159	2 616	3 644	129 458
Permanent disability	1 312	1 126	2 967	4 817	6 982	1 754
Ill health	3 142	2 114	2 802	5 577	9 503	2 368
Single parent	16 762	8 480	4 727	8 182	3 246	1 139
Low-earnings	3 481	1 796	1 402	2 116	1 416	1 145
Unemployment	2 857	1 828	1 431	2 705	4 471	947
Others	1 686	771	209	261	236	302
Total	**32 243**	**18 646**	**14 697**	**26 274**	**29 498**	**137 113**

(iv) 2018-19

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 787	2 271	1 157	2 422	3 450	125 774
Permanent disability	1 288	1 070	2 866	4 638	6 887	1 779
Ill health	2 923	2 010	2 703	5 329	9 152	2 385
Single parent	16 217	7 840	4 596	7 770	3 090	1 112
Low-earnings	2 886	1 437	1 101	1 833	1 124	900
Unemployment	2 647	1 694	1 282	2 524	4 033	933
Others	1 599	767	179	258	230	295
Total	**30 347**	**17 089**	**13 884**	**24 774**	**27 966**	**133 178**

(v) 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 526	2 116	1 084	2 270	3 355	122 567
Permanent disability	1 270	995	2 815	4 562	6 760	2 166
Ill health	2 879	1 878	2 739	5 219	9 119	2 924
Single parent	15 967	7 258	4 460	7 550	2 976	1 085
Low-earnings	2 543	1 253	965	1 629	977	760
Unemployment	2 557	1 598	1 261	2 467	3 788	1 159
Others	1 504	709	167	246	224	278
Total	**29 246**	**15 807**	**13 491**	**23 943**	**27 199**	**130 939**

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients having been on CSSA for more than 5 years by age and case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

(i) 2015-16

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 530	2 733	898	1 997	3 256	119 974
Permanent disability	1 075	1 111	2 578	4 190	6 528	1 607
Ill health	2 508	2 111	2 065	4 462	8 653	2 184
Single parent	12 447	8 659	3 088	6 521	3 165	1 043
Low-earnings	3 660	2 548	1 298	2 327	1 866	1 597
Unemployment	2 556	2 410	1 134	2 578	4 935	1 058
Others	1 223	681	127	168	207	261
Total	**25 999**	**20 253**	**11 188**	**22 243**	**28 610**	**127 724**

(ii) 2016-17

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 437	2 492	914	1 860	3 134	118 214
Permanent disability	1 009	1 046	2 538	4 121	6 385	1 603
Ill health	2 417	1 924	2 033	4 483	8 472	2 081
Single parent	11 817	7 980	2 882	6 177	2 968	992
Low-earnings	3 169	2 053	1 103	2 019	1 543	1 297
Unemployment	2 249	2 013	992	2 277	4 267	913
Others	1 156	657	124	168	178	279
Total	**24 254**	**18 165**	**10 586**	**21 105**	**26 947**	**125 379**

(iii) 2017-18

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 274	2 265	908	1 792	2 934	115 822
Permanent disability	1 000	978	2 412	4 161	6 347	1 628
Ill health	2 333	1 854	2 021	4 429	8 055	2 128
Singe parent	11 483	7 300	2 756	5 854	2 769	959
Low-earnings	2 726	1 662	916	1 695	1 277	1 047
Unemployment	2 017	1 652	885	2 017	3 794	848
Others	1 150	647	120	174	166	263
Total	**22 983**	**16 358**	**10 018**	**20 122**	**25 342**	**122 695**

(iv) 2018-19

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 198	2 035	968	1 862	2 860	112 193
Permanent disability	963	938	2 405	4 120	6 307	1 670
Ill health	2 138	1 742	2 006	4 348	7 749	2 122
Singe parent	11 090	6 805	2 866	5 946	2 710	915
Low-earnings	2 322	1 337	811	1 560	1 022	839
Unemployment	1 907	1 529	901	1 988	3 413	827
Others	1 091	627	119	195	167	247
Total	**21 709**	**15 013**	**10 076**	**20 019**	**24 228**	**118 813**

(v) 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	**15 to 24**	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**60 or above**
Old age	2 000	1 918	941	1 887	2 859	109 016
Permanent disability	962	882	2 393	4 110	6 216	2 011
Ill health	2 091	1 634	2 033	4 259	7 625	2 544
Single parent	11 121	6 299	2 893	5 967	2 653	893
Low-earnings	2 022	1 181	740	1 430	902	712
Unemployment	1 831	1 435	890	1 998	3 225	1 031
Others	1 035	578	116	190	177	229
Total	**21 062**	**13 927**	**10 006**	**19 841**	**23 657**	**116 436**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5894)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the total number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance and living in public housing units in the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature. How much expenditure was involved?
2. Please provide the total number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) in the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature. How much expenditure was involved?
3. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units), please provide the average amount of rent allowance received in the past 5 years with a breakdown by district of residence and household size.
4. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units), please provide the median rent paid in the past 5 years with a breakdown by district of residence and household size.
5. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units), please provide the average amount of rent allowance received by those with rent allowance less than, equal to or exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in the past 5 years with a breakdown by district of residence and household size.
6. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units), please provide the median amount of rent allowance received by those with rent allowance less than, equal to or exceeding the MRA in the past 5 years with a breakdown by district of residence and household size.
7. Among the CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units), please provide the average rent paid in the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature and household size.

8. Please provide the number of CSSA cases living in public housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the MRA over the past 5 years:

	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person household	Five-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Actual rent less than MRA						
Actual rent equal to MRA						
Actual rent exceeding MRA						

9. Please provide the number of CSSA cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the MRA over the past 5 years:

	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person household	Five-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Actual rent less than MRA						
Actual rent equal to MRA						
Actual rent exceeding MRA						

10. Please provide the number of CSSA cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the MRA over the past 5 years with a breakdown by district of residence:

	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person household	Five-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Actual rent less than MRA						
Actual rent equal to MRA						
Actual rent exceeding MRA						

11. Please provide the number of CSSA cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the MRA over the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature:

	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person household	Five-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Actual rent less than MRA						
Actual rent equal to MRA						
Actual rent exceeding MRA						

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in public housing from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by case nature is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information sought.

2. The number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by case nature is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

3. to 6. The median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance by number of eligible household members and district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

7. The median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance by case nature and number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 4 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

8. The number of CSSA cases living in public housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA by number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 5 of the Annex.

9. to 11. The number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA by number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 6 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in public housing by case nature

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	81 491	81 232	80 019	78 311	75 479
Permanent disability	7 367	7 152	6 934	6 871	6 961
Ill health	13 440	13 183	12 536	12 121	12 506
Single parent	17 239	16 318	15 094	14 500	13 936
Low-earnings	3 978	3 325	2 692	2 257	1 977
Unemployment	7 930	7 006	6 222	5 867	6 345
Others	1 062	990	930	911	858
Total	**132 507**	**129 206**	**124 427**	**120 838**	**118 062**

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance and living in private housing by case nature

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2018-19 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	11 468	10 915	10 814	10 315	9 910
Permanent disability	1 548	1 497	1 466	1 363	1 395
Ill health	3 592	3 571	3 671	3 511	3 681
Single parent	8 228	7 952	8 107	7 622	7 503
Low-earnings	1 160	950	808	606	520
Unemployment	3 481	3 048	2 738	2 579	2 750
Others	783	773	742	706	685
Total	**30 260**	**28 706**	**28 346**	**26 702**	**26 444**

Table 3: Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance by number of eligible household members and district

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2015-16 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,700	3,500	4,825	5,350	6,350	-
Eastern	1,800	3,500	4,500	5,000	5,800	8,050
Islands	1,700	3,300	4,200	4,500	5,000	5,385
Kowloon City	1,800	3,500	4,400	4,865	5,250	6,600
Kwai Tsing	1,709	3,300	4,500	4,750	5,500	7,300
Kwun Tong	1,850	3,500	4,500	4,700	5,000	5,500
North	1,900	3,500	4,200	4,600	4,850	5,600
Sai Kung	1,394	1,245	3,973	4,399	5,000	2,957
Sha Tin	1,304	1,443	4,300	4,850	6,150	8,000
Sham Shui Po	1,800	3,500	4,200	4,500	4,800	5,500
Southern	1,900	3,500	4,250	5,300	4,100	8,300
Tai Po	2,000	3,500	4,500	5,000	5,300	7,250
Tsuen Wan	1,800	3,500	4,255	4,800	4,500	5,500
Tuen Mun	1,650	3,073	4,200	5,300	6,050	6,500
Wan Chai	1,700	3,150	4,700	5,750	6,000	7,000
Wong Tai Sin	1,600	3,500	4,500	4,800	4,800	6,300
Yau Tsim Mong	1,800	3,500	4,500	5,000	6,000	7,000
Yuen Long	1,800	3,300	4,200	4,500	5,400	5,800
Overall	**1,800**	**3,500**	**4,300**	**4,800**	**5,300**	**6,300**

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2016-17 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	1,800	3,700	4,900	6,000	6,650	-
Eastern	1,800	3,600	4,800	5,000	5,650	9,000
Islands	1,825	3,600	4,800	5,300	4,900	5,650
Kowloon City	2,000	3,600	4,688	5,200	5,675	7,200
Kwai Tsing	1,800	3,600	4,600	5,038	6,084	7,550
Kwun Tong	2,000	3,700	4,600	5,100	6,000	6,500
North	2,000	3,700	4,500	5,000	4,900	7,000
Sai Kung	1,027	1,085	4,000	6,125	5,500	813
Sha Tin	1,083	1,202	4,500	5,600	6,080	8,500
Sham Shui Po	1,900	3,800	4,500	4,800	5,400	6,200
Southern	2,000	3,600	4,500	5,000	4,100	2,300
Tai Po	2,200	3,800	4,700	5,800	5,250	6,600
Tsuen Wan	2,000	3,700	4,500	5,000	4,600	6,050
Tuen Mun	1,800	3,500	4,400	5,000	6,500	7,500
Wan Chai	1,800	3,500	5,000	5,600	6,000	6,000
Wong Tai Sin	1,593	3,700	4,600	5,000	6,150	6,000
Yau Tsim Mong	1,800	3,700	4,500	5,000	6,000	6,650
Yuen Long	2,000	3,500	4,500	4,800	5,500	6,489
Overall	**1,900**	**3,600**	**4,500**	**5,000**	**5,700**	**6,800**

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2017-18 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	2,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,950	7,500
Eastern	2,000	3,800	5,000	5,579	7,000	8,600
Islands	1,900	3,800	5,000	5,125	6,000	7,000
Kowloon City	2,000	3,800	4,825	5,300	6,025	6,900
Kwai Tsing	1,950	3,700	4,800	5,500	6,382	7,500
Kwun Tong	2,000	4,000	4,800	5,500	6,000	7,000
North	2,225	3,800	4,700	5,000	5,500	6,750
Sai Kung	1,083	1,258	4,497	5,500	5,300	5,500
Sha Tin	1,098	1,258	4,800	6,218	6,275	7,000
Sham Shui Po	2,000	4,000	4,700	5,000	5,600	6,550
Southern	2,000	4,000	4,600	4,800	5,000	6,000
Tai Po	2,300	4,000	5,000	5,700	5,500	5,500
Tsuen Wan	2,200	4,000	4,700	5,500	5,500	6,050
Tuen Mun	2,000	3,600	4,500	5,250	6,000	7,900
Wan Chai	1,800	3,900	4,900	5,500	5,950	6,400
Wong Tai Sin	1,800	3,800	4,850	5,360	5,750	7,150
Yau Tsim Mong	2,000	3,800	4,800	5,200	6,150	7,400
Yuen Long	2,000	3,800	4,800	5,100	6,000	7,000
Overall	**2,000**	**3,800**	**4,800**	**5,300**	**6,000**	**7,000**

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2018-19 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	2,000	4,200	5,168	5,800	6,000	-
Eastern	2,000	4,000	5,200	6,000	7,150	9,500
Islands	2,000	3,800	5,010	5,800	5,550	7,500
Kowloon City	2,200	4,000	5,000	5,300	6,175	6,800
Kwai Tsing	2,000	4,000	5,100	5,800	6,600	7,500
Kwun Tong	2,100	4,100	5,000	5,650	6,800	8,000
North	2,500	4,000	5,000	5,290	5,700	7,000
Sai Kung	964	1,010	4,650	6,000	5,000	8,700
Sha Tin	1,036	1,197	5,000	5,900	6,650	5,750
Sham Shui Po	2,000	4,000	4,900	5,300	6,100	5,725
Southern	2,200	4,000	4,550	5,135	5,150	-
Tai Po	2,400	4,200	5,000	6,200	5,500	7,200
Tsuen Wan	2,300	4,200	4,800	5,500	6,800	6,100
Tuen Mun	2,000	3,850	4,800	5,700	7,400	7,750
Wan Chai	2,000	3,950	5,275	6,700	7,050	5,000
Wong Tai Sin	1,800	4,050	5,000	5,400	6,300	5,488
Yau Tsim Mong	2,000	4,000	5,000	5,450	6,500	8,200
Yuen Long	2,200	4,000	5,000	5,500	5,900	7,150
Overall	**2,000**	**4,000**	**5,000**	**5,500**	**6,089**	**7,500**

District	Median actual rent in private housing in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Central & Western	2,100	4,500	5,000	7,000	6,000	11,000
Eastern	2,000	4,200	5,275	6,000	6,200	9,000
Islands	2,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	7,750
Kowloon City	2,300	4,000	5,200	5,500	6,000	7,200
Kwai Tsing	2,000	4,150	5,300	6,050	6,500	7,500
Kwun Tong	2,200	4,200	5,200	5,800	7,000	8,000
North	2,500	4,300	5,000	5,500	6,000	7,000
Sai Kung	1,124	1,174	4,800	6,000	5,351	8,700
Sha Tin	1,151	1,457	5,200	5,900	8,800	6,500
Sham Shui Po	2,100	4,200	5,000	5,500	5,900	5,700
Southern	2,250	4,200	5,000	5,205	5,135	-
Tai Po	2,500	4,300	5,000	6,000	6,450	6,400
Tsuen Wan	2,300	4,500	5,000	5,650	6,600	6,900
Tuen Mun	2,100	3,900	5,000	5,700	6,900	8,000
Wan Chai	2,000	4,000	5,250	7,250	6,250	5,000
Wong Tai Sin	2,000	4,300	5,200	5,600	6,000	7,500
Yau Tsim Mong	2,095	4,000	5,000	5,600	6,500	8,500
Yuen Long	2,400	4,000	5,000	5,741	6,000	7,000
Overall	**2,200**	**4,000**	**5,000**	**5,600**	**6,000**	**7,500**

Table 4: Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance by case nature and number of eligible household members

Case nature	Median actual rent in private housing in 2015-16 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Old age	1,600	1,800	3,800	4,050	4,500	6,000
Permanent disability	2,000	3,500	3,817	4,465	5,060	6,450
Ill health	2,000	3,300	4,100	4,800	4,800	5,600
Single parent	3,300	3,600	4,400	4,800	5,300	6,300
Low-earnings	3,000	3,800	4,600	5,000	5,500	6,500
Unemployment	1,900	3,600	4,500	4,800	5,400	6,300
Others	2,300	3,500	4,300	4,850	6,500	5,500
Total	**1,800**	**3,500**	**4,300**	**4,800**	**5,300**	**6,300**

Case nature	Median actual rent in private housing in 2016-17 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Old age	1,740	1,810	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,850
Permanent disability	2,300	3,600	4,000	4,743	6,600	5,650
Ill health	2,300	3,500	4,500	5,100	4,875	7,400
Single parent	3,500	3,800	4,600	5,000	5,825	7,600
Low-earnings	3,175	4,000	4,812	5,200	5,800	7,000
Unemployment	2,000	3,900	4,900	5,000	5,800	6,600
Others	2,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	6,000	6,000
Total	**1,900**	**3,600**	**4,500**	**5,000**	**5,700**	**6,800**

Case nature	Median actual rent in private housing in 2017-18 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Old age	1,800	2,440	4,000	4,650	5,000	5,800
Permanent disability	2,430	3,800	4,200	5,000	6,850	5,650
Ill health	2,500	3,800	4,800	5,300	5,358	7,500
Single parent	3,300	4,000	4,800	5,300	6,000	7,000
Low-earnings	3,395	4,490	5,000	5,500	6,340	7,600
Unemployment	2,050	4,000	5,000	5,500	5,900	6,900
Others	2,500	4,000	5,000	5,150	6,250	6,000
Total	**2,000**	**3,800**	**4,800**	**5,300**	**6,000**	**7,000**

Case nature	Median actual rent in private housing in 2018-19 ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Old age	2,000	2,800	4,200	4,800	6,000	5,000
Permanent disability	2,500	3,800	4,300	5,500	6,950	7,150
Ill health	2,500	4,000	5,000	5,500	6,000	7,000
Single parent	3,598	4,200	5,000	5,500	6,000	7,800
Low-earnings	2,750	4,600	5,200	5,800	6,500	7,500
Unemployment	2,200	4,100	5,290	5,500	6,089	7,500
Others	2,500	4,067	5,000	5,800	7,750	7,150
Total	**2,000**	**4,000**	**5,000**	**5,500**	**6,089**	**7,500**

Case nature	Median actual rent in private housing in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) ($)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or above
Old age	2,000	3,000	4,250	5,050	5,900	6,000
Permanent disability	2,500	3,800	4,600	5,500	6,805	7,418
Ill health	2,600	4,100	5,000	5,741	6,000	6,500
Single parent	3,795	4,380	5,000	5,500	6,500	8,000
Low-earnings	3,795	4,400	5,200	5,950	6,500	7,000
Unemployment	2,300	4,400	5,275	6,000	6,000	7,500
Others	2,500	4,100	5,000	6,000	8,000	8,600
Total	**2,200**	**4,000**	**5,000**	**5,600**	**6,000**	**7,500**

Table 5: Number of CSSA cases living in public housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA by number of eligible household members

2015-16		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	66 797	3 749
2	37 588	255
3	14 597	28
4	6 248	17
5	2 190	10
6 or above	1 026	2
Total	**128 446**	**4 061**

2016-17		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	67 644	2 855
2	36 270	151
3	13 676	43
4	5 613	18
5	1 975	9
6 or above	951	1
Total	**126 129**	**3 077**

2017-18		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	66 870	2 857
2	34 280	141
3	12 624	33
4	4 935	11
5	1 758	8
6 or above	906	4
Total	**121 373**	**3 054**

2018-19		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	65 490	3 484
2	32 543	241
3	11 667	64
4	4 731	27
5	1 665	16
6 or above	906	4
Total	**117 002**	**3 836**

2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	65 023	3 456
2	31 354	215
3	11 037	43
4	4 418	16
5	1 589	10
6 or above	894	7
Total	**114 315**	**3 747**

Table 6: Number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, and exceeding the MRA by number of eligible household members

2015-16		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	6 699	7 288
2	4 155	4 233
3	3 014	1 928
4	1 063	935
5	267	397
6 or above	133	148
Total	**15 331**	**14 929**

2016-17		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	6 409	6 861
2	4 172	3 920
3	2 592	1 992
4	997	913
5	237	372
6 or above	98	143
Total	**14 505**	**14 201**

2017-18		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	5 390	7 644
2	3 528	4 496
3	2 461	2 114
4	892	1 015
5	199	389
6 or above	77	141
Total	**12 547**	**15 799**

2018-19		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	4 544	7 868
2	3 074	4 653
3	1 966	2 234
4	702	958
5	157	360
6 or above	68	118
Total	**10 511**	**16 191**

2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
Number of eligible household members	**Actual rent less than or equal to MRA**	**Actual rent exceeding MRA**
1	4 078	8 398
2	2 711	4 968
3	1 687	2 353
4	582	1 037
5	124	334
6 or above	62	110
Total	**9 244**	**17 200**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5895)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the number of cases under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, and the expenditure involved over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age group (aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 or above).

1. Old Age Allowance (OAA)
2. Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)
3. Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)
4. Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)
5. Able-bodied CSSA
6. 50% disabled CSSA
7. 100% disabled CSSA
8. Requiring constant attendance
9. Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

The number of SSA cases (excluding the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme) involving recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by type of allowances and age group is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The total expenditure on SSA cases (excluding the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme) with recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by type of allowances is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. The number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA (PCSSA)) recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by category and age group is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of cases and the amount of expenditure with a breakdown by age group of CSSA recipients.

Annex

Table 1: Number of SSA cases (excluding the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme) involving recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of allowances and age group

Type of allowances	2015-16			
	Number of cases			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N.A.		75 618	148 845
OALA	N.A.	128 685	90 536	213 641
HDA	1 304	1 540	1 460	11 752
NDA	16 541	6 959	2 905	10 787

N.A. - Not applicable

Type of allowances	2016-17			
	Number of cases			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N.A.		87 589	151 749
OALA	N.A.	133 969	99 866	215 405
HDA	1 457	1 729	1 619	12 502
NDA	18 312	7 590	3 303	10 813

N.A. - Not applicable

Type of allowances	2017-18			
	Number of cases			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N.A.		99 640	149 947
OALA	N.A.	143 868	114 336	225 596
HDA	1 558	1 754	1 724	11 654
NDA	19 956	7 792	3 791	10 432

N.A. - Not applicable

Type of allowances	2018-19			
	Number of cases [Note]			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N.A.		108 037	142 563
OALA	N.A.	156 518	134 351	251 197
HDA	1 751	1 439	1 261	7 295
NDA	21 847	7 550	3 876	9 051

N.A. - Not applicable

Type of allowances	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			
	Number of cases [Note]			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
OAA	N.A.		119 049	147 177
OALA	N.A.	158 649	145 831	258 534
HDA	1 865	1 527	1 297	7 092
NDA	22 867	8 152	4 338	9 266

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The figures for OALA included recipients of Higher OALA and Normal OALA.

Table 2: Total expenditure on SSA cases (excluding the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme) with recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of allowances

Type of allowances [Note 1]	Expenditure [Note 3] ($ million)				
	2015-16 (Actual)	2016-17 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)
OAA	3,756	3,884	4,137	4,860	4,980
Higher OALA [Note 2]	N.A.			25,897 [Note 4]	25,291
Normal OALA [Note 2]	14,087	14,280	15,331	4,040	1,787
HDA	680	715	747	611	583
NDA	818	871	936	1,073	1,154

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above; OALA applicants must be aged 65 or above.

[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon the implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

[Note 3] The actual expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances. The actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, whereas the revised estimate for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the amount involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 4] The expenditure of Higher OALA for 2018-19 included the back payment of a one-off allowance to eligible Higher OALA recipients with retrospective effect from May 2017.

Table 3: Number of all CSSA (including PCSSA) recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by category and age group

Category	2015-16			
	Number of recipients			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled [Note]	16 829	21 616	19 230	52 141
100% disabled	7 965	6 459	4 310	24 536
Requiring constant attendance	1 103	1 259	1 442	14 007

Category	2016-17			
	Number of recipients			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled [Note]	15 963	21 155	19 011	49 772
100% disabled	8 399	6 773	4 631	24 110
Requiring constant attendance	1 148	1 422	1 518	14 492

Category	2017-18			
	Number of recipients			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled [Note]	15 188	20 213	19 062	47 819
100% disabled	8 836	7 091	5 041	23 157
Requiring constant attendance	1 245	1 473	1 667	14 985

Category	2018-19			
	Number of recipients			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled [Note]	14 350	18 877	18 676	45 018
100% disabled	9 399	7 292	5 313	22 573
Requiring constant attendance	1 311	1 548	1 753	15 253

Category	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			
	Number of recipients			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
Able-bodied/ 50% disabled [Note]	13 082	17 630	18 777	43 379
100% disabled	9 616	7 490	5 756	22 293
Requiring constant attendance	1 353	1 607	1 907	15 487

[Note] SWD does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5896)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number and percentage of cases involving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households living in rented private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving CSSA rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA), after taking into account the subsidy provided by the Community Care Fund (CCF).

	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person household	Five-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Actual rent less than MRA						
Actual rent equal to MRA						
Actual rent exceeding MRA						

2. Please provide the number and percentage of CSSA cases living in private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving CSSA rent allowance, of which the household's actual rent exceeded the MRA despite having received subsidy from the CCF.

3. Please provide the number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving CSSA rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the MRA (with a breakdown by the amount in excess: $0 to $300, $301 to $600, $601 or above), after taking into account the subsidy provided by the CCF.

	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person household	Five-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Actual rent less than MRA						
Actual rent equal to MRA						
Actual rent exceeding MRA						

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 79)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at end-December 2019, the number of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance, as well as being eligible for the Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing (the programme) under the CCF, with their actual rent compared with the MRA, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members, is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

2. The programme under the CCF was relaunched in 2017. The arrangements for the programme was enhanced so that the amount of subsidy would be set having regard to the actual rent paid by eligible CSSA households (i.e. the monthly subsidy will be either 50% of the portion of the rental amount exceeding the applicable MRA or 15% of the applicable MRA, whichever is the less). Under the enhanced arrangements, although the CCF's subsidy will not result in any reduction in the number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding the MRA, the highest amount of allowance payable to the eligible CSSA households will be increased (for one-person households, the one-off payment is increased from the previous $2,000 to a maximum of about $3,300; for households with 2 persons or more, the one-off payment is increased from the previous $4,000 to a maximum of about $6,600 to $11,600). In addition, the current initiative will further reduce the difference between the total amount of actual rent of CSSA households and the total government subsidies, as compared with the previous practice.

3. As at end-December 2019, the number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance, as well as being eligible for the programme under the CCF, with actual rent exceeding the MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF, with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members and the amount in excess, are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance, as well as being eligible for the programme under the CCF [Note 1], with their actual rent compared with MRA [Note 2], by the number of eligible members in the household as at end-December 2019

Number of eligible members	Number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA
1	2 215	8 106
2	1 504	4 788
3	1 382	2 250
4	495	985
5	102	318
6 or above	59	107
Total (Percentage)	**5 757 (26%)**	**16 554 (74%)**

[Note 1] To provide subsidy to CSSA households living in rented private housing and paying rent which exceeds the MRA under the CSSA Scheme.

[Note 2] Excluding the subsidy provided by the CCF to CSSA households in rented private housing.

Table 2: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance, as well as being eligible for the programme under the CCF [Note 3], with actual rent exceeding MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF [Note 4], by the number of eligible members in the household as at end-December 2019

Number of eligible members	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF			
	Less than $301	$301 to $600	$601 or above	Total (Percentage)
1	3 053	1 192	3 861	8 106 (79%)
2	1 692	1 391	1 705	4 788 (76%)
3	1 004	523	723	2 250 (62%)
4	283	177	525	985 (67%)
5	59	52	207	318 (76%)
6 or above	22	14	71	107 (64%)
Total	**6 113**	**3 349**	**7 092**	**16 554 (74%)**

[Note 3] To provide subsidy to CSSA households living in rented private housing and paying rent which exceeds the MRA under the CSSA Scheme.

[Note 4] Including the amount of subsidy provided by the CCF to CSSA households in rented private housing, i.e. the monthly subsidy will be either 50% of the portion of the rental amount exceeding the MRA or 15% of the MRA, whichever is the less. The average monthly subsidy is the amount of annual subsidy divided by 12 months.

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LWB(WW)429

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5897)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

(1) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients having been referred to food banks because of special circumstances and the reasons for such referrals;

(2) the number of Portable CSSA (PCSSA) cases where recipients later decided to return to settle in Hong Kong, and the reasons for such applications.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 80)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follow:

(1) There were about 1 000, 1 000, 900, 700 and 400 CSSA recipients on a headcount basis referred to the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects for food assistance in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) respectively. The main reason for referral was immediate financial hardship encountered by the CSSA recipients because of unexpected expenses arising from sudden changes of their personal circumstances.

(2) The number of PCSSA cases where the elderly recipients returned to settle in Hong Kong and the reasons for their return from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the table below.

Reasons for choosing to return to reside in Hong Kong/Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
	Number of cases				
(i) Medical treatment in Hong Kong	21	21	16	24	15
(ii) Unable to adjust to the life in Guangdong (GD) or Fujian (FJ)	6	5	4	4	1
(iii) Could not be taken care of by family members in GD or FJ	14	18	10	13	11
(iv) Could not get along with family members in GD or FJ	2	2	-	1	-
(v) Hoping to rent public housing in Hong Kong	1	-	-	-	-
(vi) Others	19	14	10	18	2
Total	63	60	40	60	29

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LWB(WW)430

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5898)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients of the single parent (SP) case nature, with their gender, age distribution, educational attainment, number of children in the households, age distribution of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0 to 5, aged 5 to 10, aged 10 to 12, aged 12 to 14 and aged 15) and their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 81)

Reply:

The number of CSSA SP recipients with a breakdown by age group and gender, educational attainment, number of children; the number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children; and the total income of CSSA SP cases by type of income as at the end of the year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA SP recipients by age group and gender from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	2015-16			2016-17		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	Male (M)	Female (F)		M	F	
18 to 24	7	394	401	6	404	410
25 to 29	32	1 125	1 157	38	1 078	1 116
30 to 39	387	7 362	7 749	329	7 064	7 393
40 to 49	943	10 510	11 453	848	10 082	10 930
50 to 59	1 359	2 678	4 037	1 169	2 576	3 745
60 or above	839	181	1 020	830	159	989
Total	**3 567**	**22 250**	**25 817**	**3 220**	**21 363**	**24 583**

Age group	2017-18			2018-19		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	M	F		M	F	
18 to 24	2	380	382	4	332	336
25 to 29	30	1 054	1 084	30	1 012	1 042
30 to 39	270	6 903	7 173	236	6 555	6 791
40 to 49	755	9 717	10 472	701	9 337	10 038
50 to 59	1 010	2 454	3 464	865	2 418	3 283
60 or above	805	161	966	776	152	928
Total	**2 872**	**20 669**	**23 541**	**2 612**	**19 806**	**22 418**

Age group	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
	Gender		Total
	M	F	
18 to 24	3	290	293
25 to 29	32	943	975
30 to 39	222	6 412	6 634
40 to 49	652	9 022	9 674
50 to 59	803	2 367	3 170
60 or above	740	134	874
Total	**2 452**	**19 168**	**21 620**

Table 2: Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Educational attainment	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No schooling/kindergarten	1 238	1 047	904	784	707
Primary	9 429	8 592	7 823	7 166	6 672
Lower secondary	8 603	8 362	8 135	7 781	7 455
Upper secondary	6 231	6 227	6 287	6 274	6 347
Post-secondary	316	355	392	409	428
Others	-	-	-	4	11
Total	**25 817**	**24 583**	**23 541**	**22 418**	**21 620**

Table 3: Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Number of children	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	15 096	14 378	13 580	12 917	12 454
2	8 601	8 150	7 910	7 480	7 160
3	1 748	1 710	1 694	1 687	1 689
4	302	267	280	260	239
5 or above	70	78	77	74	78
Total	**25 817**	**24 583**	**23 541**	**22 418**	**21 620**

Table 4: Number of CSSA SP recipients by age of children from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
4 or below	5 970	5 867	5 562	5 301	5 104
5 to 9	9 884	9 553	9 507	9 228	9 151
10 to 11	4 976	4 831	4 741	4 548	4 319
12 to 14	7 860	7 487	7 249	7 055	7 051
15 to 21	10 540	9 683	9 028	8 330	7 674
Total	**39 230**	**37 421**	**36 087**	**34 462**	**33 299**

Table 5: Total income of CSSA SP cases by type of income as at the end of the year from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of Income	Year				
	2015-16 ($ '000)	2016-17 ($ '000)	2017-18 ($ '000)	2018-19 ($ '000)	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) ($ '000)
Earnings from employment and meals provided by employer(s) of eligible family members of the case	17,696	16,071	14,576	12,586	10,664
Contributions from friends/relatives	1,944	2,115	2,306	2,318	2,246
Meals provided by other parties	66	56	54	73	59
Maintenance payment	4,916	5,150	5,039	3,878	3,223
Pension	116	108	99	89	94
Other income	200	217	266	274	270
Total	**24,938**	**23,718**	**22,340**	**19,218**	**16,556**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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LWB(WW)431

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5899)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of all public rental housing (PRH) households currently on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and its percentage in the total number of PRH households as well as the number of households on CSSA in each public housing estate (PHE) by case nature of CSSA (categories should include old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others and the total).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature as at end-December 2019 are set out in the Annex.

Annex

The number and percentage of CSSA households in each PHE by case nature

PHE	Case nature (as at end-December 2019)								Percentage of the total no. of households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Ap Lei Chau	214	56	62	46	8	20	6	412	10%
Bo Shek Mansion	36	1	1	-	-	-	-	38	14%
Broadview Garden	12	2	2	2	-	2	-	20	5%
Butterfly	657	52	61	82	8	52	7	919	17%
Chai Wan	245	18	28	32	2	12	2	339	21%
Chak On	262	17	23	41	2	18	2	365	20%
Cheung Ching	279	24	38	39	7	29	4	420	9%
Cheung Fat	183	23	16	21	1	10	3	257	29%
Cheung Hang	270	37	31	26	6	26	8	404	9%
Cheung Hong	730	66	65	105	14	58	8	1 046	13%
Cheung Kwai	21	4	6	7	-	5	-	43	10%
Cheung Lung Wai	150	12	16	57	4	24	3	266	20%
Cheung On	261	38	22	16	-	15	10	362	39%
Cheung Sha Wan	176	16	28	33	6	11	5	275	20%
Cheung Shan	82	5	11	13	6	10	1	128	8%
Cheung Wah	291	30	64	46	8	25	10	474	36%
Cheung Wang	373	56	61	43	8	50	5	596	14%
Ching Ho	857	74	148	212	17	86	16	1 410	20%
Cho Yiu Chuen	136	6	10	6	8	8	3	177	7%
Choi Fai	81	7	18	14	3	6	2	131	10%
Choi Fook	355	12	46	112	10	37	4	576	17%
Choi Ha	105	6	19	11	3	9	-	153	36%
Choi Hung	686	36	115	139	21	47	14	1 058	14%
Choi Ming Court	274	31	58	16	12	19	4	414	15%
Choi Tak	574	20	96	142	13	47	7	899	16%
Choi Wan (I)	308	29	57	81	20	24	5	524	9%
Choi Wan (II)	165	13	23	27	10	28	7	273	9%
Choi Ying	444	15	75	95	10	58	6	703	18%
Choi Yuen	685	60	90	98	4	46	6	989	20%
Chuk Yuen (North)	238	13	60	23	6	25	5	370	37%
Chuk Yuen (South)	655	45	117	122	11	47	8	1 005	17%
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	78	2	5	5	1	8	1	100	11%
Chun Shek	186	14	36	34	2	13	18	303	14%
Chung On	213	35	45	40	8	20	6	367	13%
Clague Garden Estate	56	1	2	3	1	-	1	64	12%
Easeful Court	8	2	6	8	2	2	-	28	6%
Fortune	467	44	70	23	3	20	4	631	30%
Fu Cheong	1 014	55	155	55	18	60	5	1 362	23%
Fu Heng	328	34	90	32	7	29	8	528	40%
Fu Shan	155	9	14	24	7	6	1	216	14%
Fu Shin	280	42	60	54	5	19	24	484	29%
Fu Tai	325	47	108	44	28	35	9	596	12%
Fu Tung	69	3	19	23	-	12	2	128	8%

PHE	Case nature (as at end-December 2019)								Percentage of the total no. of households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Fuk Loi	275	27	34	56	6	15	5	418	14%
Fung Tak	343	30	51	13	3	28	4	472	47%
Fung Wah	66	10	11	5	1	10	3	106	33%
Fung Wo	118	13	27	66	6	15	4	249	16%
Grandeur Terrace	144	21	60	94	22	53	9	403	10%
Hau Tak	311	42	72	48	14	31	9	527	13%
Healthy Village	89	4	7	5	4	2	2	113	10%
Heng On	152	12	24	40	6	7	12	253	47%
High Prosperity Terrace	12	-	12	8	2	2	-	36	5%
Hin Keng	174	16	35	24	3	10	11	273	64%
Hin Yiu	91	9	20	14	2	1	4	141	18%
Hing Man	112	20	21	31	8	17	2	211	11%
Hing Tin	52	8	24	13	5	6	4	112	37%
Hing Tung	126	24	23	17	5	4	1	200	10%
Hing Wah (I)	217	33	40	19	5	18	2	334	15%
Hing Wah (II)	396	33	50	63	5	27	4	578	17%
Ho Man Tin	529	65	116	53	16	44	8	831	18%
Hoi Fu Court	408	24	51	34	8	24	1	550	20%
Hoi Lai	230	35	83	84	25	61	10	528	11%
Hoi Ying	47	7	26	45	8	12	4	149	11%
Hong Tung	150	9	9	8	-	-	1	177	38%
Hung Fuk	386	37	93	191	7	63	4	781	16%
Hung Hom	429	41	57	55	6	21	4	613	22%
Jat Min Chuen	320	16	29	11	3	9	4	392	11%
Ka Fuk	191	20	22	23	-	21	3	280	14%
Ka Wai Chuen	173	12	19	7	-	4	-	215	13%
Kai Ching	436	27	70	172	13	58	12	788	15%
Kai Tin	250	20	46	24	8	25	6	379	17%
Kai Yip	578	27	70	84	4	37	5	805	19%
Kam Peng	20	1	6	4	1	3	-	35	14%
Kin Ming	487	73	162	125	37	65	5	954	14%
Kin Sang	81	14	18	6	2	5	6	132	32%
King Lam	361	25	70	27	2	26	3	514	42%
Ko Cheung Court	47	11	19	33	12	21	3	146	8%
Ko Yee	171	6	16	17	3	7	2	222	19%
Kwai Chung	1 240	216	216	260	67	174	22	2 195	16%
Kwai Fong	514	67	119	61	20	44	6	831	13%
Kwai Hing	67	10	11	10	1	8	-	107	41%
Kwai Luen	204	22	59	95	13	37	4	434	15%
Kwai Shing (East)	711	68	104	67	19	72	12	1 053	17%
Kwai Shing (West)	380	21	48	67	6	40	5	567	11%
Kwai Tsui	40	1	4	31	3	6	2	87	10%
Kwong Fuk	461	59	84	112	10	24	7	757	12%
Kwong Tin	165	20	33	25	8	15	2	268	12%
Kwong Yuen	223	53	40	27	-	14	21	378	41%
Kwun Lung Lau	110	15	27	24	6	15	-	197	9%
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	413	21	51	23	3	25	4	540	12%
Lai King	372	32	40	47	10	22	9	532	13%
Lai Kok	397	43	58	81	2	39	9	629	22%
Lai On	135	15	31	16	4	11	-	212	16%

PHE	Case nature (as at end-December 2019)								Percentage of the total no. of households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Lai Tak Tsuen	130	9	22	12	5	10	1	189	8%
Lai Tsui Court	16	4	7	37	6	14	3	87	8%
Lai Yiu	190	23	26	28	18	22	1	308	11%
Lakeside Garden	12	2	3	1	-	-	-	18	8%
Lam Tin	364	19	49	62	11	23	6	534	18%
Lee On	248	72	69	46	2	18	10	465	13%
Lei Cheng Uk	264	24	41	44	4	16	7	400	42%
Lei Muk Shue	789	93	136	147	32	92	14	1 303	13%
Lei Tung	299	45	53	52	6	23	11	489	30%
Lei Yue Mun	389	33	46	58	9	31	9	575	16%
Lek Yuen	264	29	46	70	5	26	11	451	14%
Leung King	417	50	79	48	5	36	13	648	31%
Lin Tsui	9	1	2	10	-	7	-	29	10%
Lok Fu	330	43	88	68	7	31	2	569	16%
Lok Man Sun Chuen	269	10	38	26	4	15	2	364	11%
Lok Wah (North)	130	9	34	31	6	14	4	228	8%
Lok Wah (South)	1 141	28	112	130	6	54	9	1 480	22%
Long Ching	43	1	7	16	-	7	1	75	17%
Long Ping	405	27	90	75	10	32	14	653	27%
Long Shin	91	8	14	49	3	15	2	182	15%
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	408	26	79	93	11	60	7	684	14%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	400	37	90	63	17	42	8	657	52%
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	380	31	107	102	14	53	8	695	11%
Lung Hang	236	21	53	61	9	14	9	403	9%
Lung Tin	53	7	8	15	1	14	-	98	23%
Lung Yat	62	8	12	38	5	11	3	139	14%
Ma Hang	45	4	6	7	1	9	1	73	8%
Ma Tau Wai	175	19	33	65	2	21	3	318	16%
Mei Lam	340	38	66	78	6	28	8	564	14%
Mei Tin	593	61	152	206	17	51	15	1 095	16%
Mei Tung	237	19	43	70	8	27	6	410	18%
Ming Tak	128	12	21	11	7	10	1	190	13%
Ming Wah Dai Ha	159	6	15	5	2	10	2	199	10%
Model Housing	33	9	9	6	3	8	2	70	11%
Moon Lok Dai Ha	71	6	8	7	1	3	-	96	11%
Mun Tung	60	18	57	137	12	52	10	346	9%
Nam Cheong	121	15	22	13	3	9	1	184	36%
Nam Shan	295	26	55	81	6	20	1	484	18%
Nga Ning Court	19	5	2	5	4	5	2	42	10%
Ngan Wan	27	3	5	9	3	4	-	51	12%
Oi Man	351	54	80	77	15	23	5	605	10%
Oi Tung	615	100	79	65	8	30	7	904	23%
On Tai	400	42	94	241	38	98	13	926	11%
On Tat	586	44	99	291	24	73	13	1 130	12%
On Tin	10	5	7	17	2	6	3	50	7%
On Ting	539	57	62	93	6	37	5	799	16%
On Yam	344	44	70	54	38	45	12	607	12%

PHE	Case nature (as at end-December 2019)								Percentage of the total no. of households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Pak Tin	1 036	69	147	95	15	109	14	1 485	22%
Ping Shek	326	17	38	63	10	23	7	484	11%
Ping Tin	663	64	102	78	19	61	8	995	18%
Po Heung	24	3	11	25	1	3	1	68	14%
Po Lam	233	29	53	39	5	20	5	384	31%
Po Shek Wu	14	5	10	31	1	7	1	69	8%
Po Tat	847	55	97	92	25	83	7	1 206	16%
Po Tin	1 169	154	299	128	8	189	9	1 956	25%
Pok Hong	209	10	48	38	4	15	11	335	38%
Prosperous Garden	65	-	-	2	-	1	-	68	11%
Sai Wan	25	4	5	8	4	3	2	51	8%
Sam Shing	125	11	24	21	6	11	3	201	11%
Sau Mau Ping (South)	450	24	48	117	8	39	10	696	18%
Sau Mau Ping	1 409	92	235	165	50	137	20	2 108	17%
Sha Kok	657	58	113	140	8	34	11	1 021	16%
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	29	4	9	4	3	5	-	54	7%
Shan King	684	78	107	99	12	36	10	1 026	22%
Shatin Pass	93	10	23	30	3	18	2	179	14%
Shek Kip Mei	1 172	80	184	263	34	124	17	1 874	19%
Shek Lei (I)	475	56	53	92	13	37	7	733	15%
Shek Lei (II)	873	98	122	151	32	80	16	1372	16%
Shek Mun	254	33	78	174	12	55	11	617	12%
Shek Pai Wan	411	50	74	69	18	40	18	680	13%
Shek Wai Kok	496	48	76	93	6	29	6	754	12%
Shek Yam East	283	25	27	27	11	22	4	399	17%
Shek Yam	284	27	40	47	10	16	7	431	16%
Sheung Lok	105	6	4	10	-	3	1	129	38%
Sheung Tak	484	41	118	53	13	30	9	748	14%
Shin Ming	215	15	40	57	8	12	3	350	18%
Shui Chuen O	756	50	140	388	37	97	17	1 485	13%
Shui Pin Wai	352	23	50	65	3	26	3	522	22%
Shun Lee	371	19	47	52	3	30	6	528	12%
Shun On	322	11	35	48	-	27	3	446	15%
Shun Tin	676	36	77	85	16	60	15	965	14%
Siu Sai Wan	302	61	63	84	21	32	5	568	9%
So Uk	345	34	82	279	25	78	13	856	13%
Sun Chui	527	52	74	112	14	31	15	825	13%
Sun Tin Wai	205	23	31	55	4	12	1	331	10%
Tai Hang Tung	364	18	53	38	4	27	2	506	25%
Tai Hing	1 043	87	124	154	12	56	16	1 492	18%
Tai Ping	29	4	4	6	1	9	2	55	36%
Tai Wo	402	32	78	42	6	12	10	582	42%
Tai Wo Hau	630	95	91	123	19	73	12	1 043	14%
Tai Yuen	282	56	132	77	6	29	13	595	13%
Tak Long	658	63	115	231	24	107	15	1 213	15%
Tak Tin	537	36	69	26	5	38	4	715	41%
Tin Chak	384	32	88	61	11	49	5	630	16%
Tin Ching	684	63	135	262	22	80	15	1 261	20%
Tin Heng	133	33	68	90	42	67	16	449	8%
Tin King	71	12	22	25	2	8	3	143	24%
Tin Ping	165	10	37	23	3	18	4	260	33%
Tin Shui	462	65	116	101	17	71	15	847	11%
Tin Tsz	374	40	86	38	10	41	7	596	18%
Tin Wah	423	49	73	37	8	37	3	630	17%

PHE	Case nature (as at end-December 2019)								Percentage of the total no. of households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Tin Wan	329	49	57	26	9	25	8	503	16%
Tin Yan	919	64	137	129	15	115	16	1 395	25%
Tin Yat	107	13	48	53	18	36	7	282	9%
Tin Yiu	542	50	155	126	31	52	20	976	12%
Tin Yuet	432	47	96	64	25	55	8	727	18%
Tsing Yi	141	16	18	12	2	7	3	199	39%
Tsui Lam	112	8	34	39	6	10	5	214	20%
Tsui Lok	79	8	6	11	-	4	1	109	34%
Tsui Ping (South)	335	26	38	45	9	22	3	478	10%
Tsui Ping (North)	744	53	120	126	15	60	8	1 126	42%
Tsui Wan	88	21	18	8	1	7	3	146	32%
Tsz Ching	1 081	77	117	89	31	64	16	1 475	19%
Tsz Hong	87	11	31	35	15	12	1	192	10%
Tsz Lok	597	58	96	73	20	52	10	906	15%
Tsz Man	144	19	41	30	11	27	3	275	14%
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	13	1	3	-	1	3	1	22	9%
Tung Tau	458	33	78	53	12	41	9	684	40%
Tung Wui	260	9	29	13	1	12	4	328	25%
Un Chau	1 052	76	151	119	24	80	12	1 514	20%
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 105	59	145	81	16	70	9	1 485	23%
Upper Wong Tai Sin	642	61	114	72	12	49	6	956	20%
Verbena Heights	126	8	21	2	-	6	1	164	17%
Wah Fu	491	79	84	105	21	52	16	848	9%
Wah Ha	3	1	2	5	2	2	-	15	8%
Wah Kwai	212	28	37	24	2	8	2	313	35%
Wah Lai	97	16	32	19	6	8	1	179	13%
Wah Ming	261	48	46	46	3	18	14	436	40%
Wah Sum	156	24	21	15	5	9	2	232	16%
Wan Hon	317	5	14	32	1	2	4	375	39%
Wan Tau Tong	139	20	33	12	-	4	3	211	48%
Wan Tsui	257	45	54	54	8	30	6	454	13%
Wang Tau Hom	345	43	103	70	14	42	8	625	11%
Wing Cheong	146	8	29	53	3	19	-	258	18%
Wo Che	345	51	106	99	17	29	15	662	11%
Wo Lok	184	11	37	38	-	11	3	284	15%
Wu King	171	23	34	57	8	20	9	322	7%
Yan On	239	10	45	87	2	32	7	422	16%
Yan Tin	217	37	63	169	20	59	7	572	12%
Yat Tung	611	88	163	254	83	157	28	1 384	12%
Yau Lai	964	59	130	231	21	81	18	1 504	17%
Yau Oi	655	35	89	133	25	82	17	1 036	11%
Yau Tong	445	37	71	54	18	37	5	667	19%
Yee Ming	128	9	31	58	10	14	4	254	12%
Ying Tung	128	12	37	127	6	42	1	353	10%
Yiu On	161	18	42	26	1	11	4	263	36%
Yiu Tung	394	59	65	29	15	24	6	592	12%
Yue Kwong Chuen	41	4	10	11	-	4	2	72	7%
Yue Wan	180	29	33	48	4	19	1	314	15%
Yung Shing	211	34	30	18	1	8	4	306	18%

PHE	Case nature (as at end-December 2019)								Percentage of the total no. of households in the PHE
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemploy-ment	Others	Total	
Court									
Total	**79 373**	**7 564**	**13 860**	**15 230**	**2 360**	**7 615**	**1 546**	**127 548**	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5900)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information with a breakdown by age for the past 5 years:

(a) How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) unemployment (UT) cases had been changed to CSSA low-earnings (LE) cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long did it take for such CSSA cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long did the change last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above;

(b) How many CSSA UT cases had been changed to CSSA single-parent (SP) cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long did it take for such cases to change to CSSA SP cases and how long did the change last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above; and

(c) How many CSSA cases originally under other categories had been changed to CSSA LE cases upon the recipients having secured a job? How long did it take for such cases to change to CSSA LE cases and how long did the change last? Please provide a breakdown by 6 months or below, 12 months, 18 months, and 2 years or above.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 83)

Reply:

The number of CSSA UT and LE cases and those other than LE cases that were re-categorised from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annexes 1 and 2. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CSSA LE cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 which were originally under the UT category 1 year earlier

Year	Number of LE cases which were under the UT category 1 year earlier
As at end-December 2015	512
As at end-December 2016	374
As at end-December 2017	317
As at end-December 2018	221
As at end-December 2019	164

Table 2: Number of SP cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 which were originally under the UT category 1 year earlier

Year	Number of SP cases which were under the UT category 1 year earlier
As at end-December 2015	269
As at end-December 2016	241
As at end-December 2017	185
As at end-December 2018	175
As at end-December 2019	149

Annex 2

Table 1: Number of LE cases as at end-December 2015 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier

Case nature as at end-December 2014	Number of LE cases as at end-December 2015 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier
Old age	154
Permanent disability	39
Ill health	84
SP	179
UT	512
Others	22
Total	**990**

Table 2: Number of LE cases as at end-December 2016 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier

Case nature as at end-December 2015	Number of LE cases as at end-December 2016 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier
Old age	115
Permanent disability	25
Ill health	79
SP	162
UT	374
Others	26
Total	**781**

Table 3: Number of LE cases as at end-December 2017 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier

Case nature as at end-December 2016	Number of LE cases as at end-December 2017 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier
Old age	88
Permanent disability	24
Ill health	63
SP	122
UT	317
Others	19
Total	**633**

Table 4: Number of LE cases as at end-December 2018 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier

Case nature as at end-December 2017	Number of LE cases as at end-December 2018 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier
Old age	59
Permanent disability	9
Ill health	53
SP	93
UT	221
Others	10
Total	**445**

Table 5: Number of LE cases as at end-December 2019 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier

Case nature as at end-December 2018	Number of LE cases as at end-December 2019 which were originally under categories other than LE 1 year earlier
Old age	30
Permanent disability	13
Ill health	24
SP	95
UT	164
Others	17
Total	**343**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5901)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

i. the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients under low-earnings (LE) and unemployment (UT) categories and their percentages of the overall number of CSSA cases, with a breakdown by industry and occupation;

ii. the number of CSSA cases and recipients under LE and UT categories who have secured employment and left the CSSA net, with a breakdown by age, district of residence, gender and household size;

iii. the number of CSSA re-applications involving those who had secured employment and left the CSSA net and the number of such recipients, with a breakdown by age, district of residence, gender, household size, and duration before re-application (6 months or below, 6 months to 1 year, 1 to 3 years, 3 to 5 years, over 5 years).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 84)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases and recipients under LE and UT categories and their respective percentages in relation to the total number of CSSA cases and recipients, and relevant data broken down by occupation from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases under LE and UT categories and their percentages of the total number of CSSA cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	LE case		UT case	
	Number	Percentage of the total number of CSSA cases (%)	Number	Percentage of the total number of CSSA cases (%)
2015-16	6 065	2.5	15 852	6.5
2016-17	5 054	2.1	13 981	5.9
2017-18	4 182	1.8	12 623	5.5
2018-19	3 422	1.5	11 696	5.2
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	3 002	1.4	12 570	5.7

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients under LE and UT categories and their percentages of the total number of CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	LE recipient		UT recipient	
	Number	Percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients (%)	Number	Percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients (%)
2015-16	9 040	2.5	15 873	4.4
2016-17	7 585	2.2	14 309	4.1
2017-18	6 303	1.9	13 094	3.9
2018-19	5 273	1.6	12 442	3.9
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 646	1.5	13 576	4.4

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients under LE category by occupation from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Occupation	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Cleaner	993	810	651	515	453
Clerk	348	272	210	167	148
Construction worker/ labourer/ fitting-out worker	288	217	184	176	158
Delivery worker	527	479	398	329	334
Domestic helper/baby sitter	220	201	154	121	108
Driver	427	352	288	258	233
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	2 159	1 832	1 535	1 281	1 113
Salesperson	655	562	487	403	331
Waiter/waitress	661	546	482	389	351
Watchman/guard	485	314	266	215	169
Others	2 277	2 000	1 648	1 419	1 248
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients under UT category by occupation from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Occupation	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Cleaner	215	212	203	195	218
Clerk	14	13	21	9	10
Construction worker/ labourer/ fitting-out worker	33	33	22	30	21
Delivery worker	174	149	112	114	91
Domestic helper/ baby sitter	134	100	76	68	62
Driver	52	47	33	41	41
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	468	438	393	325	312
Salesperson	88	63	62	60	63
Waiter/waitress	94	96	79	82	72
Watchman/guard	21	20	13	18	21
Others	466	438	368	386	358
Jobless	14 114	12 700	11 712	11 114	12 307
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5902)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following child-related social security information:

1. the number of children aged below 18 receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (with a breakdown by pre-kindergarten, studying in kindergarten, studying in primary school and studying in secondary school);
2. the number of children on CSSA whose parents are both non-permanent residents of Hong Kong (HK) and the expenditure involved;
3. the number of children on CSSA whose parents are both non-permanent residents of HK and guardians are social workers of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), as well as CSSA expenditure involved; and
4. the number of children categorised under less than 50%, 60%, 70% and 80% of median income respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 85)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at end-December 2019, the number of school children aged below 18 receiving CSSA with a breakdown by educational attainment is provided as follows:

Educational attainment	Number of CSSA recipients aged below 18
Kindergarten	7 538
Primary	22 356
Secondary	23 191
Others	411
Total	53 496

2. to 4. As at end-December 2019, a total of 303 children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents were receiving CSSA. SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5903)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Would the Government please provide the number of applicants for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the number of applicants whose applications were successful and turned down in the past 5 years by District Council (DC) district and type of disability?
2. Would the Government please provide the number of CSSA applicants whose applications were successful and under the categories of 50% disabled, 100% disabled and "requiring constant attendance" and also those receiving "care and attention allowance" in the past 5 years by DC district and household size (number of members: 1, 2 to 3, 4 to 5, and 6 or above)?
3. Please provide the current number of persons with disabilities receiving CSSA, with a breakdown by the type of accommodation (including: subsidised housing/private housing/subsidised residential care home/private residential care home/self-financing residential care home).
4. Would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) please provide the number of recipients of the "care and attention allowance" under the CSSA Scheme and the number of applicants that were finally rejected by SWD?
5. Please provide the maximum amount of "care and attention allowance" for current CSSA recipients.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 86)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled", "requiring constant attendance" and "ill-health" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district is set out in Annex 1.
2. The number of CSSA recipients under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled", "requiring constant attendance" and "ill-health" from 2015-16

to 2019-20 by the number of eligible members in the household is set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have the other information sought.

3. The number of CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by type of accommodation and selected category is set out in Annex 3.

4. & 5. If CSSA recipients with disabilities have been certified by doctors that they require constant attendance and recommended by social workers, they may apply to SWD for "care and attention allowances" to meet the actual and reasonable costs for hiring carers. Recipients are required to produce relevant supporting documents to facilitate processing of their applications by SWD. SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

Annex 1

Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled", "requiring constant attendance" and "ill-health" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

District	2015-16			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	39	1 334	582	14
Eastern	165	5 154	1 602	59
Islands	83	1 226	174	91
Kowloon City	235	4 831	1 766	175
Kwai Tsing	553	9 026	1 737	437
Kwun Tong	905	9 539	2 128	772
North	284	4 592	1 070	196
Sai Kung	240	2 921	302	291
Sha Tin	412	6 353	1 419	301
Sham Shui Po	505	7 063	1 844	440
Southern	113	4 117	602	46
Tai Po	195	3 372	1 039	185
Tsuen Wan	165	2 742	722	129
Tuen Mun	443	7 642	1 384	309
Wan Chai	14	551	205	10
Wong Tai Sin	643	5 746	1 234	702
Yau Tsim Mong	163	2 660	859	164
Yuen Long	656	8 226	1 610	502
Total	**5 813**	**87 095**	**20 279**	**4 823**

District	2016-17			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	27	1 359	598	16
Eastern	168	5 078	1 653	47
Islands	87	1 214	184	64
Kowloon City	236	4 902	1 876	176
Kwai Tsing	520	9 028	1 812	396
Kwun Tong	878	9 807	2 255	753
North	278	4 566	1 098	169
Sai Kung	231	2 920	342	266
Sha Tin	372	6 488	1 503	291
Sham Shui Po	483	7 320	1 908	437
Southern	107	4 227	638	30
Tai Po	194	3 289	1 092	199
Tsuen Wan	125	2 772	695	125
Tuen Mun	388	7 675	1 403	286
Wan Chai	18	542	206	10
Wong Tai Sin	557	5 716	1 204	664
Yau Tsim Mong	153	2 645	900	165
Yuen Long	616	8 378	1 665	434
Total	**5 438**	**87 926**	**21 032**	**4 528**

District	2017-18			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	24	1 397	595	19
Eastern	149	4 889	1 720	39
Islands	79	1 219	200	59
Kowloon City	225	4 770	1 904	169
Kwai Tsing	466	8 926	1 864	360
Kwun Tong	797	9 739	2 386	690
North	252	4 526	1 170	170
Sai Kung	205	2 922	345	270
Sha Tin	320	6 570	1 474	243
Sham Shui Po	446	7 414	2 033	367
Southern	96	4 177	684	23
Tai Po	178	3 342	1 071	212
Tsuen Wan	133	2 867	747	111
Tuen Mun	351	7 616	1 545	249
Wan Chai	17	512	208	13
Wong Tai Sin	493	5 664	1 225	566
Yau Tsim Mong	144	2 697	945	161
Yuen Long	562	8 338	1 720	361
Total	**4 937**	**87 585**	**21 836**	**4 082**

District	2018-19			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
Central & Western	18	1 336	610	15
Eastern	140	4 797	1 754	37
Islands	97	1 427	204	75
Kowloon City	222	4 764	2 033	157
Kwai Tsing	452	8 851	1 930	327
Kwun Tong	767	9 853	2 369	655
North	206	4 533	1 149	148
Sai Kung	203	2 890	364	267
Sha Tin	307	6 527	1 469	219
Sham Shui Po	414	7 487	2 033	317
Southern	80	4 185	711	31
Tai Po	144	3 389	1 036	193
Tsuen Wan	106	2 855	751	105
Tuen Mun	397	7 580	1 678	251
Wan Chai	10	489	208	10
Wong Tai Sin	463	5 645	1 257	495
Yau Tsim Mong	130	2 611	989	138
Yuen Long	497	8 312	1 850	339
Total	**4 653**	**87 531**	**22 395**	**3 779**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			
	50% disabled [Note]	**100% disabled**	**Requiring constant attendance**	**Ill-health**
Central & Western	23	1 328	616	13
Eastern	129	4 799	1 836	46
Islands	100	1 441	213	76
Kowloon City	218	4 813	2 044	160
Kwai Tsing	457	9 000	1 937	322
Kwun Tong	757	9 922	2 374	638
North	229	4 538	1 195	189
Sai Kung	190	2 870	361	243
Sha Tin	324	6 583	1 488	241
Sham Shui Po	481	7 515	2 139	317
Southern	85	4 247	703	33
Tai Po	140	3 470	1 093	205
Tsuen Wan	127	2 801	758	108
Tuen Mun	391	7 644	1 666	245
Wan Chai	18	502	216	5
Wong Tai Sin	483	5 663	1 319	447
Yau Tsim Mong	138	2 633	1 032	142
Yuen Long	520	8 261	1 914	304
Total	**4 810**	**88 030**	**22 904**	**3 734**

[Note] SWD cannot provide a breakdown on the number of recipients who were aged 60 or above as able-bodied/50% disabled.

Annex 2

Number of CSSA recipients under the categories of "50% disabled", "100% disabled", "requiring constant attendance" and "ill-health" from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by number of eligible members in the household

Number of eligible members	2015-16			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
1	2 130	56 407	16 468	2 176
2 to 3	2 774	25 458	3 469	2 020
4 to 5	801	4 922	368	562
6 or above	109	452	36	65
Total	**5 814**	**87 239**	**20 341**	**4 823**

Number of eligible members	2016-17			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
1	2 015	57 279	17 268	2 063
2 to 3	2 584	25 527	3 452	1 898
4 to 5	744	4 804	338	514
6 or above	95	448	39	53
Total	**5 438**	**88 058**	**21 097**	**4 528**

Number of eligible members	2017-18			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
1	1 766	57 238	18 058	1 882
2 to 3	2 394	25 425	3 473	1 686
4 to 5	690	4 602	328	464
6 or above	87	442	41	50
Total	**4 937**	**87 707**	**21 900**	**4 082**

Number of eligible members	2018-19			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
1	1 614	57 434	18 586	1 759
2 to 3	2 289	25 185	3 502	1 524
4 to 5	654	4 557	340	442
6 or above	96	462	31	54
Total	**4 653**	**87 638**	**22 459**	**3 779**

Number of eligible members	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			
	50% disabled [Note]	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance	Ill-health
1	1 803	58 010	19 142	1 783
2 to 3	2 264	25 158	3 461	1 504
4 to 5	653	4 499	330	396
6 or above	90	468	36	52
Total	**4 810**	**88 135**	**22 969**	**3 735**

[Note] SWD cannot provide a breakdown on the number of recipients who were aged 60 or above as able-bodied/50% disabled.

Annex 3

Number of CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by type of accommodation and selected category

Category	2015-16			
	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note 1]	Non-subsidised home [Note 1]
50% disabled [Note 2]	4 376	1 200	80	31
100% disabled	44 535	9 509	20 942	10 365
Requiring constant attendance	3 801	544	72	15 760

Category	2016-17			
	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note 1]	Non-subsidised home [Note 1]
50% disabled [Note 2]	4 083	1 116	77	32
100% disabled	45 072	9 502	21 553	10 074
Requiring constant attendance	3 901	532	66	16 441

Category	2017-18			
	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note 1]	Non-subsidised home [Note 1]
50% disabled [Note 2]	3 628	1 105	68	29
100% disabled	45 166	9 669	21 591	9 443
Requiring constant attendance	3 985	569	76	17 107

Category	2018-19			
	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note 1]	Non-subsidised home [Note 1]
50% disabled [Note 2]	3 513	960	64	24
100% disabled	45 497	9 657	21 753	8 856
Requiring constant attendance	4 039	614	80	17 572

Category	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)			
	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note 1]	Non-subsidised home [Note 1]
50% disabled [Note 2]	3 593	1 026	64	26
100% disabled	45 841	9 828	22 325	8 201
Requiring constant attendance	4 126	662	62	17 961

[Note 1] The above figures include recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

[Note 2] SWD cannot provide a breakdown on the number of recipients who were aged 60 or above as able-bodied/50% disabled.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5904)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA):

(a) the number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by employment earnings ($999 or below, $1,000 to $2,499, $2,500 to $4,999, $5,000 to $9,999, $10,000 to $14,999 and $15,000 or above);

(b) the number of CSSA cases with employment earnings in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by total household employment earnings ($999 or below, $1,000 to $2,499, $2,500 to $4,999, $5,000 to $9,999, $10,000 to $14,999 and $15,000 or above) and by household size (1 member, 2 members, 3 members, 4 members or above), and the industry and occupation concerned;

(c) the number of CSSA cases with and those without household members engaging in paid employment in the past 5 years (year-end figures), and the industry and occupation concerned; and

(d) the number of CSSA cases involving singleton recipients aged 60 or above, and the number of CSSA cases involving two-member households with both being aged over 60 in the past 5 years (year-end figures).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 87)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by monthly employment earnings, is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

(b) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

(c) The number of CSSA cases with and without recipient(s) having employment earnings from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

(d) The number of CSSA cases involving one-person and two-person households with all recipient(s) aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by monthly employment earnings

Employment earnings per month	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Less than $1,000	5 143	5 061	4 940	4 871	4 879
$1,000 to less than $2,500	4 476	4 145	3 622	3 317	3 003
$2,500 to less than $5,000	6 528	5 830	4 897	4 261	3 625
$5,000 to less than $10,000	4 899	4 239	3 812	3 300	3 041
$10,000 to less than $15,000	883	795	709	575	515
$15,000 or above	113	83	102	81	56
Total	**22 042**	**20 153**	**18 082**	**16 405**	**15 119**

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases with and without recipient(s) having employment earnings from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of cases with recipient(s) having employment earnings	Number of cases without any recipient having employment earnings	Total
2015-16	21 026	206 208	227 234
2016-17	19 238	202 795	222 033
2017-18	17 310	199 048	216 358
2018-19	15 766	194 052	209 818
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	14 533	191 715	206 248

Table 3: Number of CSSA cases involving one-person and two-person households with all recipient(s) aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of CSSA cases involving one-person households with the recipient aged 60 or above	Number of CSSA cases involving two-person households with both recipients aged 60 or above
2015-16	108 266	19 607
2016-17	108 238	19 019
2017-18	108 186	18 256
2018-19	106 913	17 336
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	106 290	16 716

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5906)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the average amount of deduction per month over the past 5 years.
2. Please advise the effectiveness of the various employment support services under the CSSA Scheme, including the IEAPS etc., over the past 5 years, in helping CSSA recipients leave the CSSA net.
3. Please provide information on the number of cases in which applicants/family members cannot receive CSSA because they failed to meet the requirements of the IEAPS in the past 5 years.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA cases over the past 5 years in which the recipients have attained post-secondary education level or above, with a breakdown by age group, household size and case nature.
5. Please provide the number of CSSA cases involving able-bodied adults aged 55 to 59 who were required to participate in the IEAPS in the past 5 years.
6. Please provide the number of CSSA cases involving able-bodied adults aged 55 to 59 and their employment situation with a breakdown by the number of working hours (less than 120 hours, and 120 hours or above) in the past 5 years.
7. Please provide the number of CSSA cases involving able-bodied recipients aged 60 to 64, the percentage share of those with employment and their average income with a breakdown by case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.) in the past 5 years.
8. Regarding the work to consider integrating various employment assistance programmes under the CSSA Scheme, please advise (a) the details of the work; and (b) the estimated expenditure and manpower.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 89)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. & 8. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. As individual IEAPS participants may leave or re-join the programme owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), SWD does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants and a breakdown by financial year, including the amount of deduction per month.

SWD has information on the cumulative headcount of IEAPS participants. From January 2013 to end-December 2019, a total headcount of 105 134 persons had participated in the IEAPS, with 22 111 participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among them, 5 039 participants left the CSSA net.

With a view to providing stronger work incentives and support for able-bodied CSSA recipients, the 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of enhancements to the CSSA Scheme, including the enhancement of various employment support services to increase the employability of and employment opportunities for able-bodied CSSA recipients. SWD will continue to provide enhanced employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients through NGOs, with enhanced collaborations with the Labour Department (LD), the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs, including the installation of ERB's Training Net and LD's Vacancy Search Terminals in employment assistance service centres and establishing a mechanism to arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs operating employment assistance services. The Government will also relax the coverage of the Temporary Financial Aid for more job seeking-related activities such as purchasing mobile phone SIM cards, taking meals away from home, etc. The estimated expenditure for employment support services in 2020-21 is around $174 million.

4. The number of CSSA recipients having attained post-secondary education level with a breakdown by age group, number of eligible household members and case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex 1.

5. All able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 55 to 59 are required to participate in the IEAPS.

6. The number of able-bodied CSSA recipients (excluding family carers) aged 55 to 59 with a breakdown by the number of working hours from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 2.

7. The number of able-bodied/50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64, the percentage of whom with employment earnings and their average monthly income as at the end of the year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 3.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients having attained post-secondary education level by age group from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group/Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Below 20	93	70	63	28	40
20 to 29	406	455	412	403	445
30 to 39	387	422	459	485	493
40 to 49	528	528	551	565	617
50 to 59	520	520	551	586	609
60 or above	2 144	2 222	2 283	2 292	2 333
Total	**4 078**	**4 217**	**4 319**	**4 359**	**4 537**

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients having attained post-secondary education level by number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Number of eligible Household members/ Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	2 070	2 151	2 263	2 341	2 420
2	1 104	1 152	1 161	1 133	1 162
3	525	528	541	529	566
4	244	266	220	216	235
5	86	84	97	94	104
6 or above	49	36	37	46	50
Total	**4 078**	**4 217**	**4 319**	**4 359**	**4 537**

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients having attained post-secondary education level by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature/Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	2 237	2 342	2 415	2 391	2 380
Permanent disability	327	348	370	374	420
Ill health	568	580	617	677	735
Single parent	414	446	471	474	501
Low-earnings	162	129	118	117	103
Unemployment	341	344	296	296	360
Others	29	28	32	30	38
Total	**4 078**	**4 217**	**4 319**	**4 359**	**4 537**

Annex 2

Number of able-bodied CSSA recipients (excluding family carers) aged 55 to 59 by number of working hours from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 55 to 59	
	Below 120 hours	120 hours or above
2015-16	4 341	1 137
2016-17	3 881	967
2017-18	3 650	867
2018-19	3 374	739
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	3 259	671

Annex 3

Number of able-bodied/50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64, the percentage of whom with employment earnings and their average income as at the end of the year from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Able-bodied/50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64		
	Number	Percentage of recipients with employment earnings	Average income of recipients with employment earnings as at the end of the year ($)
2015-16	16 829	3.9%	3,994
2016-17	15 963	3.9%	3,836
2017-18	15 188	3.8%	3,954
2018-19	14 381	3.9%	3,779
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	13 350	3.8%	3,908

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5908)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

(a) with regard to the application for dental grant by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, i) the number of applicants and applications; ii) the number of applications approved; iii) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved by age group; and iv) the case nature;

(b) the number and geographical distribution of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The information sought is set out in Annex 1.

(b) The information sought is set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Number of approved claims and the related amounts of dental grant by age group of CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Table 1: Total number of approved claims (total number of approved claims by recipients of all age groups)

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Number of approved claims	12 466	13 203	13 715	13 731	10 370
Average amount of dental grant approved each time ($)	5,834	5,834	5,972	6,029	6,668
Total amount of dental grant approved ($ million)	72.7	77.0	81.9	82.8	69.1

Table 2: Number of approved claims by recipients aged 18 or below

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Number of approved claims	37	46	54	58	56
Average amount of dental grant approved each time ($)	2,450	2,359	2,019	2,502	2,890
Total amount of dental grant approved ($ million)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2

Table 3: Number of approved claims by recipients aged 19 to 59

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Number of approved claims	3 812	4 088	4 037	3 984	3 094
Average amount of dental grant approved each time ($)	4,990	4,946	5,021	5,014	5,474
Total amount of dental grant approved ($ million)	19.0	20.2	20.3	20.0	16.9

Table 4: Number of approved claims by all recipients aged 60 or above

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Number of approved claims	8 617	9 069	9 624	9 689	7 220
Average amount of dental grant approved each time ($)	6,222	6,251	6,393	6,467	7,209
Total amount of dental grant approved ($ million)	53.6	56.7	61.5	62.7	52.0

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for dental grant within a year. SWD does not have information on the number of applications for dental grant; the number of recipients who have their dental grant approved; the average, maximum and minimum amount of grant; and the case nature.

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Annex 2

Table 1: Number of dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of designated dental clinics (including 2 mobile clinics)	63	66	68	72	75

Table 2: Number of dental clinics (excluding the 2 mobile clinics) designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients by district from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	Number of designated dental clinics				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Aberdeen	1	1	1	1	1
Central	1	1	1	1	1
Chai Wan	2	2	2	2	2
Diamond Hill	2	2	2	2	2
Fanling	1	1	1	1	1
Kowloon City	2	2	2	2	3
Kwai Chung	3	3	3	4	4
Kwai Tsing	1	1	2	3	3
Kwun Tong	6	5	5	4	4
Lam Tin	1	1	1	1	1
Lei Cheng Uk	1	1	1	1	1
Mongkok	2	3	3	3	2
Ngau Tau Kok	3	3	3	4	4
North Point	3	3	3	3	3
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po	2	2	2	4	5
Shau Kei Wan	1	1	1	1	2
Sheung Wan	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Po	4	4	4	4	4
Tin Shui Wai	2	2	2	2	2
To Kwa Wan	1	1	2	2	2
Tseung Kwan O	3	3	3	3	3
Tsim Sha Tsui	1	1	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	2	2	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	2	2	2	2	2
Tung Chung	1	1	1	1	1
Wan Chai	2	2	2	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	2	2	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	3	3	3	3	3
Yuen Long	2	3	3	3	3
Ma On Shan	1	1	1	1	1
Tai Wai	-	1	1	1	2
Causeway Bay	-	1	1	1	1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5909)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding claims for additional grant under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme due to school-related expenses exceeding the grant for selected items of school-related expenses, please provide (a) the number of claims approved and rejected and (b) the reasons for rejection over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 92)

Reply:

The number of approved claims for additional grant for school-related expenses by CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Number of approved claims (cases)
2015-16	219
2016-17	208
2017-18	172
2018-19	133
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	61

A CSSA recipient may submit more than 1 claim for additional grant for school-related expenses within 1 year. The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of such claims being rejected. Reasons for rejecting the claims may include unreasonable prices of the purchased items, failure to provide receipts of the purchased items, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5910)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information on claims for additional grant for selected items of school-related expenses by Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by type of grants and by age group (aged 0 to 6, 7 to 14, 15 to 24, over 25):

(a) the district of residence, number of applicants and number of claims;

(b) the number of applicants and claims with additional grant approved;

(c) the average, maximum, minimum and total amount of grant approved; and

(d) the total expenditure on the grants.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

A CSSA recipient may be provided with more than 1 additional grant for school-related expenses within 1 year. The number of approved claims and the total amount of additional grant for school-related expenses with a breakdown by age group of CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Annex

Number of approved claims and the amount of additional grant for school-related expenses by age group of CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	2015-16	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved ($)
6 or below	141	195,854
7 to 14	67	55,774
15 to 24	11	12,417
25 or above	-	-
Total	**219**	**264,045**

Age group	2016-17	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved ($)
6 or below	150	220,931
7 to 14	55	59,129
15 to 24	3	1,517
25 or above	-	-
Total	**208**	**281,577**

Age group	2017-18	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved ($)
6 or below	132	182,554
7 to 14	31	33,528
15 to 24	9	8,542
25 or above	-	-
Total	**172**	**224,624**

Age group	2018-19	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved ($)
6 or below	96	180,431
7 to 14	21	15,930
15 to 24	16	21,381
25 or above	-	-
Total	**133**	**217,742**

Age group	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Number of approved claims (cases)	Amount of the grant approved ($)
6 or below	43	80,299
7 to 14	9	6,039
15 to 24	9	10,464
25 or above	-	-
Total	**61**	**96,802**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5911)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA):

(a) the number of new CSSA applications (including re-applications by those having left the CSSA net before), and number of cases which have left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by case nature in each of the past 5 years;

(b) the number of new CSSA applicants (including re-applications by those having left the CSSA net before), number of recipients who have left the CSSA net (please provide separately the number of recipients who left the CSSA net because of death) and the reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by age group in each of the past 5 years;

(c) the number of recipients who have left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving (please provide separately the number of recipients who have left the CSSA net because of death), with a breakdown by duration of receiving CSSA in each of the past 5 years;

(d) the increase in new CSSA recipients, number of recipients who have left the CSSA net and the reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by district of residence in each of the past 5 years;

(e) the number of re-applications by those having left the CSSA net before, the reasons for re-application and the average duration of leaving the CSSA net over the past 5 years;

(f) the number of school children on CSSA with a breakdown by type across all districts in Hong Kong over the past 5 years, and the average amount of CSSA payments provided to students each year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of new CSSA applications and closed cases and the reasons for closure from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by CSSA case nature are set out in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of Annex 1.

(b) to (d) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

(e) The number of CSSA re-applications from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have the other information sought.

(f) The number of school children on CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by district and educational attainment is set out in Annex 3. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of new CSSA applications (among which cases on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once) by CSSA case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	13 606	15 856	15 986	14 174	9 705
Permanent disability	1 553	1 644	1 544	1 475	1 268
Ill health	6 425	7 029	6 673	6 657	5 578
Single parent	4 113	4 086	3 846	3 530	2 794
Low-earnings	1 474	1 315	1 104	940	663
Unemployment	6 162	5 934	5 290	4 971	4 967
Others	5 043	5 247	4 899	5 092	3 410
Total	**38 376**	**41 111**	**39 342**	**36 839**	**28 385**

Table 2: Number of closed cases by CSSA case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	15 557	15 844	15 206	15 497	12 206
Permanent disability	1 283	1 223	1 090	1 100	764
Ill health	2 518	2 515	2 521	2 315	1 684
Single parent	3 387	3 331	3 110	3 058	2 070
Low-earnings	1 660	1 387	1 129	926	552
Unemployment	3 873	3 466	2 772	2 565	1 724
Others	1 083	958	921	823	672
Total	**29 361**	**28 724**	**26 749**	**26 284**	**19 672**

Table 3: Number of closed cases by CSSA case nature and reason for closure

Case nature	2015-16						
	Reason for closure of CSSA cases (Number of cases)						
	Excessive absences over the limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	54	11 345	248	209	3 504	197	15 557
Permanent disability	3	239	87	62	805	87	1 283
Ill health	7	503	104	280	1 483	141	2 518
Single parent	3	9	83	283	2 959	50	3 387
Low-earnings	-	4	39	96	1 507	14	1 660
Unemployment	7	81	97	1 112	2 409	167	3 873
Others	3	12	28	285	662	93	1 083
Total	**77**	**12 193**	**686**	**2 327**	**13 329**	**749**	**29 361**

Case nature	2016-17						
	Reason for closure of CSSA cases (Number of cases)						
	Excessive absences over the limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	57	11 329	239	251	3 751	217	15 844
Permanent disability	2	243	56	66	774	82	1 223
Ill health	5	487	99	254	1 546	124	2 515
Single parent	3	17	64	307	2 900	40	3 331
Low-earnings	1	4	27	73	1 256	26	1 387
Unemployment	4	84	88	893	2 245	152	3 466
Others	1	9	15	234	636	63	958
Total	**73**	**12 173**	**588**	**2 078**	**13 108**	**704**	**28 724**

Case nature	2017-18						
	Reason for closure of CSSA cases (Number of cases)						
	Excessive absences over the limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	34	10 553	237	217	3 915	250	15 206
Permanent disability	2	209	67	61	692	59	1 090
Ill health	1	475	81	266	1 526	172	2 521
Single parent	2	11	73	257	2 725	42	3 110
Low-earnings	1	2	30	69	1 016	11	1 129
Unemployment	2	59	79	676	1 846	110	2 772
Others	1	15	16	190	624	75	921
Total	**43**	**11 324**	**583**	**1 736**	**12 344**	**719**	**26 749**

Case nature	2018-19						
	Reason for closure of CSSA cases (Number of cases)						
	Excessive absences over the limit	Deceased	Ineligible	Lost contact	Withdrawal	Others	Total
Old age	53	9 922	235	226	4 771	290	15 497
Permanent disability	2	185	72	96	674	71	1 100
Ill health	6	394	86	257	1 435	137	2 315
Single parent	5	13	57	289	2 653	41	3 058
Low-earnings	-	3	23	62	830	8	926
Unemployment	2	93	57	673	1 618	122	2 565
Others	4	8	19	189	550	53	823
Total	**72**	**10 618**	**549**	**1 792**	**12 531**	**722**	**26 284**

Case nature	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)						
	Reason for closure of CSSA cases (Number of cases)						
	Excessive absences over the limit	**Deceased**	**Ineligible**	**Lost contact**	**Withdrawal**	**Others**	**Total**
Old age	16	8 156	192	163	3 469	210	12 206
Permanent disability	1	153	31	48	484	47	764
Ill health	4	411	51	153	980	85	1 684
Single parent	-	14	42	182	1 800	32	2 070
Low-earnings	-	2	10	40	491	9	552
Unemployment	4	55	45	418	1 124	78	1 724
Others	1	9	8	131	477	46	672
Total	**26**	**8 800**	**379**	**1 135**	**8 825**	**507**	**19 672**

Annex 2

Number of CSSA re-applications from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Number of CSSA re-applications**
2015-16	16 366
2016-17	17 985
2017-18	16 538
2018-19	15 670
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	12 205

Annex 3

Number of school children on CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district and educational attainment

District	2015-16 (as at end-December 2015)				
	Kindergarten	**Primary**	**Secondary**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	90	182	199	24	495
Eastern	364	1 103	1 305	170	2 942
Islands	226	779	1 164	130	2 299
Kowloon City	637	1 657	1 406	162	3 862
Kwai Tsing	883	2 695	3 268	484	7 330
Kwun Tong	1 110	3 776	4 722	533	10 141
North	541	1 652	1 812	217	4 222
Sai Kung	254	760	1 217	210	2 441
Sha Tin	555	1 921	2 289	306	5 071
Sham Shui Po	925	2 517	2 604	350	6 396
Southern	152	520	673	107	1 452
Tai Po	295	797	911	139	2 142
Tsuen Wan	312	797	851	137	2 097
Tuen Mun	591	1 748	1 983	308	4 630
Wan Chai	59	107	78	17	261
Wong Tai Sin	606	1 994	2 414	386	5 400
Yau Tsim Mong	499	925	758	129	2 311
Yuen Long	1 161	3 531	4 463	557	9 712
Total	**9 260**	**27 461**	**32 117**	**4 366**	**73 204**

District	2016-17 (as at end-December 2016)				
	Kindergarten	**Primary**	**Secondary**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	87	188	176	26	477
Eastern	307	1 008	1 244	135	2 694
Islands	188	716	1 034	119	2 057
Kowloon City	600	1 573	1 344	152	3 669
Kwai Tsing	804	2 470	2 810	415	6 499
Kwun Tong	1 106	3 550	4 477	506	9 639
North	539	1 510	1 644	188	3 881
Sai Kung	210	710	1 025	190	2 135
Sha Tin	526	1 918	2 183	243	4 870
Sham Shui Po	884	2 363	2 411	294	5 952
Southern	120	487	623	93	1 323
Tai Po	276	791	857	139	2 063
Tsuen Wan	282	767	777	108	1 934
Tuen Mun	597	1 658	1 812	228	4 295
Wan Chai	54	99	67	12	232
Wong Tai Sin	585	1 836	2 242	296	4 959
Yau Tsim Mong	496	800	676	123	2 095
Yuen Long	1 108	3 360	3 953	494	8 915
Total	**8 769**	**25 804**	**29 355**	**3 761**	**67 689**

District	2017-18 (as at end-December 2017)				
	Kindergarten	**Primary**	**Secondary**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	68	185	179	3	435
Eastern	322	956	1 200	19	2 497
Islands	181	675	988	16	1 860
Kowloon City	603	1 561	1 380	26	3 570
Kwai Tsing	679	2 266	2 841	33	5 819
Kwun Tong	1 067	3 487	4 605	42	9 201
North	519	1 404	1 666	22	3 611
Sai Kung	171	685	999	9	1 864
Sha Tin	558	1 961	2 359	23	4 901
Sham Shui Po	829	2 242	2 485	45	5 601
Southern	119	448	637	10	1 214
Tai Po	283	813	909	25	2 030
Tsuen Wan	273	725	820	17	1 835
Tuen Mun	555	1 591	1 773	40	3 959
Wan Chai	59	96	74	1	230
Wong Tai Sin	555	1 759	2 252	21	4 587
Yau Tsim Mong	482	829	689	32	2 032
Yuen Long	1 124	3 226	3 946	67	8 363
Total	**8 447**	**24 909**	**29 802**	**451**	**63 609**

District	2018-19 (as at end-December 2018)				
	Kindergarten	**Primary**	**Secondary**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	70	189	155	4	418
Eastern	308	902	1 103	8	2 321
Islands	188	708	937	14	1 847
Kowloon City	512	1 451	1 317	25	3 305
Kwai Tsing	607	2 086	2 679	39	5 411
Kwun Tong	1 027	3 438	4 443	43	8 951
North	525	1 336	1 555	24	3 440
Sai Kung	160	605	897	11	1 673
Sha Tin	499	1 850	2 218	19	4 586
Sham Shui Po	798	2 073	2 418	45	5 334
Southern	135	408	584	6	1 133
Tai Po	292	775	875	17	1 959
Tsuen Wan	262	666	733	22	1 683
Tuen Mun	568	1 684	1 826	31	4 109
Wan Chai	44	97	69	5	215
Wong Tai Sin	532	1 633	2 113	15	4 293
Yau Tsim Mong	438	800	579	23	1 840
Yuen Long	1 037	2 916	3 554	43	7 550
Total	**8 002**	**23 617**	**28 055**	**394**	**60 068**

District	2019-20 [as at end-December 2019 (preliminary figures)]				
	Kindergarten	**Primary**	**Secondary**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	52	155	135	5	347
Eastern	281	817	1 049	14	2 161
Islands	227	827	958	21	2 033
Kowloon City	479	1 321	1 280	30	3 110
Kwai Tsing	583	1 909	2 541	37	5 070
Kwun Tong	877	3 199	4 166	61	8 303
North	510	1 295	1 558	37	3 400
Sai Kung	147	549	761	8	1 465
Sha Tin	496	1 856	2 170	23	4 545
Sham Shui Po	772	2 147	2 479	53	5 451
Southern	147	388	534	11	1 080
Tai Po	272	721	814	25	1 832
Tsuen Wan	269	621	673	14	1 577
Tuen Mun	530	1 515	1 732	29	3 806
Wan Chai	42	74	56	6	178
Wong Tai Sin	488	1 506	1 959	17	3 970
Yau Tsim Mong	409	754	524	33	1 720
Yuen Long	957	2 703	3 323	63	7 046
Total	**7 538**	**22 357**	**26 712**	**487**	**57 094**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5912)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) adjustment rate and the amount of payments involved in each of the past 5 years with a breakdown by type of payments.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

In the five-year period from 2015 to 2019, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the CSSA standard rates by 4.7%, 4.4%, 2.8%, 1.4% and 2.8% respectively in accordance with the above-mentioned mechanism. SWD does not have the amount of payments involved with a breakdown by category of standard rates.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5913)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the work to consider integrating various employment assistance programmes under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please inform this Committee of the following:
   (a) the details of the work;
   (b) the estimated expenditure and manpower.
2. Please provide the following information on CSSA:
   (a) the number of employable adult recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year, 1 to 2 years, 3 to 5 years and over 6 years respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by age group (aged 14 or below, aged 15 to 59, aged 60 or above);
   (b) the number of CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 who were not required to join the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme in the past 5 years (year-end figures), and the reasons for exemption from joining the SFS Scheme; and
   (c) the number of employable adult recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year, 1 to 2 years, 3 to 5 years and over 6 years respectively in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by age group (aged 15 to 24, aged 25 to 39, aged 40 to 49, aged 50 to 59) and educational attainment.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1.(a) & (b) In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to enhance the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment.

With a view to providing stronger work incentives and support for able-bodied CSSA recipients, the 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of enhancements to the CSSA Scheme, including the enhancement of various

employment support services to increase the employability of and employment opportunities for able-bodied CSSA recipients. SWD will continue to provide enhanced employment support services for able-bodied CSSA recipients through NGOs, with enhanced collaborations with the Labour Department (LD), the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs, including the installation of ERB's Training Net and LD's Vacancy Search Terminals in employment assistance service centres and establishing a mechanism to arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs operating employment assistance services. The Government will also relax the coverage of the Temporary Financial Aid for more job seeking-related activities such as purchasing mobile phone SIM cards, taking meals away from home, etc. The estimated expenditure for employment support services in 2020-21 is around $174 million.

2.(a) The number of employable adults by duration of receiving CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Duration of receiving CSSA	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1 year or less	2 347	2 214	1 913	1 861	2 713
More than 1 year to 3 years	3 597	2 958	2 579	2 406	2 494
More than 3 years to 5 years	2 838	2 542	2 396	1 961	1 834
More than 5 years	16 131	14 180	12 509	11 487	11 181
Total	24 913	21 894	19 397	17 715	18 222

Employable recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent). Not all of them have received CSSA all along while being employable.

(b) All able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 are required to participate in the IEAPS.

(c) The information from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table: Number of employable adults by duration of receiving CSSA, age group and educational attainment from 2015-16 to 2019-20
(i) Received CSSA for 1 year or less

Year	Educational Attainment	Age group				
		15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	Total
2015-16	No schooling/ Kindergarten	-	8	24	42	74
	Primary	13	120	219	439	791
	Lower Secondary	51	239	278	247	815
	Upper Secondary	55	203	162	167	587
	Post-secondary	12	23	20	25	80
	Total	**131**	**593**	**703**	**920**	**2 347**
2016-17	No schooling/ Kindergarten	1	6	19	44	70
	Primary	10	87	212	397	706
	Lower Secondary	53	242	247	239	781
	Upper Secondary	59	179	155	189	582
	Post-secondary	18	19	20	18	75
	Total	**141**	**533**	**653**	**887**	**2 214**
2017-18	No schooling/ Kindergarten	1	7	18	43	69
	Primary	7	104	201	358	670
	Lower Secondary	33	168	241	173	615
	Upper Secondary	37	137	148	160	482
	Post-secondary	13	22	13	24	72
	Other	2	-	-	3	5
	Total	**93**	**438**	**621**	**761**	**1 913**
2018-19	No schooling/ Kindergarten	5	7	12	35	59
	Primary	14	87	178	316	595
	Lower Secondary	37	170	211	177	595
	Upper Secondary	38	114	141	154	447
	Post-secondary	11	20	17	18	66
	Other	-	3	3	7	13
	Total	**105**	**401**	**562**	**707**	**1775**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	8	8	17	33	66
	Primary	6	73	204	349	632
	Lower Secondary	24	145	217	225	611
	Upper Secondary	68	142	137	178	525
	Post-secondary	11	18	7	22	58
	Other	-	-	5	4	9
	Total	**117**	**386**	**587**	**811**	**1 901**

(ii) Received CSSA for more than 1 year and up to 3 years

Year	Educational Attainment	Age group				
		15 to 24	**25 to 39**	**40 to 49**	**50 to 59**	**Total**
2015-16	No schooling/ Kindergarten	4	21	68	84	177
	Primary	10	186	493	644	1 333
	Lower Secondary	54	310	433	344	1 141
	Upper Secondary	92	222	301	240	855
	Post-secondary	8	31	25	27	91
	Total	**168**	**770**	**1 320**	**1 339**	**3 597**
2016-17	No schooling/ Kindergarten	-	12	45	67	124
	Primary	7	140	332	549	1 028
	Lower Secondary	38	270	368	324	1 000
	Upper Secondary	70	187	247	215	719
	Post-secondary	5	27	23	32	87
	Total	**120**	**636**	**1 015**	**1 187**	**2 958**
2017-18	No schooling/ Kindergarten	2	8	30	51	91
	Primary	3	109	273	466	851
	Lower Secondary	40	245	342	262	889
	Upper Secondary	55	185	207	229	676
	Post-secondary	3	19	21	29	72
	Total	**103**	**566**	**873**	**1 037**	**2 579**
2018-19	No schooling/ Kindergarten	6	9	31	53	99
	Primary	6	107	271	421	805
	Lower Secondary	40	204	300	243	787
	Upper Secondary	52	170	192	216	630
	Post-secondary	7	18	19	25	69
	Other	4	-	-	2	6
	Total	**115**	**508**	**813**	**960**	**2 396**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	8	4	25	59	96
	Primary	6	99	276	397	778
	Lower Secondary	28	212	279	241	760
	Upper Secondary	53	151	199	218	621
	Post-secondary	9	16	24	28	77
	Other	4	1	2	7	14
	Total	**108**	**483**	**805**	**950**	**2 346**

(iii) Received CSSA for more than 3 years and up to 5 years

Year	Educational Attainment	Age group				
		15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	Total
2015-16	No schooling/ Kindergarten	-	12	49	67	128
	Primary	8	134	434	527	1 103
	Lower Secondary	51	188	355	301	895
	Upper Secondary	64	165	234	205	668
	Post-secondary	2	17	10	15	44
	Total	**125**	**516**	**1 082**	**1 115**	**2 838**
2016-17	No schooling/ Kindergarten	2	9	54	55	120
	Primary	6	126	397	453	982
	Lower Secondary	50	178	342	262	832
	Upper Secondary	57	136	202	165	560
	Post-secondary	3	17	15	13	48
	Total	**118**	**466**	**1 010**	**948**	**2 542**
2017-18	No schooling/ Kindergarten	4	12	50	46	112
	Primary	7	102	354	404	867
	Lower Secondary	28	185	321	275	809
	Upper Secondary	54	113	224	167	558
	Post-secondary	1	12	20	14	47
	Other	3	-	-	-	3
	Total	**97**	**424**	**969**	**906**	**2 396**
2018-19	No schooling/ Kindergarten	4	8	27	34	73
	Primary	4	69	251	321	645
	Lower Secondary	26	139	285	235	685
	Upper Secondary	49	99	165	174	487
	Post-secondary	-	11	15	28	54
	Other	5	-	-	-	5
	Total	**88**	**326**	**743**	**792**	**1 949**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	8	10	14	27	59
	Primary	5	63	224	273	565
	Lower Secondary	21	135	241	208	605
	Upper Secondary	45	118	153	168	484
	Post-secondary	1	7	14	18	40
	Other	1	-	-	-	1
	Total	**81**	**333**	**646**	**694**	**1 754**

(iv) Received CSSA for more than 5 years

Year	Educational Attainment	Age group				
		15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	Total
2015-16	No schooling/ Kindergarten	45	36	278	655	1 014
	Primary	340	422	2 170	3 867	6 799
	Lower Secondary	474	747	1 778	1 729	4 728
	Upper Secondary	791	593	972	961	3 317
	Post-secondary	111	55	50	57	273
	Total	**1 761**	**1 853**	**5 248**	**7 269**	**16 131**
2016-17	No schooling/ Kindergarten	41	25	222	528	816
	Primary	269	341	1 844	3 264	5 718
	Lower Secondary	408	608	1 665	1 585	4 266
	Upper Secondary	664	547	903	975	3 089
	Post-secondary	139	63	35	54	291
	Total	**1 521**	**1 584**	**4 669**	**6 406**	**14 180**
2017-18	No schooling/ Kindergarten	45	24	184	402	655
	Primary	197	291	1 566	2 750	4 804
	Lower Secondary	339	502	1 531	1 526	3 898
	Upper Secondary	554	507	839	979	2 879
	Post-secondary	120	54	33	61	268
	Other	5	-	-	-	5
	Total	**1 260**	**1 378**	**4 153**	**5 718**	**12 509**
2018-19	No schooling/ Kindergarten	77	21	166	335	599
	Primary	129	231	1 409	2 351	4 120
	Lower Secondary	272	447	1 479	1 453	3 651
	Upper Secondary	495	488	806	965	2 754
	Post-secondary	109	47	31	62	249
	Other	18	-	-	-	18
	Total	**1 100**	**1 234**	**3 891**	**5 166**	**11 391**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	No schooling/ Kindergarten	98	13	150	299	560
	Primary	97	192	1 255	2 098	3 642
	Lower Secondary	222	426	1 393	1 394	3 435
	Upper Secondary	536	446	791	948	2 721
	Post-secondary	143	47	34	66	290
	Other	25	-	-	-	25
	Total	**1 121**	**1 124**	**3 623**	**4 805**	**10 673**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5914)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the recipients belonging to the unemployment and low-earnings categories under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information:

   (a) the number of unemployed CSSA recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, past occupation, employment earnings and district of residence over the past 5 years;

   (b) the number of low-earnings CSSA recipients with a breakdown by gender, age distribution, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, occupation, employment earnings and district of residence over the past 5 years;

   (c) the changes (such as upward or downward trends) in the number of CSSA cases with unemployed and low-earnings recipients with a breakdown by number, gender, age distribution and educational attainment of the recipients over the past 5 years.

2. Please provide the number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE) over the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature (such as "old age", "low-earnings", "single parent", "unemployment", etc.), and the average amount of DE and the median monthly income involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. (a) The number of unemployed CSSA recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, occupation, earnings from employment and district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Tables 1 to 7 in Annex 1.

   (b) The number of low-earnings CSSA recipients with a breakdown by gender, age, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, occupation, earnings from employment and district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Tables 1 to 7 in Annex 2.

(c) The number of CSSA unemployment and low-earnings cases by number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Tables 1 to 2 in Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information sought.

2. The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement, and as at the end of each financial year the average amount of DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement and the median earnings of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Tables 1 to 3 in Annex 4. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by gender from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Gender	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Male	8 231	7 262	6 444	6 085	6 842
Female	7 642	7 047	6 650	6 357	6 734
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Table 2: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by age group from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
15 to 19	512	453	369	370	393
20 to 29	924	901	750	764	850
30 to 39	1 522	1 307	1 196	1 120	1 084
40 to 49	4 806	4 373	4 168	3 895	3 840
50 to 59	8 109	7 275	6 611	6 111	5 943
60 to 64	-	-	-	182	1 466
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Table 3: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by duration of receiving CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Duration of receiving CSSA	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1 year or less	1 903	1 795	1 587	1 581	2 453
More than 1 year to 2 years	1 331	1 108	1 081	998	1 105
More than 2 years to 3 years	1 133	1 027	822	835	899
More than 3 years to 4 years	907	942	815	665	716
More than 4 years to 5 years	888	696	816	700	622
More than 5 years	9 711	8 741	7 973	7 663	7 781
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Unemployed recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent). Not all of them have received CSSA all along due to unemployment.

Table 4: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by educational attainment from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Educational attainment	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Primary or below	7 518	6 440	5 628	5 090	5 661
Secondary	8 054	7 564	7 154	7 020	7 522
Post-secondary	301	305	300	294	345
Others	-	-	12	38	48

Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Table 5: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by occupation from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Occupation	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Cleaner	215	212	203	195	218
Clerk	14	13	21	9	10
Construction worker/ labourer/fitting-out worker	33	33	22	30	21
Delivery worker	174	149	112	114	91
Domestic helper/baby sitter	134	100	76	68	62
Driver	52	47	33	41	41
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	468	438	393	325	312
Salesperson	88	63	62	60	63
Waiter/waitress	94	96	79	82	72
Watchman/guard	21	20	13	18	21
Others	466	438	368	386	358
Jobless	14 114	12 700	11 712	11 114	12 307
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Table 6: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by earnings from employment per month from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Earnings from employment per month	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
$0	14 114	12 700	11 712	11 114	12 307
$1 to less than $1,000	538	460	381	379	373
$1,000 to less than $2,250	1 221	1 149	1 001	949	896
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Table 7: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by district from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Central & Western	153	160	138	112	120
Eastern	687	588	536	480	498
Islands	418	423	364	434	479
Kowloon City	814	785	734	694	735
Kwai Tsing	1 309	1 179	1 044	942	1 089
Kwun Tong	2 211	2 077	1 926	1 848	1 970
North	720	671	616	579	623
Sai Kung	528	443	410	374	390
Sha Tin	763	753	744	717	834
Sham Shui Po	1 784	1 621	1 510	1 472	1 673
Southern	305	251	235	229	263
Tai Po	376	339	323	272	311
Tsuen Wan	370	332	324	320	338
Tuen Mun	973	839	749	766	842
Wan Chai	122	103	93	100	102
Wong Tai Sin	1 244	1 043	929	894	960
Yau Tsim Mong	1 031	817	777	731	790
Yuen Long	2 065	1 885	1 642	1 478	1 559
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Annex 2

Table 1: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by gender from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Gender	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Male	4 726	4 042	3 404	2 871	2 577
Female	4 314	3 543	2 899	2 402	2 069
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Table 2: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by age group from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
15 to 19	284	220	169	163	115
20 to 29	1 183	992	805	601	540
30 to 39	1 492	1 246	1 070	859	771
40 to 49	3 547	2 974	2 448	2 114	1 821
50 to 59	2 534	2 153	1 811	1 514	1 317
60 to 64	-	-	-	22	82
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Table 3: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by duration of receiving CSSA from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Duration of receiving CSSA	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1 year or less	444	419	326	280	260
More than 1 year to 2 years	591	384	365	286	252
More than 2 years to 3 years	542	439	311	287	238
More than 3 years to 4 years	533	462	373	269	247
More than 4 years to 5 years	510	442	392	327	249
More than 5 years	6 420	5 439	4 536	3 824	3 400
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Low-earnings recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent). Not all of them have received CSSA all along due to low-earnings.

Table 4: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by educational attainment from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Educational attainment	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Primary or below	3 901	3 124	2 491	2 032	1 708
Secondary	4 952	4 265	3 652	3 090	2 787
Post-secondary	187	196	159	146	142
Others	-	-	1	5	9

Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Table 5: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by occupation from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Occupation	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Cleaner	993	810	651	515	453
Clerk	348	272	210	167	148
Construction worker/ labourer/fitting-out worker	288	217	184	176	158
Delivery worker	527	479	398	329	334
Domestic helper/baby sitter	220	201	154	121	108
Driver	427	352	288	258	233
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	2 159	1 832	1 535	1 281	1 113
Salesperson	655	562	487	403	331
Waiter/waitress	661	546	482	389	351
Watchman/guard	485	314	266	215	169
Others	2 277	2 000	1 648	1 419	1 248
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Table 6: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by earnings from employment per month from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Earnings from employment per month	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Less than $4,000	2 056	1 701	1 077	923	889
$4,000 to less than $6,000	3 440	2 988	2 682	2 281	1 883
$6,000 to less than $8,000	1 564	1 279	1 150	971	904
$8,000 or above	1 980	1 617	1 394	1 098	970
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Table 7: Number of low-earnings CSSA recipients by district from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Central & Western	75	60	51	30	27
Eastern	343	285	218	186	159
Islands	286	233	187	189	169
Kowloon City	434	365	312	259	227
Kwai Tsing	1 169	966	806	657	581
Kwun Tong	1 392	1 177	1 011	862	726
North	412	327	286	222	217
Sai Kung	341	252	195	164	142
Sha Tin	601	522	405	342	295
Sham Shui Po	812	652	505	458	425
Southern	192	153	129	99	88
Tai Po	205	178	158	146	117
Tsuen Wan	236	213	170	142	118
Tuen Mun	515	436	393	342	307
Wan Chai	20	20	14	11	11
Wong Tai Sin	671	585	488	384	337
Yau Tsim Mong	268	235	177	134	105
Yuen Long	1 068	926	798	646	595

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Total	**9 040**	**7 585**	**6 303**	**5 273**	**4 646**

Low-earnings CSSA recipients refer to those who are gainfully employed, with earnings from employment equivalent to or more than the standard rate of an able-bodied adult in a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children (i.e. $2,250 as at end-December 2019) and with not less than 120 working hours per month.

Annex 3

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Number of eligible household members	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	7 494	6 584	5 975	5 718	6 563
2	1 495	1 303	1 156	1 063	1 074
3	1 527	1 369	1 165	1 021	991
4	1 397	1 238	1 071	1 000	972
5	680	605	531	529	535
6 or above	356	319	311	305	334
Total	**12 949**	**11 418**	**10 209**	**9 636**	**10 469**

Table 2: Number of CSSA low-earnings cases by number of eligible household members from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Number of eligible household members	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	233	196	161	132	131
2	671	581	473	365	321
3	1 336	1 077	865	673	589
4	1 544	1 276	1 032	847	716
5	858	714	597	504	430
6 or above	558	478	413	380	342
Total	**5 200**	**4 322**	**3 541**	**2 901**	**2 529**

Annex 4

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	2 540	2 440	2 370	2 313	2 096
Permanent disability	3 072	3 022	2 930	2 873	2 844
Ill health	2 437	2 356	2 334	2 221	2 198
Single parent	4 781	4 341	3 866	3 383	2 929
Low-earnings	5 347	4 460	3 639	2 971	2 558
Unemployment	3 617	3 238	2 728	2 417	2 251
Others	148	153	148	151	142
Total	**21 942**	**20 010**	**18 015**	**16 329**	**15 018**

Table 2: Average amount of DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement as at the end of each year by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 ($)

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	1,388	1,311	1,259	1,214	1,146
Permanent disability	767	764	748	740	713
Ill health	1,213	1,177	1,152	1,147	1,114
Single parent	1,889	1,887	1,902	1,900	1,869
Low-earnings	2,379	2,370	2,385	2,394	2,395
Unemployment	1,690	1,689	1,714	1,673	1,683
Others	1,438	1,447	1,394	1,355	1,326
Overall	1,682	1,636	1,598	1,548	1,495

Table 3: Median earnings of CSSA recipients with earnings from employment as at the end of each year by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 ($)

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	1,800	1,500	1,400	1,200	1,000
Permanent disability	478	471	454	456	425
Ill health	1,200	1,125	1,042	1,032	936
Single parent	3,500	3,383	3,500	3,466	3,200
Low-earnings	5,500	5,476	5,539	5,600	5,719
Unemployment	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500
Others	1,920	2,102	1,867	1,680	2,000
Overall	3,041	2,874	2,700	2,500	2,261

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5915)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients under the case nature of single parent (SP), with their gender, age profile, marital status, educational attainment, number of children in their households, age profile of their children (with a breakdown by age: aged 0 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 11, 12 to 14 and 15 or above) and their other sources of income apart from CSSA payments in the past 5 years.
2. Please provide the number of CSSA old age cases with elderly recipients living with their families in each of the past 5 years. How many elderly persons living on their own, or families living with elderly persons, have monthly household earnings below the CSSA level for households of the same size in Hong Kong (HK)?
3. Please provide the number of CSSA cases with recipients living with their families and having been granted approval to make applications on their own for various reasons in each of the past 5 years. Please also provide the reasons for approval.
4. Please provide the number of CSSA cases with elderly persons living on their own or households consisting only of elderly persons aged 60 or above in HK in the past 5 years. Please also provide, for such cases, the number of cases with average monthly household earnings below the poverty line of households of the same size.
5. Please provide the number of CSSA cases receiving the community living supplement in HK in the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature and age, and the total expenditure incurred.
6. Please provide the number of CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 to 64 and the number of such recipients in the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature ("old age", "low-earnings", "SP", "unemployment", etc).
7. Please provide the number of CSSA cases receiving the residential care supplement in HK in the past 5 years with a breakdown by case nature and age, and the total expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.:98)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA SP recipients with a breakdown by age group and gender, marital status and gender, educational attainment, and number of children; the number of children of CSSA SP cases by age of the children; and the total income of CSSA SP cases by type of income as at the end of the year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

2. The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. The number of CSSA cases with CSSA recipients under all categories who are aged 60 or above living with at least 1 CSSA recipient aged below 60 from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2015-16	19 891
2016-17	18 813
2017-18	17 861
2018-19	16 825
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	16 087

According to the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), the number of households with persons aged 60 or above [Note] and with monthly household earnings less than the average monthly CSSA payment from 2015 to 2018 was as follows:

Year	All household members are aged 60 or above		With at least 1 household member aged 60 or above and at least 1 household member aged below 60
	1 person aged 60 or above	2 or more persons aged 60 or above	
	(Number of households)		
2015	132 700	92 100	73 800
2016	144 400	100 200	77 600
2017	144 800	100 600	80 100
2018	157 800	103 800	77 800

[Note] Excluding foreign domestic helpers.

At present, the C&SD does not have the number of households for 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other figures sought.

3. As CSSA is designed to be a safety net of last resort and members of the same family should in principle support one another, CSSA applications are required to be made on a household basis. Nevertheless, if a person living with other family members has been verified by SWD as an independent household (e.g. the person and other members under the same roof are obviously using separate facilities of their own) and/or has no financial ties with each other, the person may apply for CSSA separately. Moreover, in case of a person expressing the need to apply for CSSA separately due to problems between family members (e.g. poor relationship between the applicant and his/her families), the case will first be referred to social work service units of SWD for assistance. If there is still no improvement in the situation after getting help

from social workers, SWD will consider allowing the applicant in need to apply for CSSA separately on a discretionary basis, giving due regard to the special circumstances of the case. SWD does not have the total number of cases with recipients living with their families and having been granted approval for making applications separately because of various reasons.

4. The number of CSSA cases consisting only of elderly recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Cases with 1 recipient	Cases with 2 or more recipients
	(Number of cases)	
2015-16	108 266	19 818
2016-17	108 238	19 215
2017-18	108 186	18 468
2018-19	106 913	17 553
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	106 290	16 931

According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2018, there were 12 900 CSSA households consisting only of household members aged 65 or above living in poverty after the recurrent cash policy interventions in 2018. The figures for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 were 15 700, 15 300, 14 300 and 16 900 respectively.

5. & 7. SWD does not have the information sought.

6. The number of all CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64 from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Total
2015-16	25 902
2016-17	25 518
2017-18	25 277
2018-19	25 102
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	24 324

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA SP recipients by age group and gender from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	2015-16			2016-17		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	M	F		M	F	
18 to 24	7	394	401	6	404	410
25 to 29	32	1 125	1 157	38	1 078	1 116
30 to 39	387	7 362	7 749	329	7 064	7 393
40 to 49	943	10 510	11 453	848	10 082	10 930
50 to 59	1 359	2 678	4 037	1 169	2 576	3 745
60 or above	839	181	1 020	830	159	989
Total	**3 567**	**22 250**	**25 817**	**3 220**	**21 363**	**24 583**

Age group	2017-18			2018-19		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	M	F		M	F	
18 to 24	2	380	382	4	332	336
25 to 29	30	1 054	1 084	30	1 012	1 042
30 to 39	270	6 903	7 173	236	6 555	6 791
40 to 49	755	9 717	10 472	701	9 337	10 038
50 to 59	1 010	2 454	3 464	865	2 418	3 283
60 or above	805	161	966	776	152	928
Total	**2 872**	**20 669**	**23 541**	**2 612**	**19 806**	**22 418**

Age group	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
	Gender		Total
	M	F	
18 to 24	3	290	293
25 to 29	32	943	975
30 to 39	222	6 412	6 634
40 to 49	652	9 022	9 674
50 to 59	803	2 367	3 170
60 or above	740	134	874
Total	**2 452**	**19 168**	**21 620**

Table 2: Number of CSSA SP recipients by marital status and gender from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Marital status	2015-16			2016-17		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	M	F		M	F	
Single	128	2 309	2 437	113	2 332	2 445
Married/ Cohabited	818	2 872	3 690	698	2 814	3 512
Separated	639	3 480	4 119	560	3 325	3 885
Divorced	1 774	10 697	12 471	1 666	10 307	11 973
Widowed	208	2 892	3 100	183	2 585	2 768
Total	**3 567**	**22 250**	**25 817**	**3 220**	**21 363**	**24 583**

Marital status	2017-18			2018-19		
	Gender		Total	Gender		Total
	M	F		M	F	
Single	97	2 383	2 480	88	2 343	2 431
Married/ Cohabited	599	2 728	3 327	482	2 661	3 143
Separated	481	3 202	3 683	438	3 120	3 558
Divorced	1 516	9 963	11 479	1 450	9 521	10 971
Widowed	179	2 393	2 572	154	2 161	2 315
Total	**2 872**	**20 669**	**23 541**	**2 612**	**19 806**	**22 418**

Marital status	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)		
	Gender		Total
	M	F	
Single	90	2 331	2 421
Married/ Cohabited	454	2 543	2 997
Separated	411	3 081	3 492
Divorced	1 348	9 236	10 584
Widowed	149	1 977	2 126
Total	**2 452**	**19 168**	**21 620**

Table 3: Number of CSSA SP recipients by educational attainment from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Educational attainment	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No schooling/ kindergarten	1 238	1 047	904	784	707
Primary	9 429	8 592	7 823	7 166	6 672
Lower secondary	8 603	8 362	135	7 781	7 455
Upper secondary	6 231	6 227	6 287	6 274	6 347
Post-secondary	316	355	392	409	428
Others	-	-	-	4	11
Total	**25 817**	**24 583**	**23 541**	**22 418**	**21 620**

Table 4: Number of CSSA SP recipients by number of children from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Number of children	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	15 096	14 378	13 580	12 917	12 454
2	8 601	8 150	7 910	7 480	7 160
3	1 748	1 710	1 694	1 687	1 689
4	302	267	280	260	239
5 or above	70	78	77	74	78
Total	**25 817**	**24 583**	**23 541**	**22 418**	**21 620**

Table 5: Number of CSSA SP recipients by age of children from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Age group	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
4 or below	5 970	5 867	5 562	5 301	5 104
5 to 9	9 884	9 553	9 507	9 228	9 151
10 to 11	4 976	4 831	4 741	4 548	4 319
12 to 14	7 860	7 487	7 249	7 055	7 051
15 to 21	10 540	9 683	9 028	8 330	7 674
Total	**39 230**	**37 421**	**36 087**	**34 462**	**33 299**

Table 6: Total income of CSSA SP cases by type of income as at the end of the year from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Type of Income	Year				
	2015-16 ($ '000)	**2016-17 ($ '000)**	**2017-18 ($ '000)**	**2018-19 ($ '000)**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) ($ '000)**
Earnings from employment and meals provided by employer(s) of eligible family members of the case	17,696	16,071	14,576	12,586	10,664
Contributions from friends/ relatives	1,944	2,115	2,306	2,318	2,246
Meals provided by other parties	66	56	54	73	59
Maintenance payment	4,916	5,150	5,039	3,878	3,223
Pension	116	108	99	89	94
Other income	200	217	266	274	270
Total	**24,938**	**23,718**	**22,340**	**19,218**	**16,556**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5916)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the details, including the name and address of the residential care homes, offence, date of conviction and penalties, of the charges successfully brought under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (the Ordinance) or the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (the Regulation) in the past 5 years.

2. Please provide the records and reasons for refusal to renew licence or cancellation of licence under the Ordinance or the Regulation in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 99)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The information on residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) prosecuted and convicted of breaching the Ordinance or the Regulation from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is provided in the Annex.

2. From 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), no licence of RCHE had been revoked. During the same period, the licence renewal of 1 RCHE was refused at the expiration of the licence (i.e. 31 May 2015) for repeated non-compliance. The RCHE concerned is Tai Po Cambridge Nursing Home Limited at 2/F and 3/F, Kwong On Building, 20-26 Wan Tau Street, Tai Po, New Territories.

Annex

Information on RCHEs prosecuted and convicted of breaching the Ordinance or the Regulation (2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019))

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
1	Shui Hong Elderly Care Home	2/F Tak Wah Mansion, 290-296 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	14 April 2015	2,000
2	Shui Hong Elderly Care Home	2/F Tak Wah Mansion, 290-296 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	14 April 2015	2,000
3	Chi Oi Home for the Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156-162 Castle Peak Road, Shamshuipo, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 September 2015	2,000
4	Chi Oi Home for the Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156-162 Castle Peak Road, Shamshuipo, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 September 2015	2,000
5	Sun Man Fook Aged Home (Sham Shui Po)	Shop A-E & Flat Roof 1/F, Fulham Court, 142 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	27 April 2016	3,000
6	Sun Man Fook Aged Home (Sham Shui Po)	Shop A-E & Flat Roof 1/F, Fulham Court, 142 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	27 April 2016	3,000
7	Kwong On Home for Elderly	1/F, 6 Hing Loong Building, Hung Min Court, Yuen Long, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	20 May 2016	5,000
8	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	24 May 2016	2,000
9	Kennedy Home for the Aged	Flat A-D, 1/F and Flat A-H, 2/F, Sum Way Mansion, 1 Belcher's Street, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	27 May 2016	3,000
10	Ka Wah Home for Aged Limited	Unit B, 1/F, Kar Wah Building, 11-17 Castle Peak Road, San Hui, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	30 September 2016	10,000
11	Ka Wah Home for Aged Limited	Unit B, 1/F, Kar Wah Building, 11-17 Castle Peak Road, San Hui, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(2)(d)(i) of the Regulation: Employed a person not registered under section 6 as health worker	30 September 2016	2,000
12	Gospel Mansion	1/F & 2/F, Cheong Fat Mansion, 2 Tak Cheong Lane, Mongkok, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	7 October 2016	8,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
13	Hon Tat Elderly Care Centre (To Kwa Wan)	Shop B, G/F, 3 Lok Shan Road & 56A/C Kowloon City Road and 1/F, 5 Lok Shan Road, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	14 October 2016	2,000
14	Hang Fuk Home for Aged (Hing Man) Limited	Shop No. 508-515, Level 5, Hing Man Shopping Centre, Hing Man Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	28 October 2016	2,500
15	Hang Fuk Home for Aged (Hing Man) Limited	Shop No. 508-515, Level 5, Hing Man Shopping Centre, Hing Man Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	28 October 2016	2,500
16	Nam Wah Old Aged Home (1st Branch)	Flat 216, 217, 219, 220, 222, 224, 225, 226, 227 &229, 2/F, Tai On Building, 57-87, Shau Kei Wan Road, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	21 February 2017	2,000
17	Glory J. Home for the Elderly Limited	Shop 19A-31A, G/F, Kwai Po Building, 102-116 Lei Muk Road and 135-147 Shek Yam Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	7 June 2017	3,000
18	Po Pak Gerocomy Centre	2/F, Chelsea Court, 38-48 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	13 June 2017	10,000
19	Po Pak Gerocomy Centre	2/F, Chelsea Court, 38-48 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	13 June 2017	10,000
20	Lai Yan Nursing Home Limited	1/F, Lai Yan Lau, 42-56 Queen's Road West, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	13 June 2017	8,000
21	Prosperous Nursing Centre Limited	1/F, Sham Tsung Court, 17-19 Wong Chuk Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home.	28 June 2017	5,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
22	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential 23Care Homes (Elderly Pe24rsons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home.	28 June 2017	3,000
23	Sha Tau Kok Home Care Center	Shop A-D,G/F, Yuen Tung Lau, 200 Sha Tau Kok Road, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	21 September 2017	2,000
24	Sun Hung Fook Home for the Elderlies	Flat B, 1/F, Kim Fat Mansion, 11 Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	17 October 2017	2,000
25	Sun Hung Fook Home for the Elderlies	Flat B, 1/F, Kim Fat Mansion, 11 Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	17 October 2017	2,000
26	Sun Man Fook Aged Home (Sai Wan)	G/F, 28 Davis Street and 1/F, On Fat Building, 10 Kwan Yick Street, Sai Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	17 October 2017	2,000
27	Sun Man Fook Aged Home (Sai Wan)	G/F, 28 Davis Street and 1/F, On Fat Building, 10 Kwan Yick Street, Sai Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	17 October 2017	2,000
28	Sha Tau Kok Home Care Center	Shop A-D,G/F, Yuen Tung Lau, 200 Sha Tau Kok Road, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories	In contravention of section 21(3)(a) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home in respect of which a licence has been issued in contravention of the condition of the licence, so issued.	2 November 2017	2,300
29	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(a) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home in respect of which a licence has been issued in contravention of the condition of the licence, so issued.	2 November 2017	2,300

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
30	Shung Tak Old Age Home Far East Branch	Shop E of G/F, Cockloft and 1/F, Far East Consortium, 200 Sha Tau Kok Road, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	21 November 2017	2,000
31	Shung Tak Old Age Home Far East Branch	Shop E of G/F, Cockloft and 1/F, Far East Consortium, 200 Sha Tau Kok Road, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	21 November 2017	2,000
32	Yan Yuet Home for Aged	Room 301-305, 3/F, Man Kee Mansion, 86 Waterloo Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	24 November 2017	2,500
33	King's Fort Home for the Elderly	Flat A, B & C of 4/F and Flat A of 5/F, Waldorf Mansion, 2 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 December 2017	800
34	King's Fort Home for the Elderly	Flat A, B & C of 4/F and Flat A of 5/F, Waldorf Mansion, 2 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 December 2017	600
35	King's Fort Home for the Elderly	Flat A, B & C of 4/F and Flat A of 5/F, Waldorf Mansion, 2 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 December 2017	800
36	Sun Light Gerocomy Centre (C.W.)	Portion A & B, 2/F, Koway Court, No. 111 Chai Wan Road, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	12 December 2017	1,800
37	Kwong On Home for Elderly	1/F, Hing Loong Building, 6 Hung Min Court, Yuen Long, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	22 December 2017	5,500
38	Kwong On Home for Elderly	1/F, Hing Loong Building, 6 Hung Min Court, Yuen Long, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	22 December 2017	5,500
39	Po Pak Gerocomy Centre	2/F, Chelsea Court, 38-48 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 January 2018	15,000
40	Hong Nga Residential Care Home (5)	4/F, Wah To Building, 42 Wood Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	10 April 2018	2,000
41	Hong Nga Residential Care Home (5)	4/F, Wah To Building, 42 Wood Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	10 April 2018	3,000
42	Hong Nga Residential Care Home	4/F, Wah To Building, 42 Wood Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory	10 April 2018	2,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
	(5)		staffing requirement		
43	Ka Wah Home for Aged Limited	Shop 22 & 38 of G/F and Unit B of 1/F, Kar Wah Building, 11-17 Castle Peak Road - San Hui, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	3 May 2018	2,200
44	Lord Kindness Elderly Care and Rehabilitation Centre	Flat A-D, 1/F, Flat A-D, 2/F, Shun Cheong Building, 28 Hau Wo Street, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	15 May 2018	2,000
45	Hung Lee Golden Aged Home Limited	3/F, Fook Toa Mansion, 8-12 Sung Wong Toi Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	24 May 2018	2,000
46	Hung Lee Golden Aged Home Limited	3/F, Fook Toa Mansion, 8-12 Sung Wong Toi Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	24 May 2018	1,500
47	Long Kind House	Entrance of G/F & 1/F, Po Wai Building, 59-67 Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 June 2018	3,000
48	Long Kind House	Entrance of G/F & 1/F, Po Wai Building, 59-67 Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 June 2018	1,500
49	Long Kind House	Entrance of G/F & 1/F, Po Wai Building, 59-67 Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 June 2018	1,500
50	Eternal Elderly Home (2nd Home)	2/F, Shui Fung Building, 9 Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	13 June 2018	4,000
51	Ching Yan Elderly Home	Lot No. 1826A, DD 132, Tuen Mun, New Territories (also known as 21.5 Milestones, Castle Peak Road, Tuen Mun)	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	6 July 2018	3,000
52	Chi Oi Home for the Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156 to 162 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	10 July 2018	5,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
53	Sha Tau Kok Home Care Center	Shop A to D, G/F, Yuen Tung Lau, 200 Sha Tau Kok Road, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories	In contravention of section 21(3)(a) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home in respect of which a licence has been issued in contravention of the condition of the licence, so issued.	19 July 2018	3,000
54	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(a) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home in respect of which a licence has been issued in contravention of the condition of the licence, so issued.	19 July 2018	3,000
55	On Fuk Home for Aged Limited	Block B3 & B4, Lot 2116B in DD 111, Kam Tin Road, Yuen Long, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	27 July 2018	2,000
56	Gospel Nursing Centre (Bo Fook)	Flat B, 1/F, Po Fuk Building, 318 Shau Kei Wan Road, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	7 August 2018	3,200
57	Hon Tat Elderly Care Centre Branch	Shop 6 on G/F, Hiu Wah Building, 42 Hiu Kwong Street, Shop 7 & 9 on G/F and Unit 10B on 1/F, Fu Wah Court, 44 Hiu Kwong Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 August 2018	3,200
58	Hong Nga Residential Care Home (4)	Flat A & B of 1/F, Flat B of 2/F and Flat A & B of 3/F, Wing Shing Mansion, 7 Cross Lane, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	21 August 2018	2,200
59	Agape Nursing Home	Block A, B & C of 3/F and Block A, B & C of 5/F, Majestic Apartments, 315 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	28 August 2018	3,200
60	Agape Nursing Home	Block A, B & C of 3/F and Block A, B & C of 5/F, Majestic Apartments, 315 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	28 August 2018	3,200

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
61	Beautiful Life (Sheung Shui) Aged Home	Unit A, B, C & D, Block 25, Dills Corner Garden, 193 Castle Peak Road, Kwu Tung, Sheung Shui, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	7 September 2018	3,500
62	May Moon Happiness Home for the Aged (No. 1)	1/F, 222, 224, 226 & 228 Ma Tau Wai Road and 2A Kiang Hsi Street, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	18 September 2018	4,000
63	May Moon Happiness Home for the Aged (No. 1)	1/F, 222, 224, 226 & 228 Ma Tau Wai Road and 2A Kiang Hsi Street, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	18 September 2018	4,000
64	Chee On Care & Attention Home Company	Flat M & N, 2/F, Maylun Apartments, 23 Shu Kuk Street, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 October 2018	3,000
65	Chee On Care & Attention Home Company	Flat M & N, 2/F, Maylun Apartments, 23 Shu Kuk Street, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	16 October 2018	3,000
66	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 6(1) of the Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly without licence	23 October 2018	10,000
67	Po Kin Home for Aged	G/F of 6-10 and M/F of 8-10 Luen Cheong Street, Fanling, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	26 October 2018	3,300
68	Tai Chung Elderly Care Centre Limited	Room 203, 204, 205, 301 & 302, Block B, I-Feng Mansion, 237A To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	8 November 2018	3,500
69	Sang Fai Home of Aged Co. Limited	Portion of G/F, 1/F and 2/F, Sunny Court, 118, 120 & 122 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	2 January 2019	5,000
70	Man Fook Elderly Home	No. 3 & 6, South Yeuk, Siu Lek Yuen Tsuen, Sha Tin, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	10 January 2019	2,000
71	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	18 January 2019	6,000
72	Tin Wan Nursing Limited	UG/F, Yen Shing Mansion, 60 Shek Pai Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	29 January 2019	5,000
73	Suffolk Nursing Home	1/F, 28A Grampian Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	30 January 2019	2,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
74	Tung Kong Sanatorium (Hunghom Branch)	2/F, Go Go Court, 5 to 7 Cooke Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home	26 February 2019	2,000
75	Tung Kong Sanatorium (Hunghom Branch)	2/F, Go Go Court, 5 to 7 Cooke Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home	26 February 2019	2,000
76	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home	26 February 2019	2,000
77	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home	26 February 2019	2,000
78	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any	26 February 2019	2,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
			premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home		
79	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(3)(b) of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance: Operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of a residential care home for the elderly in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued in respect of the home	26 February 2019	2,000
80	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Furnished false information	14 March 2019	6,000
81	Peaceful Elderly Centre Limited	Portion of G/F, 26 Kwong Fuk Road & 54 to 56 On Fu Road And 1/F & 2/F, Tai Po Building, 52 On Fu Road, Tai Po, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	28 March 2019	2,000
82	Touch Home for the Elderly Limited	1/F & 2/F, Comfort Mansion, 888 Canton Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	21 May 2019	3,000
83	Yin Nin Home for the Elderly	G/F, 311, 313, 315 & 319 Wo Yi Hop Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 June 2019	3,000
84	Prosperous Nursing Centre Limited	1/F, Sham Tsung Court, 17 to 19 Wong Chuk Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	4 July 2019	4,000
85	The Arch Home for the Elderly	1/F, Conwell Mansion, 120 Wharf Road, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	19 September 2019	3,000
86	Chun Fai Home for the Aged	Shop 1-4 on G/F & Unit 1-4 on 1/F, Peter's House, 55-57 Ming Fung Street, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	17 October 2019	3,000
87	Cornwall Elderly's Home	Shops A to E of G/F and Flat A of 3/F, Dai Nam Building, Ping On Lane, Section D of Lot 1211 in DD6, Tai Po, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	29 October 2019	3,000
88	(Ap Lei Chau) Kin Pak Home for	2/F, Ning Fung Mansion, 25-31 Main Street, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory	31 October 2019	3,000

	Name of RCHEs	Address	Offence	Date of Conviction	Penalty ($)
	Aged		staffing requirement		
89	Hong Wai Home Centre Limited	Flat A & B on 1/F, 2/F & 4/F and Flat B on 3/F, Fook Hong Court, 18 Grampian Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 December 2019	2,000
90	Hong Wai Home Centre Limited	Flat A & B on 1/F, 2/F & 4/F and Flat B on 3/F, Fook Hong Court, 18 Grampian Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	5 December 2019	2,000
91	Fu Hong Home for the Elderly	1/F (West Wing), Elite Garden, 11 Tsing Chui Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	6 December 2019	2,500
92	Fu Hong Home for the Elderly	1/F (West Wing), Elite Garden, 11 Tsing Chui Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	6 December 2019	2,500
93	St Francis Old Age Home (Sheung Shui) Limited	1/F, 35 Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet statutory staffing requirement	23 December 2019	2,000

[Note] As the person convicted was not the operator within the meaning of the Ordinance, the name and the address of the RCHE concerned are not shown.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5917)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the following in the past 5 years:

1. the number of persons having left subsidised residential care services for the elderly and their reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by type of residential care homes, bought place and non-bought place;
2. the number of persons transferred from care-and-attention (C&A) homes to other types of subsidised residential care services, with a breakdown by service type after the transfer.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 100)

Reply:

The number of elderly persons who ceased to receive the services of subsidised C&A homes and the reasons for cessation from 2015 to 2019 are provided as follows:

Reason for ceasing to receive the services of subsidised C&A homes	Number of elderly persons				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Admission to other residential care homes/services [Note]	467	330	498	350	120
Withdrawing from the services of their own accord	196	218	179	269	309
Health improved without need for services	4	1	1	2	13
Deceased	3 660	3 587	3 503	3 538	3 659
Total	4 327	4 136	4 181	4 159	4 101

[Note] Including residential care services and community care and support services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures and the breakdown of cases transferred to other types of subsidised residential care services.

The number of elderly persons who ceased to receive the services of subsidised nursing homes (NHs) and the reasons for cessation from 2015 to 2019 are provided as follows:

Reason for ceasing to receive the services of subsidised NHs	Number of elderly persons				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Admission to other residential care homes/services [Note]	7	18	17	3	19
Withdrawing from the services of their own accord	15	20	19	19	19
Health improved without need for services	-	-	-	-	1
Deceased	870	890	879	973	1 019
Total	892	928	915	995	1 058

[Note] Including residential care services and community care and support services. SWD does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures and the breakdown of cases transferred to other types of subsidised residential care services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5918)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many surprise inspections on private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) were conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years? How many private RCHEs were inspected? For how many times were subsequent follow-up actions required and what were the reasons?

2. How many surprise inspections on subsidised RCHEs outside the Bought Place Scheme were conducted by the LORCHE of SWD in the past 5 years? How many subsidised RCHEs were inspected? For how many times were subsequent follow-up actions required and what were the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of private RCHEs participating in the EBPS and the number of surprise inspections conducted by the LORCHE on such homes in the past 5 years are set out in Annex 1.

2. The number of subvented RCHEs and the number of surprise inspections conducted by the LORCHE on such homes are set out in Annex 2.

For RCHEs found to have contravened the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance, the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation or the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) in the course of surprise inspections, depending on the nature and severity of the irregularity, the LORCHE will consider issuing advisory letters or warning letters, or giving written directions for remedial measures, and will follow up on whether the RCHE has improved or rectified the item(s) concerned. SWD does not have the breakdown on follow-up actions required after inspections.

Annex 1

Number of private RCHEs participating in the EBPS and number of surprise inspections

Year	No. of private RCHEs participating in EBPS	No. of surprise inspections
2015-16	142	1 090
2016-17	142	1 097
2017-18	139	1 019
2018-19	140	996
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	147	746

Annex 2

Number of subvented RCHEs and number of surprise inspections

Year	No. of subvented RCHEs	No. of surprise inspections
2015-16	120	397
2016-17	121	365
2017-18	120	463
2018-19	120	534
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	120	342

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LWB(WW)449

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5919)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of posts and long-term job vacancies (exceeding 3 months) for the various grades (including frontline care workers, health workers, nurses, allied health professionals, social workers, etc.) regarding the subvented long-term care services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities (including community care and residential services) in the past 5 years. What strategies does the Government have to address the issue of manpower shortage?

2. Please advise the situation and expenditure involved in acquiring external manpower from the private market regarding the subvented long-term care services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities (including community care and residential services) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by job type and service provider.

3. Does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have any guidelines or regulations to restrict subvented long-term care service units for elderly persons and persons with disabilities to acquire manpower from external sources for filling the manpower gap? How does the Government reduce the impact of outsourced services on service quality?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 104)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of relevant posts and vacancies.

   The University Grants Committee (UGC) conducts academic planning and recurrent grants assessment with the 8 universities under its funding on a triennial basis. With the support of UGC, the number of annual intake places for Bachelor in Occupational Therapy has been increased from 90 in 2015/16 academic year to 100 per year during the trienniums of 2016-19 and 2019-22, while such places for Bachelor in Physiotherapy has been increased from 110 in 2015/16 academic year to 130 per year

during the triennium of 2016-19, and will be further increased to 150 during the triennium of 2019-22.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme in January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage the graduates to join non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for NGOs which provide subsidised elderly and rehabilitation services to fully sponsor the tuition fees of students recruited by them. The first to third cohorts graduated in January 2014, January 2016 and January 2019 respectively and have joined the employment market. The sponsored students must work for the NGOs for at least 2 or 3 years. The fourth cohort has commenced in January 2019, among which 73 sponsored students have already been recruited by NGOs participating in the Training Sponsorship Scheme and received sponsorship of tuition fees from SWD.

Moreover, starting from the 2015/16 academic year, the Government has implemented the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors and subsidised about 1 000 students per cohort to pursue designated full-time locally-accredited self-financing undergraduate programmes in selected disciplines. The Government has regularised the scheme from 2018/19 academic year and has increased the number of subsidised places to about 3 000 per cohort. In the 2020/21 academic year, the number of first-year intake places for the designated undergraduate programmes of the healthcare discipline subsidised under the scheme will be increased to 1 320, as compared with 420 places for 2015/16 academic year.

From 2006 to 2016, SWD collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise a total of 14 training classes under a two-year Enrolled Nurse (EN)(General)/EN(Psychiatric) Training Programme for Welfare Sector, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Among the graduates of the 14 classes, over 90% joined the welfare sector after graduation. SWD has also commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 920 training places (including both General and Psychiatric streams) for 4 consecutive years starting from 2017-18. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector continuously for 2 years upon graduation. Besides, SWD plans to provide a total of 800 additional training places for EN(General) for 4 consecutive years from 2020-21.

Furthermore, SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees have been recruited under the Navigation Scheme, among which 445 have already graduated. The Government will continue to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21 and roll out enhancement measures, which includes expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from the 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more efficiently, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, etc. with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The operating organisations will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020.

In addition, the Government has allocated an additional funding of $145 million for units of day/residential child care services and pre-school rehabilitation services in 2017-18 for enhancing the remuneration of child care workers, with a view to retaining and attracting such staff. The Government, starting from June 2018, provides additional resources for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively. The measure involves a recurrent expenditure of about $352 million.

2. SWD does not have information on the relevant job types and service providers.

3. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, subject to their subvented service units' being able to meet the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements (including Service Quality Standards).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5921)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Respite service for persons with disabilities is a very important community support service. In this connection, please advise:

1. When and how will the Government enhance the current method of publishing the latest information on the available places of residential respite service online, or will the Government consider providing case manager service for the co-ordination of services for persons with disabilities?
2. Will the Government consider providing additional places of residential respite service in order to meet the service demand?
3. Will the Government provide additional places of residential respite service for the persons with disabilities using breathing tools or feeding tubes as well? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
4. How will the Government support persons with severe disabilities who need to use the respite service provided by hospitals under the Hospital Authority (HA) or co-ordinate applications for the service?
5. What is the enrolment situation of residential respite service, including the volume and rate of enrolment, in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 108)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. To facilitate the public and referral social workers to check online vacancy and service information on designated residential respite service for persons with disabilities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Vacancy Enquiry System for Residential Respite Service for Persons with Disabilities, Residential Respite Service for the Elderly and Emergency Placement for the Elderly in December 2019. It provides a dedicated search function for the public to look for vacancy situations of the relevant residential care units through filtering criteria such as gender, age range, type of disabilities/level of care, type of residential care homes and location preference so as to facilitate the making of

requests to the service units concerned. SWD will regularly remind the persons-in-charge to provide the latest information to the website and will keep in view its usage.

2. & 3. In response to the demand for residential respite service from persons with disabilities, SWD will continue to provide residential respite places in new subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (including Care and Attention Homes for Severely Disabled Persons providing service to persons with disabilities on tube feeding or oxygen therapy). Furthermore, in 2020-21 SWD will purchase more than 40 places from private residential care homes for persons with disabilities participating in the Bought Place Scheme as designated residential respite places so as to increase the provision of respite places and reduce the stress of carers.

4. Some of the nursing homes under the Hospital Authority provide short-term residential respite service for persons with severe physical disabilities to relieve the stress of their family carers. These nursing homes have medical social service units and the medical social workers will co-ordinate the service applications and provide counselling and support for patients.

5. The number of places and headcount of service users of residential respite service for persons with disabilities over the past 5 years are set out at the Annex.

Annex

Table1: Number of places and headcount of service users of residential respite service for persons with disabilities from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Residential respite service for persons with disabilities	
	No. of Places	Headcount of service users [Note]
2015-16	285	3 294
2016-17	291	3 331
2017-18	292	3 370
2018-19	297	3 013
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	318	2 012

[Note] A service user may use the residential respite service on more than one occasion in the same year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5922)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (SPED), please set out the number of cases approved, number of cases by type of payment and total funding allocation in each of the years since its implementation, and evaluate its effectiveness.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 109)

Reply:

SPED was launched in June 2013. The number of cases approved in each of the past 5 years by type of disability of employees with disabilities is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of cases approved each year by type of trade of employees with disabilities is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. The total funding is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

After applications are approved, SPED Administrator will pay visits to the workplaces of the employees with disabilities, so as to monitor the utilisation of the approved subsidies. SPED Administrator is required to complete a follow-up report within 6 months from the approval with a view to evaluating the effectiveness of the assistive devices procured and/or the modification works carried out. The Social Welfare Department reviews the details and the effectiveness of SPED from time to time.

Annex

Table 1: Number of cases under SPED by type of disability of employees with disabilities

Type of disability	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Visual impairment	30	18	16	16	14
Hearing impairment	7	11	1	5	1
Physical disability	3	5	5	13	1
Intellectual disability	3	2	-	-	1
Ex-mentally ill persons	1	-	1	-	-
Autism	-	1	-	-	1
Visceral disability	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**44**	**37**	**23**	**34**	**18**

Table 2: Number of cases under SPED by type of trade of employees with disabilities

Type of trade	Number of employees with disabilities				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Social welfare service	15	9	10	8	7
Catering service/hotel	-	2	1	-	-
Car cleaning and grooming	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale, retail and customer service	2	1	-	2	4
Social enterprise	9	1	-	4	-
Information technology	1	-	3	-	-
Laundry, hairstyling	3	-	-	-	1
Tourism, exhibition gallery/hands-on exhibition	1	4	-	2	-
Technical training, special education	2	2	3	2	-
Others (political organisations, property management, transport, food processing and production, telecommunications, gardening, renovation, clerical work, toys, jewellery, etc.)	11	18	6	16	6
Total	**44**	**37**	**23**	**34**	**18**

Table 3: Total funding for SPED

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Total funding ($'000)	699	436	340	662	411

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5923)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), where those who are frail and in need of care are concentrated, carry a higher risk of infections and outbreaks of influenza or other infectious diseases.

1. Please provide information and figures regarding cases in which over 10 people contracted infectious diseases in subvented and private RCHDs and RCHEs over the past 5 years, broken down by type of homes and scale of outbreaks.
2. Are there any special measures in place to remind RCHDs and RCHEs to be particularly cautious when providing services during peak seasons of influenza or other infectious diseases?
3. Is there any change or enhancement to the relevant measures since the outbreak of COVID-19?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 110)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In the past 5 years (as at end-December 2019), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received a total of 304 reports of outbreaks of infectious diseases in RCHDs (including 297 in subvented homes, 1 in self-financing homes and 6 in private homes), and 969 such reports in RCHEs, including 373 in subvented homes, 74 in contract homes, 44 in self-financing homes and 478 in private homes. As SWD does not collect statistics on the reported number of residents and staff who contracted infectious diseases in various types of homes, the information broken down by scale of outbreaks of infectious diseases is not available.
2. Pursuant to the circulars and guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), the Licensing Office of RCHDs and the Licensing Office of RCHEs of SWD disseminate information on influenza or latest update on infectious diseases to RCHDs and RCHEs to remind them of implementation of adequate measures for infection control and prevention of

infectious diseases. In collaboration with CHP of DH, SWD regularly organises training courses on infection control for the staff of RCHDs and RCHEs. In addition, SWD has been maintaining liaison with RCHDs and RCHEs to follow up on the measures they have taken to control infection and prevent infectious diseases. Since October 2018, SWD has not only strengthened the visiting medical practitioner services for subvented homes, but also arranged visiting medical practitioner services for residents of self-financing and private RCHEs and RCHDs so as to promote proactive management of seasonal influenza and other episodic illnesses, thereby promoting their health and reducing their reliance on the public medical system.

3. RCHDs and RCHEs must comply with the various requirements stipulated in the Code of Practice for RCHDs and Code of Practice for RCHEs, including the implementation of effective measures for infection control and the provision of appropriate insolation facilities. SWD has recently reminded the homes to, with reference to the Guidelines for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities for the Prevention of COVID-19 issued by CHP, continue to strengthen the various measures for infection control and personal and environmental hygiene, make suitable arrangement for residents or staff arriving in Hong Kong from abroad, and handle suspected or confirmed cases in the homes accordingly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5925)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses (Scheme), please set out the total funding allocation, the number of self-help organisations (SHOs) benefited and the respective funding amounts received by each SHO in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 112)

Reply:

To foster the spirit of self-help and mutual help among persons with disabilities and their families/carers, the Social Welfare Department has since 2001 implemented the Scheme on a two-year time-defined basis to provide funding support to SHOs of persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses. The total funding allocation, number of SHOs benefited and average amount of funding received by each SHO under the Scheme in the past 5 years are set out in the Annex.

Annex

The total funding allocation, number of SHOs benefited and average amount of funding received by each SHO under the Scheme

Term of the scheme	Total funding allocation (for 2 years) ($)	Number of SHOs benefited	Average amount of funding received by each SHO ($)
1 October 2014 to 30 September 2016	29,434,660	79	372,591
1 October 2016 to 30 September 2018	29,640,140	83 [Note]	357,110
1 October 2018 to 30 September 2020	38,476,987	94 [Note]	409,330

[Note] 2 of the SHOs applied on a joint basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5926)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please give an account of the successful prosecutions against residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (the Ordinance) since its commencement, including the names of RCHDs, their addresses, offences, dates of conviction and penalties.
2. Please give an account of, and the reasons for, RCHDs which have their licences refused renewal or revoked under the Ordinance since its commencement.
3. Please set out the number of reported abuse cases and non-compliance cases involving RCHDs in the past 5 years. What is the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted?
4. Please set out the number of all RCHDs which have obtained full licences and certificates of exemption (CoEs) at present, with a breakdown by care level and type of RCHDs.
5. Regarding RCHDs which have not yet succeeded in obtaining a licence, please set out their names, types, care levels, reasons for failing to obtain a licence, and the progress of alteration works at RCHDs. How will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide support for them?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 113)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The information of those RCHDs having been convicted of non-compliance since the commencement of the Ordinance (Cap. 613) is set out in Annex 1.
2. Since the commencement of the Ordinance, 2 RCHDs have had their CoEs revoked or refused for renewal because of serious non-compliance in management and service operation.
3. The information sought on RCHDs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Annex 2.

4. The number of licenced RCHDs and those operating with CoEs broken down by type of homes and care level as at 1 January 2020 is set out in Annex 3.

5. As at 1 January 2020, there are a total of 321 RCHDs across the territory, among which 312 (about 97%) have been licenced. The information on the remaining 9 RCHDs operating with CoEs is set out in Annex 4. Apart from 2 RCHDs waiting for relocation/reprovisioning, the other 7 have all started/been preparing to start the necessary rectification works. However, works progress is affected by various factors, including unsatisfactory performance of project consultants/works contractors hired by individual non-governmental organisations and individual works items being complicated with complex processes involved, etc. SWD will continue to maintain close liaison with RCHDs operating with CoEs and follow up on the progress of rectification works.

   In order to assist RCHDs operating with CoEs to expedite the process of necessary rectification works, SWD will continue to implement various facilitating measures. Such measures include providing RCHDs with subsidies under the Lotteries Fund (LF) to carry out rectification works; streamlining the workflow of engaging authorised persons for the provision of technical support; preparing document templates to expedite the approval workflow of applications for and utilisation of LF; expediting and streamlining the procedures of applying for and utilising LF and providing additional technical support for RCHDs having difficulties in taking forward the rectification works.

Annex 1

RCHDs having been convicted of non-compliance with the Ordinance

	RCHD name	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty
1.	Sun Flower Home Centre	2/F, Bank Building, 259-269 Des Voeux Road West, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 22(3)(b) of the Ordinance: operated, kept, managed or otherwise had control of an existing home in respect of which a certificate of exemption was for the time being in force - in any premises other than the existing home premises indicated in the certificate of exemption	8.8.2017	A fine of $3,000
2.	Mercy Grace's Home (House 4)	G/F and 1/F, 14 and 16 Luen Fat Street, Luen Wo Hui, Fanling, New Territories	In contravention of section 22(6)(c) of the Ordinance: a person gives information which is false in material particular and which the person knows and reasonably ought to know is false in the material particular	19.10.2018	Four-week imprisonment suspended for 2 years
3.	Harmony Nursing And Rehabilitation Centre Limited	3/F, Go Go Court, 5 Cooke Street, Hunghom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 22(1)(b) of the Ordinance: a person commits an offence if the person on any occasion operates, keeps, manages or otherwise has control of a RCHD in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force - in any premises other than the residential care home premises indicated in the licence	26.2.2019	A fine of $3,000

	RCHD name	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty
4.	Harmony Nursing And Rehabilitation Centre Limited	3/F, Go Go Court, 5 Cooke Street, Hunghom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 22(1)(b) of the Ordinance: a person commits an offence if the person on any occasion operates, keeps, manages or otherwise has control of a RCHD in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force - in any premises other than the residential care home premises indicated in the licence	26.2.2019	A fine of $3,000
5.	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 22(1)(b) of the Ordinance: a person commits an offence if the person on any occasion operates, keeps, manages or otherwise has control of a RCHD in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force - in any premises other than the residential care home premises indicated in the licence	26.2.2019	A fine of $3,000
6.	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 22(1)(b) of the Ordinance: a person commits an offence if the person on any occasion operates, keeps, manages or otherwise has control of a RCHD in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force - in any premises other than the residential care home premises indicated in the licence	26.2.2019	A fine of $3,000

	RCHD name	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty
7.	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 22(1)(b) of the Ordinance: a person commits an offence if the person on any occasion operates, keeps, manages or otherwise has control of a RCHD in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force - in any premises other than the residential care home premises indicated in the licence	26.2.2019	A fine of $3,000
8.	[Note]	[Note]	In contravention of section 22(1)(b) of the Ordinance: a person commits an offence if the person on any occasion operates, keeps, manages or otherwise has control of a RCHD in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force - in any premises other than the residential care home premises indicated in the licence	26.2.2019	A fine of $3,000

[Note] As the person convicted was not the operator within the meaning of the Ordinance, the name and the address of the RCHD concerned are not shown.

Annex 2

The information sought on RCHDs are as follows:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Cases of abuse	5	9	6	4	4
Cases of non-compliance issued with warnings	5	36	16	2	4
Cases of non-compliance being convicted	-	-	1	7	-

Annex 3

Number of licensed RCHDs and RCHDs operating with CoEs broken down by home type and care level (As at 1 January 2020)

Operation status	Care level	Home type			
		Subvented	**Self-financing**	**Private**	**Total**
Licence	High	118	3	11	**312**
	Medium	79	9	50	
	Low	36	5	1	
CoE	High	5	-	-	**9**
	Medium	3	-	-	
	Low	-	1	-	

Annex 4

RCHDs operating with CoEs
(As at 1 January 2020)

RCHD name	Home type	Care level
SAHK Jockey Club Bradbury Wah Sum Care Centre	Subvented	High
Fu Hong Society Lai Yiu Home	Subvented	High
Fu Hong Society Lai Yiu Adult Training Centre	Subvented	High
The Hong Kong Society For The Blind Bradbury Care And Attention Home For The Aged Blind	Subvented	High
Haven Of Hope Po Lam Day Activity Centre Cum Hostel	Subvented	High
ELCHK, Kwai Shing Hostel	Subvented	Medium
Richmond Fellowship Of Hong Kong Ping Shan House	Subvented	Medium
Christian Family Service Centre Tsui Lam Halfway House	Subvented	Medium
Richmond Fellowship Of Hong Kong Likang Court	Self-financing	Low

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LWB(WW)455

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5930)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding day respite service and home-based support day services for various types of mentally handicapped persons, what is the number of users per quarter for the past 5 years (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only)?
2. What is the number of people being refused service (the same person being refused service in more than 1 district not counted as 1)?
3. What is the per capita cost of each type of service?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 118)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The headcount of users of day respite service per quarter for the past 5 years is set out in the Annex. The home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) provides home-based support service for persons with severe disabilities (including mentally handicapped persons). As persons with disabilities can apply for HCS by approaching the service operators directly or through their social workers, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have data on the types of disabilities of the service users under home-based support day services.

2. & 3. SWD does not have the information sought.

Annex

Table 1: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2015-16 [Note]

April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	January to March 2016	Total
530	1 141	683	751	**3 105**

Table 2: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2016-17 [Note]

April to June 2016	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	January to March 2017	Total
660	1 386	645	426	**3 117**

Table 3: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2017-18 [Note]

April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018	Total
432	621	578	851	**2 482**

Table 4: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2018-19 [Note]

April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019	Total
545	695	650	537	**2 427**

Table 5: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019)

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	Total
516	588	442	**1 546**

[Note] A service user may have multiple admissions to the day respite service in a year.

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LWB(WW)456

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5931)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out for each quarter in the past 3 years:

1. the number of users of day respite service for persons with disabilities at the relevant service units (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only), broken down by gender and age (in ten-year bands from the age of 6);
2. the number of users of day care service at the relevant service units (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only), broken down by gender and age (in ten-year bands from the age of 6).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 120)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The headcount of users of day respite service for persons with disabilities in each quarter of the past 3 years is set out in Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the gender and age of the users of day respite service.
2. The day care service for severely disabled persons offers a wide range of day care services for severely disabled persons, such as nursing care, rehabilitation services, social activities and personal care services, with the aim to strengthen the caring capabilities of their families or carers for them, thereby enhancing the opportunities for severely disabled persons to continue living in the community. SWD does not have the statistics on the number of users of the day care service for severely disabled persons broken down by gender and age.

Annex

Table 1: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2017-18 [Note]

April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018	Total
432	621	578	851	**2 482**

Table 2: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2018-19 [Note]

April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019	Total
545	695	650	537	**2 427**

Table 3: Headcount of users of day respite service per quarter in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019) [Note]

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	Total
516	588	442	**1 546**

[Note] A service user may have multiple admissions to the day respite service in the same quarter.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5932)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide for the past 5 years:

1. the number of service users of the various services under the community-based support projects for persons with disabilities (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
2. the number of service users of the various parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) in each quarter (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 121)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Since 2009, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided funding to implement the community-based support projects for persons with disabilities, under which each project lasts for 3 years. From 2015 to 2019, 9 non-governmental organisations were granted funding by SWD to launch the relevant projects. The details of the funded projects are set out in Table 1 of Annex 1 and the number of participants in the projects is set out in Table 2 of Annex 1.
2. As at end-December 2019, there are altogether 12 PRCs subvented by SWD across the territory, including 6 new PRCs that were put in service in March 2019. The average number of family members in PRCs in each quarter over the past 5 years is set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 2.

Annex 1

Table 1: Details of the community-based support projects for persons with disabilities

Name of funded project / Name of agency	Year of funded project launched	
	January 2015 to December 2017	**January 2018 to December 2020**
Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	Training and Caring for People with Special Need	Training for Children with Special Needs
The Salvation Army	Share-Care - "SHINE" Project (Critical Moment Intervention for Autistic Persons and their Families)	Share-Care - "FLASH" Project (Critical Moment Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorders Persons and their Families)
Heep Hong Society	Junior Gateway Club - Enhancing quality of life of children with special needs and their families	Junior Gateway Club - Enhancing an accepting society for children with special needs and their families
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	Strengthening Professional Support to Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities	Strengthening Professional Support to Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	Creativity to Independence	Community in Arts
The Child Development Centre	The Multi-Systemic Community Support Programme	The Whole Child Approach Support Programme
The Intellectually Disabled Education & Advocacy League	We Care, We Share	We Care, We Share - Friendship & Partnership
Hong Kong Blind Union	Community Support Services for VIPs and their Families	Community Support Services for VIPs and their Families
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	Walking with Friends and Light	Walking with Friends and Light

Table 2: Number of participants in the projects

Agency name	January to December 2015	January to December 2016	January to December 2017	January to December 2018	January to December 2019
Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	763	810	797	719	674
The Salvation Army	444	423	468	441	310
Heep Hong Society	2 288	2 256	1 987	1 868	1 816
Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation [Note]	89	120	100	108	131
Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	802	969	1 026	664	947
The Child Development Centre	463	426	769	1 145	445
The Intellectually Disabled Education & Advocacy League	146	297	271	203	201
Hong Kong Blind Union	110	122	119	113	77
Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	69	51	39	51	54

[Note] Number of participating self-help organisations.

Annex 2

Table 1: Average number of family members of PRCs in each quarter in 2015-16

April to June 2015	July to September 2015	October to December 2015	January to March 2016
4 756	5 046	5 241	4 969

Table 2: Average number of family members of PRCs in each quarter in 2016-17

April to June 2016	July to September 2016	October to December 2016	January to March 2017
4 842	5 130	5 335	5 151

Table 3: Average number of family members of PRCs in each quarter in 2017-18

April to June 2017	July to September 2017	October to December 2017	January to March 2018
5 015	5 388	5 629	5 408

Table 4: Average number of family members of PRCs in each quarter in 2018-19

April to June 2018	July to September 2018	October to December 2018	January to March 2019
5 255	5 572	5 825	5 557

Table 5: Average number of family members of PRCs in each quarter in 2019-20 (April to December 2019)

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019
6 943	7 785	8 384

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LWB(WW)458

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5933)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide:

1. the number of participants, the number of persons having successfully secured jobs in the care sector, the number of persons not having joined the care sector, broken down by age and gender of the participants, under the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) since its launch.
2. the number of graduates registered and worked as health workers, and the number of graduates who continued to pursue programmes of healthcare disciplines under the Navigation Scheme since its launch.
3. the total annual expenditure and the per capita expenditure for the Navigation Scheme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 122)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people aged between 18 to 25 to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees had been recruited under the Navigation Scheme, with 445 graduates and 222, comprising 71 male trainees and 151 female trainees, still in the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 209 trainees had been arranged to take up work in elderly/rehabilitation service units. Based on the information provided by some trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units. SWD does not have information on the number of graduates who continued to pursue programmes of healthcare disciplines after leaving the Navigation Scheme.

3. The actual expenditure on the Navigation Scheme for 2017-18 and 2018-19 were about $34.6 million and $22.6 million respectively. The above expenditure reflects the funding allocated by SWD to the operating agencies with reference to the number of trainees recruited by the agencies in the year and the overall estimated expenditure for each trainee. Course fees will be reimbursed by the operating agencies to the trainees annually upon their successful completion of the course each year with a certificate issued by the training institute. As the Navigation Scheme has yet to be completed, SWD does not have the relevant information on the per capita expenditure. SWD will continue to provide a total of 1 200 training places under the Navigation Scheme within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures. The revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $2.8 million, which is mainly used in publicity work for the enhanced Navigation Scheme commenced in the first quarter of 2020.

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LWB(WW)459

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5934)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many posts of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nurses, health workers, care workers and workmen are there in subsidised services for the elderly and persons with disabilities? How many of the posts have been vacant for a long time? What policy does the Government have to improve the supply and demand in the manpower of such services?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 124)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements of Funding and Service Agreements. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of relevant posts and vacancies.

The Government has been closely monitoring the manpower demand of the welfare sector. In this connection, the Government has implemented the following measures to increase the manpower supply and strengthen their professional skills.

The University Grants Committee (UGC) conducts academic planning and recurrent grants assessment with the 8 universities under its funding on a triennial basis. With the support of UGC, the number of annual intake places for Bachelor in Occupational Therapy has been increased from 90 in 2015/16 academic year to 100 per year during the trienniums of 2016-19 and 2019-22, while such places for Bachelor in Physiotherapy has been increased from 110 in 2015/16 academic year to 130 per year during the triennium of 2016-19, and will be further increased to 150 during the triennium of 2019-22.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University launched a two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and a two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme in January 2012 on a self-financing basis. To encourage graduates to join the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in welfare sector, SWD has implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for NGOs which provide subsidised elderly and rehabilitation services to fully sponsor the tuition fees of students

recruited by them. The first to third cohorts graduated in January 2014, January 2016 and January 2019 respectively and have joined the employment market in succession. The sponsored students must work for the NGOs for at least 2 or 3 years after graduation. The fourth cohort has commenced in January 2019, among which 73 students have already been recruited by NGOs participating in the Training Sponsorship Scheme and received sponsorship of tuition fees from SWD.

Moreover, starting from the 2015/16 academic year, the Government has implemented the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors and subsidised about 1 000 students per cohort to pursue designated full-time locally-accredited self-financing undergraduate programmes in selected disciplines. The Government has regularised the scheme from 2018/19 academic year and has increased the number of subsidised places to about 3 000 per cohort. In the 2020/21 academic year, the number of first-year intake places for the designated undergraduate programmes of the healthcare discipline subsidised under the scheme will be increased to 1 320, as compared with 420 places for 2015/16 academic year.

From 2006 to 2016, SWD collaborated with the Hospital Authority to organise a total of 14 training classes under a two-year Enrolled Nurse (EN) (General)/EN(Psychiatric) Training Programme for Welfare Sector, providing a total of about 1 800 training places. Among the graduates of the 14 classes, over 90% joined the welfare sector after graduation. SWD has also commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 920 training places (including both General and Psychiatric streams) for 4 consecutive years starting from 2017-18. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector continuously for 2 years upon graduation. Besides, SWD plans to provide a total of 800 additional training places for EN(General) for 4 consecutive years from 2020-21.

Furthermore, SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees have been recruited under the Navigation Scheme, among which 445 have already graduated. The Government will continue to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21 and roll out enhancement measures, which including expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from the 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more efficiently, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, etc. with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The operating organisations will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020.

In addition, the Government has allocated an additional funding of $145 million for units of day/residential child care services and pre-school rehabilitation services in 2017-18 for enhancing the remuneration of child care workers, with a view to retaining and attracting such staff. The Government, starting from June 2018, provides additional resources for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants, thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively. The measure involves a recurrent expenditure of about $352 million.

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LWB(WW)460

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5935)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the total and average number of surprise inspections of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by category (care level and type of subsidy) of the homes.
2. Please provide the number of cases with irregularities detected and prosecutions made after surprise inspections by SWD in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by category (care level and type of subsidy) of RCHEs and RCHDs.
3. Please provide the total number of complaints received, complaints substantiated and cases resulted in penalties in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by category (care level and type of subsidy) of RCHEs and RCHDs, and the names of the 20 residential care homes with the highest number of complaints and irregularities detected and the number of such incidents.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 125)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) under SWD are responsible for inspecting RCHEs and RCHDs respectively. As SWD does not collect statistics on the total and average number of inspections broken down by care level and type of subsidy of the homes, these figures are not available. The number of inspections conducted on RCHEs and RCHDs by SWD in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 1.

2. The number of cases in which RCHEs were convicted of non-complying with the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance or the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2. In addition, in 2017-18 and 2018-19, there were 1 and 2 private RCHDs of medium care level respectively being convicted of non-complying with the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance.

3. Complaints involving RCHEs and RCHDs are investigated by LORCHE and LORCHD under SWD respectively. For homes found not complying with the requirements, depending on the nature and severity of the irregularity, SWD will consider issuing advisory letters, warning notices, directions on remedial measures, or initiating prosecution. As SWD does not collect statistics on complaint figures broken down by care level and type of subsidy of the homes, these figures are not available. The number of complaints and non-compliant cases with warning issued against RCHEs and RCHDs in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 3.

Annex 1

The number of inspections conducted on RCHEs and RCHDs by SWD in the past 5 years is set out below:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
RCHEs	5 260	5 537	5 578	5 687	4 197
RCHDs	2 387	1 930	2 031	2 518	1 868

Annex 2

The number of cases in which RCHEs were convicted of non-complying with the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance or the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation in the past 5 years is set out below:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Non-compliant cases being convicted	4	12	23	42	12

Annex 3

Table 1 The number of complaints and non-compliant cases with warning issued against RCHEs in the past 5 years is set out below:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Complaint cases	384	391	187	140	106
Non-compliant cases with warning issued	374	477	141	100	101

Table 2 The number of complaints and non-compliant cases with warning issued against RCHDs in the past 5 years is set out below:

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Complaint cases	44	68	47	47	23
Non-compliant cases with warning issued	5	36	16	2	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5937)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 631m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases		
With more than 1 sub-base		
With 1 sub-base		
Total		

2. Regarding District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams (DYOTs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard SoA of 137m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases		
With more than 1 sub-base		
With 1 sub-base		
Total		

3. For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 127)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of ICYSCs occupying a total floor area above and below the standard SoA is provided as follows:

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases	44	35
With more than 1 sub-base	1	1
With 1 sub-base	42	13
Total	87	49

2. A total of 19 DYOTs/Youth Outreaching Teams (YOTs) are operated by non-governmental organisations under subvention of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), with 17 of them located in standalone premises and 2 attached to Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres. Among the 17 standalone premises, the standard SoA for total floor area is met in 2 while the total floor area is either above or below the standard SoA in 15.

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases	5	9
With more than 1 sub-base	-	-
With 1 sub-base	1	-
Total	6	9

3. While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for ICYSCs/DYOTs/YOTs, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for ICYSC/DYOT/YOT purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual ICYSCs/DYOTs/YOTs having regard to new service demand and development in relevant service areas.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5938)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of children and youths having received cash assistance under the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (the Scheme) in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age, class level and year of application of the recipients.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 128)

Reply:

The number of beneficiaries under the Scheme from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 29 February 2020) is set out as follows (broken down by age group and year):

Age group	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 29 February 2020)
Aged 0 to 5	1 088	1 122	1 159	1 595	1 830
Aged 6 to 14	4 224	3 945	3 927	5 379	5 927
Aged 15 to 24	991	904	907	1 206	1 377
Total	6 303	5 971	5 993	8 180	9 134

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the class level of children and youths having received cash assistance under the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5939)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide detailed figures on the following since 1 January 2019:

1. the use of interpretation and translation services by various units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
2. the use of interpretation and translation services by SWD units in various districts and the languages calling for such services; and
3. various types of services required by various units of SWD that used interpretation and translation services.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 129)

Reply:

The service units of SWD have arranged interpretation services for ethnic minorities in need from 1 January to 31 December 2019. A breakdown of the relevant figures is provided as follows:

	Bahasa Indonesia	Hindi	Nepali	Punjabi	Tagalog	Thai	Urdu	Vietnamese	Other languages	Total
2019	9	14	58	32	3	12	50	12	28	218

SWD does not have information on the breakdown figures by unit and service type.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5940)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the annual expenditure and manpower involved in temporary shelters for street sleepers in the past 5 years? What was the headcount of service users?

What were the annual expenditure and manpower involved in the services for street sleepers in the past 5 years? What was the headcount of service users?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 130)

Reply:

The expenditure on integrated services for street sleepers (including emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels) subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 financial years is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The number of admissions for the emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels subvented by SWD and number of street sleeper cases receiving support are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of Annex.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators of non-governmental organisations have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing in compliance with the requirements under the Funding and Service Agreements to ensure service quality and meet service needs. SWD therefore does not have the staff establishment of services for street sleepers.

Annex

Table 1: Expenditure on Subvented Integrated Services for Street Sleepers

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	18.9
2016-17 (Actual)	20.2
2017-18 (Actual)	21.7
2018-19 (Actual)	22.9
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	23.3

Table 2: Number of Admissions for the Emergency/ Temporary Shelters/Hostels/Short-term Hostels

Year	Number of Admissions
2015-16	510
2016-17	516
2017-18	573
2018-19	576
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	475

Table 3: Number of Street Sleeper Cases Receiving Support

Year	Number of cases
2015-16	566
2016-17	635
2017-18	641
2018-19	643
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	513

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5941)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), please set out the annual headcount of children having received the service and the number of service hours involved in each of the past 3 years, by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 131)

Reply:

The number of service users (including home-based child care service and centre-based care group) and service hours under NSCCP in the past 3 financial years with a breakdown by 18 districts are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the annual headcount of children receiving NSCCP service.

Annex

Number of service users and service hours of NSCCP 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019)

District	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at December 2019)	
	Number of children served	Number of service hours	Number of children served	Number of service hours	Number of children served	Number of service hours
Central & Western	412	15 356	394	18 395	342	16 195
Eastern	495	36 266	456	28 818	362	21 353
Wan Chai	272	6 449	268	8 376	198	8 640
Southern	353	27 067	269	22 185	154	11 518
Islands	396	27 553	399	25 524	265	20 655
Kwun Tong	653	59 226	650	64 388	433	42 525
Wong Tai Sin	784	57 644	700	56 045	486	39 024
Sai Kung	849	53 169	853	50 170	650	31 162
Kowloon City	740	24 734	630	20 426	428	14 443
Sham Shui Po	1 143	74 444	1 135	81 748	610	44 605
Yau Tsim Mong	1 144	72 605	970	62 510	709	42 790
Sha Tin	882	61 909	849	65 236	760	54 513
Tai Po	869	87 699	861	84 648	543	58 194
North	438	41 337	382	30 996	232	18 511
Yuen Long	1 499	114 634	1 608	105 327	1 093	76 255
Tsuen Wan	700	40 067	675	32 556	591	25 708
Kwai Tsing	863	45 613	533	30 685	481	34 092
Tuen Mun	918	67 128	954	62 191	717	50 093
Total [Note]	**13 410**	**912 895**	**12 586**	**850 220**	**9 054**	**610 269**

[Note] Individual figures of service hours may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5942)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What was the amount of the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) holding account balance of each non-governmental organisation (NGO) under LSG subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 5 years?

	Amount of balance
2015-16	
2016-17	
2017-18	
2018-19	
2019-20	

2. What was the total amount of the provident fund (PF) reserve for non-Snapshot Staff of NGOs under LSG subvention from SWD in each of the past 5 years? Please complete the table below.

	Amount of reserve
2015-16	
2016-17	
2017-18	
2018-19	
2019-20	

3. How many NGOs under LSG subvention from SWD were required to refund to the Government due to excessive reserves in the past 5 years? What was the amount involved? Please set out the NGOs and the amount concerned in the table below.

	NGOs required to refund	Amount of refund
2015-16		
2016-17		
2017-18		
2018-19		
2019-20		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 132)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD does not collate information on the balance of the LSG holding account of each NGO. NGOs are not required to disclose the relevant information in their Annual Financial Reports (AFRs).

2. Information on the total amount of PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff of NGOs under LSG subvention in the past 5 years is provided as follows:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total amount of PF reserve for non-Snapshot Staff of NGOs ($ million)	1,120	1,210	1,290	1,400	Information not yet available [Note]

[Note] The information for 2019-20 is not available because NGOs are not yet required to submit their AFRs for 2019-20 (submission period being between the end of the financial year and 31 October 2020).

3. The name of those NGOs required to refund to the Government because their cumulative LSG reserves exceeded 25% of their operating expenditure for the year and the amount of the refund from 2015-16 to 2018-19 are set out in the Annex. The information for 2019-20 is not available because NGOs are not yet required to submit their AFRs for 2019-20 (submission period being between the end of the financial year and 31 October 2020).

Annex

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2015-16

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2015-16 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	312,449
2	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	724,035
3	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	77,146
4	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	299,483
5	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	514,538
6	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	1,105,750
7	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	744,457
8	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	8,221,542
9	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	402,104
10	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	465,151
11	Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong (The)	70,431
12	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	1,739,814
13	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	1,077,034
14	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited	205,449
15	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	76,918
16	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	1,831,215
17	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	403,923
18	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	899,394
19	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	614,542
20	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	894,351
21	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	1,424,923
22	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	3,714,646
23	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	348,983
24	Operation Dawn Limited (The)	791,323
25	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	1,169,191
26	Society for Community Organisation	329,180
27	Methodist Centre	355,505
28	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	654,971
29	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	218,588
30	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	281,128
31	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	1,035,441
32	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	1,311,741
33	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	304,844
34	Yan Chai Hospital	8,927,321
	Total [Note 2]	**41,547,510**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2016-17

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2016-17 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	1,083,966
2	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	723,223
3	Agency for Volunteer Service	120,965
4	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	245,718
5	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	73,700
6	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	383,462
7	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	1,772,367
8	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	7,035,196
9	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	1,043,155
10	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	606,604
11	First Assembly of God Church	38,220
12	Harmony House Limited	112,678
13	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	1,399,222
14	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	54,962
15	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	1,128,051
16	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	507,200
17	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	294,847
18	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	4,946,150
19	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	803,066
20	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	458,228
21	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	236,486
22	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	1,263,873
23	Methodist Centre	584,498
24	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	756,467
25	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	218,800
26	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	295,355
27	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	350,887
28	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	726,056
29	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	1,323,641
30	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	458,886
	Total [Note 2]	**29,045,931**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2017-18

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2017-18 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	500,390
2	Agency for Volunteer Service	859
3	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	263,004
4	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	91,878
5	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	732,510
6	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	1,058,823
7	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	6,790,903
8	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	523,472
9	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	60,700
10	Fung Kai Public School	1,201,893
11	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	367,655
12	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	1,764,173
13	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	989,408
14	International Women's League Limited	168,593
15	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	350,880
16	Lutheran Philip House Limited	332,030
17	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	2,240,217
18	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	848,220
19	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	9,197
20	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	912,328
21	Society for Community Organisation	167,354
22	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	124,066
23	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	654,647
24	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	141,321
25	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	416,834
26	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	1,143,907
	Total [Note 2]	**21,855,261**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2018-19

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2018-19 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	238,282
2	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	607,182
3	Agency for Volunteer Service	724,555
4	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	1,316,196
5	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	1,174,180
6	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	1,634,682
7	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	839,188
8	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	9,384,724
9	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	1,021,561
10	Fung Kai Public School	537,466
11	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	44,148
12	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	2,245,354
13	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	111,587
14	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	473,688
15	Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	587,987
16	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	1,758,065
17	International Women's League Limited	335,175
18	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	714,596
19	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	576,204
20	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	856,075
21	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	1,889,764
22	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited	260,373
23	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	2,255,438
24	Society for Community Organisation	545,785
25	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	449,085
26	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	934,550
27	Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association (The)	1,123,035
28	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	75,185
29	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	365,909
30	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	184,762
31	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	489,159
	Total [Note 2]	**33,753,937**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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LWB(WW)467

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5943)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of operating expenditure under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) for the year, in each of the past 5 years.

Percentage of reserve in an NGO's operating expenditure (without deducting the amount of reserve exempted from claw-back from 2004-05 to 2006-07)	Number of NGOs				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
50% or above					
44% to 49%					
40% to 44%					
35% to 39%					
30% to 34%					
25% to 29%					
20% to 14%					
15% to 19%					
10% to 14%					
5% to 9%					
0% to 4%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 133)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG reserve (without deducting the amount of LSG reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the LSG operating expenditure (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund) for the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG reserve to LSG operating expenditure (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund) for the year	Number of NGOs				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 [Note]	2018-19
50% or above	33	36	27	21	21
45% to under 50%	6	6	9	6	6
40% to under 45%	11	8	9	12	14
35% to under 40%	14	16	12	10	11
30% to under 35%	8	12	17	19	18
25% to under 30%	19	17	19	17	20
20% to under 25%	20	19	20	24	30
15% to under 20%	11	14	15	16	15
10% to under 15%	13	11	13	15	9
5% to under 10%	5	9	10	11	9
under 5%	24	17	14	14	12
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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LWB(WW)468

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5944)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) were required to refund the Government due to excessive reserves in the past 5 years? What was the amount involved? Please set out the NGOs and the amount involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 134)

Reply:

The name of those NGOs required to refund to the Government because their cumulative LSG reserves exceeded 25% of their operating expenditure for the year and the amount of the refund from 2015-16 to 2018-19 are set out in the Annex. The information for 2019-20 is not available because NGOs are not yet required to submit their Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) for 2019-20 (submission period being between the end of the financial year and 31 October 2020).

Annex

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2015-16

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2015-16 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	312,449
2	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	724,035
3	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	77,146
4	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	299,483
5	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	514,538
6	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	1,105,750
7	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	744,457
8	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	8,221,542
9	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	402,104
10	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	465,151
11	Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong (The)	70,431
12	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	1,739,814
13	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	1,077,034
14	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited	205,449
15	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	76,918
16	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	1,831,215
17	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	403,923
18	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	899,394
19	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	614,542
20	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	894,351
21	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	1,424,923
22	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	3,714,646
23	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	348,983
24	Operation Dawn Limited (The)	791,323
25	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	1,169,191
26	Society for Community Organisation	329,180
27	Methodist Centre	355,505
28	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	654,971
29	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	218,588
30	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	281,128
31	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	1,035,441
32	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	1,311,741
33	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	304,844
34	Yan Chai Hospital	8,927,321
	Total [Note 2]	**41,547,510**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of the SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2016-17

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2016-17 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	1,083,966
2	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	723,223
3	Agency for Volunteer Service	120,965
4	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	245,718
5	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	73,700
6	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	383,462
7	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	1,772,367
8	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	7,035,196
9	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	1,043,155
10	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	606,604
11	First Assembly of God Church	38,220
12	Harmony House Limited	112,678
13	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	1,399,222
14	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	54,962
15	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	1,128,051
16	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	507,200
17	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	294,847
18	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	4,946,150
19	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	803,066
20	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	458,228
21	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	236,486
22	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	1,263,873
23	Methodist Centre	584,498
24	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	756,467
25	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	218,800
26	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	295,355
27	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	350,887
28	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	726,056
29	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	1,323,641
30	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	458,886
	Total [Note 2]	**29,045,931**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of the SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2017-18

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2017-18 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	500,390
2	Agency for Volunteer Service	859
3	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	263,004
4	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	91,878
5	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	732,510
6	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	1,058,823
7	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	6,790,903
8	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	523,472
9	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	60,700
10	Fung Kai Public School	1,201,893
11	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	367,655
12	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	1,764,173
13	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	989,408
14	International Women's League Limited	168,593
15	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	350,880
16	Lutheran Philip House Limited	332,030
17	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	2,240,217
18	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	848,220
19	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	9,197
20	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	912,328
21	Society for Community Organisation	167,354
22	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	124,066
23	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	654,647
24	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	141,321
25	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	416,834
26	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	1,143,907
	Total [Note 2]	**21,855,261**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of the SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2018-19

S/N	Name of NGO	Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2018-19 [Note 1] ($)
1	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Service	238,282
2	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	607,182
3	Agency for Volunteer Service	724,555
4	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	1,316,196
5	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	1,174,180
6	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	1,634,682
7	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	839,188
8	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	9,384,724
9	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China	1,021,561
10	Fung Kai Public School	537,466
11	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	44,148
12	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	2,245,354
13	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	111,587
14	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	473,688
15	Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	587,987
16	International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	1,758,065
17	International Women's League Limited	335,175
18	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	714,596
19	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	576,204
20	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	856,075
21	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	1,889,764
22	Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited	260,373
23	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	2,255,438
24	Society for Community Organisation	545,785
25	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	449,085
26	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	934,550
27	Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association (The)	1,123,035
28	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	75,185
29	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	365,909
30	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	184,762
31	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	489,159
	Total [Note 2]	**33,753,937**

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of the SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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LWB(WW)469

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5945)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the proportion of their cumulative reserve (deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of operating expenditure under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) for the year, in each of the past 5 years.

Percentage of reserve in an NGO's operating expenditure (without deducting the amount of reserve exempted from claw-back from 2004-05 to 2006-07)	Number of NGOs				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
50% or above					
44% to 49%					
40% to 44%					
35% to 39%					
30% to 34%					
25% to 29%					
20% to 14%					
15% to 19%					
10% to 14%					
5% to 9%					
0% to 4%					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 135)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the proportion of their cumulative LSG reserve (deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of operating expenditure under LSG (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund) for the year from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Proportion of cumulative LSG reserve (deducting the amount of reserve deposited in the holding accounts) to the amount of operating expenditure under LSG (excluding expenditure on Provident Fund) for the year	**Number of NGOs**				
	2014-15	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18** [Note]	**2018-19**
50% or above	15	18	16	11	17
45% to under 50%	2	1	2	-	-
40% to under 45%	2	4	1	3	3
35% to under 40%	1	1	6	3	4
30% to under 35%	4	3	3	7	2
25% to under 30%	7	13	10	8	8
20% to under 25%	28	28	36	37	39
15% to under 20%	23	24	19	21	30
10% to under 15%	19	25	23	24	17
5% to under 10%	22	17	19	20	21
under 5%	41	31	30	31	24
Total	**164**	**165**	**165**	**165**	**165**

[Note] The provisional figures provided last year have been updated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5946)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) used LSG for non-Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) activities in the past 5 years? Among them, how many cases were found to have involved non-compliant use of LSG for non-FSA activities? What were the number of NGOs and amount involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 136)

Reply:

Cases in which NGOs are suspected to have misused LSG for operating non-FSA activities are isolated incidents. If such incidents are found, SWD will obtain details from the NGOs concerned for follow-up. As such, SWD does not have the statistical information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5947)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of the top three-tier executives of non-governmental organisations having received cash allowance under Lump Sum Grant subvention from the Social Welfare Department in the past 5 years? What was the amount involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 137)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the table below:

Reporting year	No. of staff having received cash allowance	Total amount of cash allowance ($)
2014-15	499	9,191,268
2015-16	436	7,504,622
2016-17	373	7,914,603
2017-18	399	7,136,381
2018-19	397	7,675,521

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5948)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) reserve of each non-governmental organisation (NGO) that received LSG subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 138)

Reply:

In accordance with the LSG Manual, being publicly accountable for their use of public funds, NGOs receiving LSG subvention are required to disclose their Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) (including information on their LSG reserve) to the public. Moreover, SWD has uploaded the AFRs of subvented NGOs or set up hyperlinks to the NGOs' websites for their AFRs since June 2017, so as to facilitate public access to AFRs and enhance NGOs' transparency. The website is as follows:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_AFRandRR/

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5949)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of social welfare services launched by way of fixed-price bidding (FB) and competitive bidding (CB) in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by Family and Child Welfare, Services for the Elderly, Rehabilitation Services, Community Development, Services for Young People and Services for Offenders.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 139)

Reply:

The number of new service agreements/contracts awarded [Note 3] by way of FB [Note 1] and CB [Note 2] by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019) is set out as follows:

Type of service	Programme	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
		Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts	Service agreements/ contracts
Family and Child Welfare	FB	-	2	2	27	31
	CB	3	5	-	3	1
Services for the Elderly	FB	5	1	1	11	13
	CB	5	2	3	2	2
Rehabilitation Services	FB	14	3	8	41	25
	CB	-	1	-	1	-
Community Development	FB	-	-	-	-	-
	CB	-	-	-	-	-
Services for Young People	FB	37	40	11	15	14
	CB	-	-	-	-	-
Services for Offenders	FB	-	-	-	-	-
	CB	-	-	-	-	-

[Note 1] The price for the service provision was fixed by SWD in advance. SWD awarded service agreements/contracts by comparing the service quality of the proposals submitted by the non-governmental organisations.

[Note 2] Service contracts awarded by tender through CB.

[Note 3] Referring to the number of agreements/contracts awarded to the service operators within a specific timeframe.

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LWB(WW)474

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5950)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on all emergency places for street sleepers in Hong Kong, including geographical distribution, addresses (if applicable), number of beds, number of enrolments and utilisation rate.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 140)

Reply:

Placements are available for street sleepers at all emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/ short-term hostels. Apart from the 222 places subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), there are 413 places operated by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing basis, adding up to a total of 635 places. In 2019-20 (as at December 2019), the cumulative number of admissions for residential service in emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels subvented by SWD was 475 and the utilisation rate was 83%. The geographical distribution and address of the emergency/temporary shelters/ hostels/short-term hostels in individual districts are set out at the Annex.

Annex

Address of emergency/temporary shelters/ hostels/short-term hostels for street sleepers by district

District	Service Unit & Address
Hong Kong Island	Li Chit Street Hostel, St. James' Settlement 1/F and 2/F, 1 Li Chit Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
	Wanchai Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 1/F, Rear Block, 83 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
	Pok Oi Hospital Jockey Club Hostel for Single Persons Flat 101, 1/F, Sui Keung House, Siu Sai Wan Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
Kowloon	Jockey Club Lok Fu Hostel for Single Persons, Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council G/F, Lok Tsui House, Lok Fu Estate, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon
	Caritas Hung Hom Hostel, Caritas-Hong Kong 1 Hung Ling Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon
	Yee On Hostel, the Salvation Army Flat 111-116, Hoi Yu House, Hoi Fu Court, Mong Kok, Kowloon
	Home of Blessings, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Portland Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon
	Yaumatei Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 1/F, 345A, Shanghai Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon
	Esther Lodge, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Nathan Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon
	Grace Hostel, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Fuk Wing Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
	Home of Abundant Grace, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Wong Chuk Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
	Shamshuipo Shelter, Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Trustees Incorporated 2/F to 4/F, 15A Un Chau Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
	Home of Love, Missionaries of Charity G/F, Cheong Chit House, Nam Cheong Estate, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
	Home of Adulan Hostel, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
New Territories	Home of Lily, Christian Concern for the Homeless Association Tat Yan Square, Tuen Mun, New Territories

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LWB(WW)475

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5951)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the total amount of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention and the funding allocated by the Social Welfare Department under "Civil Service Pay Adjustment" for subvented organisations to adjust the pay of their staff in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 141)

Reply:

Year	Total LSG subvention ($ million)	Funding allocated to organisations receiving LSG arising from Civil Service Pay Adjustment ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	11,845	480
2016-17 (Actual)	12,530	520
2017-18 (Actual)	13,057	337
2018-19 (Actual)	14,625	558
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	16,820	770

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5952)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government provide the following information on the services of Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs):

1. What was the total number of members of each unit with a breakdown by the types of mental disorders, gender and age (age groups in ten-year bands above the age of 15) in the past 5 years?
2. What were the expenditure of the whole programme, the average cost per service user of each service unit as well as the average cost per service user of various types of services in the past 5 years?
3. Please set out the number of places for planned services with details by geographical distribution.
4. What were the staffing of various posts concerning the services provided, the ratio of staff to service users as well as the shortfall of staff in various posts?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.:151)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of members who are ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems in the 24 ICCMWs in the past 5 years is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the types of mental disorders of the ICCMW members.
2. The amount of subvention for the 24 ICCMWs granted by SWD in the past 5 years is set out in Table 2 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the cost per service user of the ICCMWs.
3. SWD does not have newly planned ICCMWs.
4. SWD will calculate subventions for subvented services using the Notional Staffing Establishment (NSE). Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. In order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations, SWD uploaded the samples of NSE onto its webpage in February 2017. The NSE of ICCMWs is set out in Table 3 of Annex.

SWD does not have information on the manning ratio and the manpower shortage of ICCMWs.

Annex

Table 1: Number of members in 24 ICCMWs by age and gender [Note]

Year	Number of members								
	Aged 15 to 29		Aged 30 to 59		Aged 60 and above		Others (e.g. age unknown, not given, etc.)		Total
	Male (M)	Female (F)	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2014-15	1 720	1 921	5 763	11 510	1 675	2 995	24	54	**25 662**
2015-16	1 789	1 911	5 666	11 688	1 865	3 599	2	4	**26 524**
2016-17	1 644	1 926	5 777	11 759	1 897	4 016	-	-	**27 019**
2017-18	1 610	1 961	5 600	11 831	2 195	4 454	-	-	**27 651**
2018-19	1 573	2 000	5 519	11 765	2 359	5 096	-	-	**28 312**

[Note] SWD does not have information on the types of mental disorders of ICCMW members.

Table 2: Amount of subvention for the 24 ICCMWs granted by SWD in the past 5 years

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	283.2
2016-17 (Actual)	310.0
2017-18 (Actual)	330.9
2018-19 (Actual)	381.2
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	455.9

Table 3: NSE of ICCMWs

ICCMW Scale: 1 Notional Team (as at October 2019)	
Rank/Post	**Number of staff**
Social Work Officer	1.56
Assistant Social Work Officer	10.08
Social Work Assistant	9.20
Registered Nurse (Psychiatric)	2.00
Occupational Therapist I	1.13
Occupational Therapist II	1.00
Occupational Therapist Assistant	2.00
Welfare Worker	6.13
Clerical Assistant	1.00
Workman II	1.00

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5953)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list in respect of each of the past 5 years:

1. the current number of persons benefitting from "the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities" under the Community Care Fund (CCF), with a breakdown by type of accommodation (including subsidised housing/private housing/subsidised residential care home/private residential care home/self-financing residential care home);
2. the current number of persons receiving "the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled" under the CCF, with a breakdown by type of accommodation (including subsidised housing/private housing/subsidised residential care home/private residential care home/self-financing residential care home);
3. the current number of persons benefitting from "the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers" under the CCF, with a breakdown by income level of the applicants;
4. the current number of persons benefitting from "the Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme" under the CCF, with a breakdown by amount of disregarded earnings (DE);
5. Has the Government considered raising the threshold age for CCF applications to 65 so that it converges with Old Age Living Allowance? If yes, what are the details and if no, what are the reasons?
6. Has the Government considered regularising the above schemes?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 155)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at end-December 2019, a total of 2 311 carers had received allowances under the 2 phases of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities. As the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not

have information on the type of accommodation of the carers, the information sought cannot be provided.

2. As at end-December 2019, a total headcount of 14 628 persons benefited from the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled programme. As SWD does not have information on the number of beneficiaries compiled by year and type of accommodation of beneficiaries, the information sought cannot be provided.

3. As at end-December 2019, a total of 41 beneficiaries had received subsidies under the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers. As SWD does not have information on the income level of beneficiaries compiled by year, the information sought cannot be provided.

4. As at end-December 2019, there were a total of 7 897 beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, with about $37.19 million of additional DE having been granted in the form of subsidy. SWD does not have the other information sought.

5. & 6. SWD will review various CCF assistance programmes related to persons with disabilities, including their assistance target, amount of subsidies, etc., and report to the CCF Task Force in a timely manner the results of effectiveness evaluation and the way forward for the assistance programmes (including whether to continue or regularise the relevant assistance programmes).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5955)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme), please advise:

1. the name, location applied for, service type, number of places provided, floor area involved and estimated time of service commencement of the applicant organisations in the past 5 years;
2. the name, location, floor area, service type and actual number of places provided in respect of the completed projects under the Special Sites Scheme in the past 5 years;
3. the service types to be developed and estimated number of places in the second phase of the Special Sites Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 157)

Reply:

The Government has received a total of 63 preliminary proposals from 43 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme as at 18 November 2013, the closing date of application. After review, 13 project proposals, which are not able to proceed further due to various reasons (e.g. site constraints), have been removed from the Special Sites Scheme. The distribution of the types of proposed new services and the number of additional service places by district for the remaining 50 proposals are set out at Annex.

As at end of December 2019, 5 projects under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme had been completed and commenced service, and 1 other project had entered the construction stage and was expected to be completed in 2020. These 6 projects provide various welfare services, including about 260 additional elderly service places (about 100 of them being subsidised places) and about 1 020 additional rehabilitation service places (all of them being subsidised places). Details are as follows:

Works project	Additional places of welfare services on the list of facilities set out by the Government under the Special Sites Scheme
Redevelopment of Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre - Minor Staff Quarter and Services Building, Pinehill Village, Tai Po	100 places of hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)

Works project	Additional places of welfare services on the list of facilities set out by the Government under the Special Sites Scheme
Redevelopment of Caritas Social Centre - Tsuen Wan at 9 Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan	120 places of care-and-attention home for the elderly providing a continuum of care (C&A Home/CoC) (including 48 places operating on a self-financing basis) 40 places of day care centre for the elderly (DE) (including 10 places operating on a self-financing basis)
Redevelopment of Heep Hong Society Catherine Lo Centre at 19 Sandy Bay Road, Pokfulam	54 places of special child care centre (SCCC) 180 places of early education and training centre (EETC)
New development on a vacant area now used for the purposes of environmental enhancement and farming within Hong Chi Pinehill Village, Tai Po	60 places of SCCC 50 places of EETC
Redevelopment of Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre - Main Building, Pinehill Village, Tai Po	200 places of hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) 200 places of day activity centre (DAC) 180 places of integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre (IVRSC)
Expansion of Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home at 8 Pui Shing Lane, Tseung Kwan O	103 places of C&A Home/CoC operating on a self-financing basis (is expected to complete in 2020)

Under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme, NGO applicants will have to provide a net increase in the provision of 1 or more of the following welfare service facilities as required:

Elderly services	(i) C&A Home/CoC
	(ii) Nursing Home (NH)
	(iii) DE
	(iv) C&A Home/CoC cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly (DCU)
	(v) NH cum DCU
Rehabilitation services	(vi) Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
	(vii) HMMH
	(viii) HSMH
	(ix) Long Stay Care Home
	(x) IVRSC
	(xi) DAC
	(xii) SCCC
	(xiii) Hostel for Severely Physically Handicapped Persons
	(xiv) Supported Hostel for Mentally and Physically Handicapped Persons
	(xv) On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services Office
Child care services	(xvi) Child Care Centre
	(xvii) Residential Child Care Centre
	(xviii) Small Group Home

A total of 26 proposals were received from 17 NGOs under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme by the closing date of application on 30 August 2019. The Social Welfare Department is examining the preliminary proposals and will discuss with NGO applicants progressively to finalise the details of the proposals such as the service type and number of places, development parameters, project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

Annex

Distribution of proposed new services and places in the proposals received under Phase One of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses by district (based on the latest revised proposals of NGO applicants)

District	No. of Applications	C&A Home/CoC	NH	DE	C&A/ SD	HSMH	HMMH	LSCH	IVRSC	DAC	SCCC	EETC
Hong Kong												
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	3	410	-	140	-	160	100	-	120	170	60	210
Southern	6	643	300	186	150	110	120	-	120	110	54	240
Wan Chai	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kowloon												
Kowloon City	4	239	203	180	-	200	150	-	260	200	150	221
Kwun Tong	5	895	-	230	-	250	140	-	200	300	210	210
Sham Shui Po	3	218	-	96	-	-	100	100	125	-	-	60
Wong Tai Sin	2	101	120	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	2	-	-	60	-	30	-	-	-	50	156	295
New Territories												
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	3	120	-	200	70	70	80	-	120	70	60	120
North	4	662	-	146	-	50	120	-	120	50	-	-
Sai Kung	4	353	200	60	120	120	-	-	-	162	-	-
Sha Tin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tai Po	5	495	-	-	-	200	100	-	180	200	120	170
Tsuen Wan	2	507	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Tuen Mun	4	1 170	604	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	60
Yuen Long	3	304	-	140	30	56	-	-	-	100	60	-
Total	**50**	**6 117**	**1 427**	**1 768**	**370**	**1 246**	**910**	**100**	**1 245**	**1 412**	**900**	**1 676**

Legend

C&A Home/CoC	Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a Continuum of Care
NH	Nursing Home
DE	Day Care Centre for the Elderly
C&A/SD	Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
HSMH	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons
HMMH	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons
LSCH	Long Stay Care Home
IVRSC	Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre
DAC	Day Activity Centre
SCCC	Special Child Care Centre
EETC	Early Education and Training Centre

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5957)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (CCSV Pilot Scheme), the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme) and the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (RCSV Pilot Scheme), please advise on the following:

1. the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of places, the number of persons currently using the vouchers, the number of persons having left and the expenditure involved since the introduction of the aforesaid pilot schemes;
2. the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they applied for the 3 pilot schemes;
3. the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they got the vouchers for the 3 pilot schemes;
4. a breakdown of the cumulative number of elderly persons having left the 3 pilot schemes by reason of leaving; and
5. a breakdown of the cumulative number of voucher holders in the 3 pilot schemes by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 161)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017. As at end-August 2017, there were 62 RSPs providing 998 day care service places in total, and there were 1 053 CCSV users and 1 914 persons having left the pilot scheme cumulatively. The total amount of subsidies involved in the CCSV Pilot Scheme was about $175.8 million. The second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2016. As at end-December 2019, there were 153 RSPs in total providing 2 986 day care service places and 5 191 home care service places, and there were 4 166 CCSV

users and 4 779 persons having left the pilot scheme cumulatively. The Revised Estimate for 2019-20 was about $226 million.

As regards the RCSV Pilot Scheme, as at end-December 2019, there were 1 665 RCSV users and 482 persons having left the pilot scheme cumulatively, and there were 120 RSPs in total. Where the position of residential places permits, RSPs must provide such places to any RCSV holder wishing to be admitted. The Revised Estimate for 2019-20 was about $280 million.

The Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme was launched on 28 December 2017. Under the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme, services are provided by 55 integrated home care services teams under all of the 24 non-governmental organisations operating integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)). It is estimated that about 4 000 service places will be provided under the Pilot Scheme.

The Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme does not subsidise elderly persons to receive services in the form of service vouchers. As at end-December 2019, there were 2 801 persons having received services and granted subsidies cumulatively, and the total amount granted was about $62 million.

2. & 3. The statistics captured for the CCSV Pilot Scheme and the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme do not include the time taken for the elderly persons to receive services and the time waiting for services. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

As at end-December 2019, cumulatively it took the elderly RCSV users an average of about 3 months from SWD's receipt of their applications to their receipt of the services. Meanwhile, cumulatively it took the elderly RCSV users an average of about 18 days from their receipt of RCSVs to their receipt of the services.

4. The cumulative number of elderly persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme, RCSV Pilot Scheme and the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving is set out in Tables 1 to 4 at the Annex.

5. The number of participants in the CCSV Pilot Scheme, RCSV Pilot Scheme and the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by co-payment level is set out in Tables 5 to 8 at the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Distribution of cumulative elderly persons having left the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving

Reason for leaving the pilot scheme	No. of persons
Natural turnover	
Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	845
Deceased	298
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	264
Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town)	106
Service-related	
No suitable service providers/service packages	401
Total	**1 914**

Table 2: Distribution of cumulative elderly persons having left the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2019)

Reason for leaving the pilot scheme	No. of persons
Natural turnover	
Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service	2 192
Deceased	1 243
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers	628
Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town)	429
Service-related	
No suitable service providers/service packages	287
Total	**4 779**

Table 3: Distribution of cumulative RCSV holders having left the RCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2019)

Reason for leaving the pilot scheme	No. of persons
Elderly persons having no immediate need for residential care services	21
Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc. or Community Care Service	77
Deceased	260
The preferred RSP was full/no suitable RSPs	53
Chose to wait for subsidised residential care places	33
Refused to accept the co-payment arrangement	21
Others (e.g. long-term hospitalisation, out of town, chose not to leave the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and could not adapt to institutional life, etc.)	17
Total	**482**

Table 4: Distribution of elderly persons having left the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by reason for termination of services (as at end-December 2019)

Reason for termination of services	Deceased	Admitted to residential care services	Admitted to community care services subsidised by the Government	Withdrawn from services	Total
No. of persons	114	87	47	300	**548**

Table 5: Distribution of CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level

Co-payment level [Note]	No. of persons
I	2 031
II	312
III	299
IV	53
V	273
Total	**2 968**

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the first phase of the pilot scheme are set according to affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V), being $500 (I), $750 (II), $1,000 (III), $1,500 (IV) and $2,500 (V).

Table 6: Distribution of CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2019)

Co-payment level [Note]	No. of persons
I	951
II	2 898
III	556
IV	598
V	109
VI	823
Total	**5 935**

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the pilot scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI), being 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of CCSV value.

Table 7: Distribution of RCSV holders by co-payment level (as at end-December 2019)

Level [Note]	**0**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
Co-payment ratio	0.0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	62.5%	75%
Cumulative no. of RCSV holders	1 693	210	6	4	2	-	-	31

[Note] The face value of a voucher is $15,263 per month starting from 1 October 2019. Under the RCSV Pilot Scheme, there are 8 co-payment levels in total, level 0 being the lowest and level 7 being the highest. The Government will fully subsidise RCSV holders classified under co-payment level 0. RCSV holders under co-payment levels 1 to 7 have to pay service fees according to the co-payment ratio.

Table 8: Distribution of participants in the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2019)

Co-payment level [Note]	**No. of persons**
I	1 182
II	1 332
III	141
IV	133
V	13
Total	**2 801**

[Note] The 5 co-payment ratios for meal services are set at 20%, 30%, 35%, 40% and 45%, whereas the 5 co-payment ratios for home services are set at 0%, 9%, 15%, 21% and 27%.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5958)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants, the number of current elderly CSSA recipients, case volume and the number of places over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age group (in five-year bands).
2. With the eligible age for elderly CSSA being raised to 65, please provide the number of able-bodied adult CSSA applicants aged 60 or above, the number of current elderly CSSA recipients, case volume and the number of places with a breakdown by age group (in five-year bands).
3. Please provide the number of elderly CSSA cases with recipients aged 60 to 64, the proportion of such cases to all elderly CSSA cases over the past 10 years, and the annual expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 162)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of new CSSA applications under the case nature of old age, the number of CSSA old age cases and the number of all CSSA recipients aged 60 or above are set out in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 of Annex 1 respectively.

2. & 3. The number of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above as at end-December 2019 is provided as follows:

Number of CSSA recipients		
Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 or above
26 730	26 442	81 160

The number of CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64 and its percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set

out in Annex 2. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of new CSSA applications (among which cases on CSSA intermittently have been counted more than once) under the case nature of old age

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	13 606	15 856	15 986	14 174	9 705

Table 2: Number of CSSA old age cases

Case nature	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Old age	146 135	144 781	144 129	141 280	136 050

Table 3: Number of all CSSA recipients aged 60 or above

Year	Number of recipients aged 60 or above
2015-16	170 914
2016-17	168 413
2017-18	165 794
2018-19	161 412
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	158 656

Annex 2

Number of CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64 and its percentage of the total number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients aged 60 to 64	Percentage of the total number of recipients aged 60 or above
2015-16	25 902	15.2%
2016-17	25 518	15.2%
2017-18	25 277	15.2%
2018-19	25 102	15.6%
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	24 324	15.3%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5959)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:
Please advise this Committee:

1. the number of designated places for respite service (designated places), the number of cases, and their utilisation rate over the past 5 years with a breakdown by the 18 District Council (DC) districts in Hong Kong;
2. the number of casual vacancies of the subsidised places for respite service (casual vacancy places) in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), subvented nursing homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the number of cases, and their utilisation rate over the past 5 years with a breakdown by the 18 districts in Hong Kong;

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 163)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Currently, some subvented RCHEs and contract RCHEs provide designated residential respite service. Since February 2018, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has introduced a special measure to purchase additional residential places from private RCHEs participating in the EBPS to provide designated residential respite service for the elderly, and the special measure has been regularised since October 2019. The number of places by district, the overall service volume and the overall average utilisation rate of designated residential respite service from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 and 2.
2. The overall service volume of residential respite service provided by casual vacancies of subsidised places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out in the table below. SWD does not have the breakdown by district.

	Number of cases/persons served				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	257	262	250	237	164
Private RCHEs participating in the	568	528	584	448	326

EBPS					

As casual vacancy places will not be available regularly, SWD does not have information on the number of service places and the utilisation rate.

Annex 1

Number of designated residential respite places by district 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Subvente/ contract RCHEs	Subvente/ contract RCHEs	Subvente/ contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Subvente/ contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Subvente/ contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS
Central & Western	-	1	1	22	3	22	3	22
Southern	2	2	4	12	4	14	4	14
Islands	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
Eastern	1	2	2	17	3	20	3	20
Wan Chai	-	1	1	2	1	4	1	6
Kwun Tong	1	2	4	13	4	13	5	14
Wong Tai Sin	3	3	5	6	5	6	5	8
Sai Kung	2	2	3	-	3	-	3	-
Kowloon City	1	1	2	40	2	40	2	40
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	2	24	3	24	3	22
Sham Shui Po	1	3	4	16	5	16	6	18
Sha Tin	2	2	4	-	4	-	5	-
Tai Po	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	10
North	2	2	2	12	2	12	2	12
Yuen Long	2	2	3	32	3	32	3	32
Tsuen Wan	2	2	4	16	4	18	4	18
Kwai Tsing	2	3	3	26	4	26	4	26
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	14	1	14	1	22
Total	**23**	**32**	**48**	**256**	**54**	**265**	**57**	**284**

Annex 2

Overall service volume and average utilisation rate of designated residential respite places
2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Subvented/contract RCHEs		Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	
	No. of cases	Utilisation rate	No. of cases	Utlisation rate
2015-16	271	68%	---	--
2016-17	363	67%	---	--
2017-18	507	69%	238 [Note]	44% [Note]
2018-19	636	67%	1 576	52%
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	516	71%	1 586	63%

[Note] Designated residential respite service, provided by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, commenced in February 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5960)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of various elderly care services below, please advise the number of units, the number of places, the number of cases and the expenditure involved:

1. Nursing homes
2. Subvented residential care homes for the elderly
3. Day care centres/units for the elderly
4. District elderly community centres
5. Neighbourhood elderly centres
6. Social centres for the elderly
7. Integrated home care services (IHCS) (ordinary cases)
8. IHCS (frail cases)
9. Enhanced home and community care services
10. Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme
11. Enhanced Bought Place Scheme
12. Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly
13. Contract homes
14. Enhanced home and community care services

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 164)

Reply:

The respective numbers of various elderly care service units, places/residential places and cases, and the Revised Estimate for 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 and 2.

The Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (RCSV Pilot Scheme) has been launched since March 2017 to offer eligible elderly persons an additional choice. As at end-December 2019, a total of 120 residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participated in the RCSV Pilot Scheme as recognised service providers and the cumulative number of RCSV users was 1 665. The Revised Estimate for 2019-20 is about $280 million.

Annex 1

Number of units, places/residential places and cases of various elderly care services (as at end-December 2019)

	No. of units	No. of places/ residential places	No. of cases
Nursing homes (NHs)	6	1 574	1 522
Subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	122	15 346	14 993
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	79	3 383	4 973
District elderly community centres (DECCs)	41	N.A. [Note 1]	13 035 [Note 4]
Neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs)	169	N.A. [Note 1]	20 324 [Note 5]
Social centres for the elderly	1	N.A. [Note 1]	N.A. [Note 6]
Integrated home care services (IHCS) (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC))	60	17 587 [Note 2]	17 587
IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC))	60	1 120	1 109
Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)	5	288	278
Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)	147	8 859	8 178
Contract homes	32	2 471 [Note 3]	2 404 [Note 3]
Enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS)	34	9 245	9 052

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] DECCs, NECs and social centres for the elderly are open to all members of the public aged 60 or above with no specific service quota.

[Note 2] Individual IHCS(OC) providers set their own service capacity.

[Note 3] Excluding the number of non-subsidised residential places.

[Note 4] As the Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council offers counselling services to various types of service targets, including family, children and youth, and elderly persons, in an integrated model, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of counselling cases of elderly persons handled by this centre.

[Note 5] As the H.K.S.K.H. Tung Chung Integrated Services - The Lodge of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited offers counselling services to various types of service targets, including family, children and youth, and elderly persons, in an integrated model, SWD does not have the number of counselling cases of elderly persons handled by this centre.

[Note 6] According to the Funding and Service Agreement of social centres for the elderly, case counselling service is not included.

Annex 2

Full-year expenditure for various elderly services
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)

	Full-year expenditure ($ million)
NHs	484.5
Subvented RCHEs	3,159.6
DEs/DCUs	420.1
DECCs	636.3
NECs	864.8
Social centres for the elderly	1.5
IHCS (OC & FC)	736.6
NHPPS	60.3
EBPS	1,439.8
Contract homes	610.4
EHCCS	680.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5961)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:
Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

A) the number of elderly persons discharged from public hospitals after treatment over the past 2 years, broken down by "number of existing elderly participants in the Pilot Scheme", "cumulative number of elderly participants in the Pilot Scheme", and "number of past elderly participants in the Pilot Scheme".

B) the cumulative number of elderly who have left the Pilot Scheme broken down by reasons for leaving.

C) the number of elderly under the Pilot Scheme broken down by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 166)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with SWD being responsible for its implementation.

In 2018-19, a cumulative total of 585 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 351 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 234 of them receiving services. In 2019-20, a cumulative total of 1 102 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 830 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 272 of them receiving services. The number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by reason for leaving is provided as follows:

Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Independent living or being taken care of by family members	217	505
Allocated with subsidised community care and support services	40	69
Allocated with subsidised/private residential care service	54	165
Others (including deceased, hospitalised, out of town, etc.)	40	91
Total	351	830

The number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by co-payment level is provided as follows:

Co-payment level (Co-payment percentage)	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
I (5%)	79	155
II (8%)	301	549
III (12%)	67	120
IV (16%)	83	164
V (25%)	13	27
VI (40%)	42	87
Total	585	1 102

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5962)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. With regard to the definition in the Procedural Guidelines for Handling Elder Abuse Cases, please provide over the past 5 years the respective numbers of elder abuse cases received; a breakdown of such cases by the elderly person's living situation (e.g. living with other relatives, living with different family members/relatives, living in residential care homes, etc.); a breakdown of such cases by housing type (e.g. private residential care home for the elderly (RCHE), subvented RCHE, etc.); a breakdown of such cases by factors leading to abuse/risk of abuse.

2. With regard to the definition in the Guidelines for Handling Mentally Handicapped/ Mentally Ill Adult Abuse Cases, please provide over the past 5 years the number of mentally handicapped/mentally ill adult abuse cases received each year; a breakdown of such cases by nature of abuse; a breakdown of such cases by the type of social service units involved (e.g. sheltered workshops (SWs), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), etc.); a breakdown of such cases by living situation (e.g. living with other relatives, living with different family members/relatives, living in residential care homes, etc.); a breakdown of such cases by factors leading to abuse/risk of abuse.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 167)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. According to the Procedural Guidelines for Handling Elder Abuse Cases (Revised in 2019), social workers and government departments/units responsible for case handling must report elder abuse cases through the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The reporting mechanism aims at collecting case details for reference by relevant service personnel. Based on the SWD's records, the number of cases collected in the system involving individuals aged 60 or above in each of the past 5 years (i.e. from 2015 to 2019) was 557, 613, 569, 496 and 488 respectively. SWD does not have the breakdown of the circumstances and type of accommodation of the abused, and the factor/risk factor

leading to elder abuse. There were 4, 4, 2, 3 and 3 abuse cases received by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of SWD in the past 5 years (i.e. from 2015 to 2019) respectively, involving physical abuse (12 cases), neglect (2 cases) and financial abuse (2 cases). Among these 16 abuse cases, 1 occurred at subvented RCHE and 15 occurred at private RCHEs.

2. SWD does not have information on the overall number of mentally handicapped/ mentally ill adult abuse cases received each year or on the number of abuse cases involved in day rehabilitation service units.

There were 7, 9, 6, 2 and 6 abuse cases received by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities of SWD in the past 5 years (i.e. from 2015 to 2019) respectively, involving physical abuse (23 cases), sexual abuse (4 cases), neglect (1 case) and financial abuse (2 cases).

Among these 30 abuse cases, 23 cases occurred at subvented residential care homes (including 20 cases in HSMHs/hostels for severely physically handicapped persons/ long stay care homes/care-and-attention homes for the aged blind and 3 cases in HMMHs). As for self-financing or private residential care homes, there were 2 cases and 5 cases respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5963)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the number of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) by type; the number of RCHEs with self-owned or rented premises; the average and median rent among different types of RCHEs with rented premises with a breakdown by the 18 districts; and the average and median rent for each residential place among different types of RCHEs with rented premises in the past 5 years.
2. Please set out the post, number, monthly working hours, average monthly pay of staff working in different types of RCHEs, and the respective numbers of staff being Hong Kong permanent residents and non-Hong Kong permanent residents in the past 5 years.
3. Please set out the number of deaths among residents in different types of RCHEs in the past 5 years.
4. Please set out the number of residents under restraint in different types of RCHEs, the reasons and types in the past 5 years.
5. Please set out the number of various complaints in different types of RCHEs in the past 5 years.
6. Please set out the number of various special incidents in different types of RCHEs in the past 5 years.
7. Please set out the number of cases of various infectious diseases in different types of RCHEs in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 168)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of various types of RCHEs in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 1. As RCHEs are not required to submit to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) information on rent for their premises on a regular basis, SWD does not have the figures sought.

2. RCHEs are required to comply with various requirements set out in the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) (CoP). Among them, the operator of an RCHE should maintain a record of every person employed in the RCHE. These records will be examined during inspections conducted by inspectors of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) under SWD. SWD does not have information on the post, working hours, monthly pay of staff working in different types of RCHEs, and whether the staff are Hong Kong permanent residents or not, etc.

3. Under the CoP, an RCHE must establish and maintain a comprehensive and regularly updated record system, including information in respect of death of the residents. These records will be examined during inspections conducted by inspectors of the LORCHE under SWD. As SWD does not collect statistics on the number of deaths among RCHE residents, these figures are not available.

4. RCHEs are required to comply with the requirements set out in the CoP concerning the maintenance of a record of the application of restraints. These records will be examined during inspections conducted by inspectors of the LORCHE under SWD, with advice provided as necessary. As SWD does not collect statistics on the number, reasons and types of RCHE residents under restraint, the information sought is not available.

5. Under the CoP, an RCHE must maintain a record of complaints lodged by residents or any other persons relating to the management or operation of the RCHE and any follow-up action taken in relation to the complaints. These records will be examined during inspections conducted by inspectors of the LORCHE under SWD. As SWD does not collect the record of complaints maintained by RCHEs, the figures on complaints followed up and recorded by various types of RCHEs are not available.

6. The total number of special incident reports submitted by RCHEs to SWD in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2. Special incidents generally include unusual deaths/incidents resulting in serious injuries or deaths of residents, missing of residents requiring police assistance, established/suspected cases of abuse or privacy infringement of residents by staff/residents or other people in RCHEs, disputes in the RCHEs requiring police assistance, serious medical/drug incidents, fire outbreaks and other major incidents affecting the daily operation of the RCHEs, etc. As SWD does not collect statistics on the number of special incident reports by type of incidents, the breakdown figures sought are not available.

7. In the past 5 years (as at end-December 2019), SWD received a total of 969 reports of infectious diseases in RCHEs, including 373 in subvented homes, 74 in contract homes, 44 in self-financing homes and 478 in private homes. As SWD does not collect statistics on different types of infectious diseases, the figures sought are not available.

Annex 1

Number of various types of RCHEs

Year	Type of RCHEs		
	Subvented and contract homes	Self-financing homes	Private homes [Note]
2015-16	146	36	546
2016-17	149	36	545
2017-18	151	36	548
2018-19	151	36	549
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	152	36	554

[Note] Including private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

Annex 2

Number of special incident reports submitted by RCHEs in the past 5 years

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Private RCHEs	118	139	163	216	136
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	120	154	139	165	99
Subvented RCHEs/ contract homes	72	82	132	161	96
Self-financing RCHEs	5	19	13	14	11

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LWB(WW)486

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5964)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the progress of the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare services, the expenditure used and the categories of expenditure.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 169)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5965)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the net operational floor area (NOFA) and net usable floor area (NUFA) for each of the residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) that has commenced services and the construction of which was funded by the Government over the past 10 years.
2. Please provide the following information for the past 10 years: the number of residential care home projects for elderly persons that were not yet in operation but the construction of which was already funded by the Government (i.e. planned); the category of each project; the estimated number of places to be provided by each project; the estimated year of service commencement of each project; and the estimated NOFA and NUFA of each project.
3. Please provide the following information for the past 10 years: the number of government-funded residential care home projects for elderly persons that were still under planning; the category of each project; the estimated number of places to be provided by each project; the estimated year of service commencement of each project; and the estimated NOFA and NUFA of each project.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 170)

Reply:

The contract RCHEs that have commenced services and the construction of which was funded by the Government through the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out in Annex 1.

During the same period, in respect of the RCHEs that were allocated with government funding for construction but not yet in operation, the estimated number of places to be provided by each residential care home project for elderly persons and the estimated year of service commencement are set out in Annex 2.

During the same period, in respect of the RCHEs under planning which have not secured government funding for construction, the estimated number of places to be provided by each residential care home project for elderly persons and the estimated year of service commencement are set out in Annex 3.

Regarding the NOFA and NUFA for RCHEs, please refer to Table 10: Community Halls & Social Welfare Facilities in Chapter 3 of the "Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines - A Summary" published by the Planning Department. The website is as follows:

https://www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/tech_doc/hkpsg/sum/pdf/sum_ch3_en.pdf

Annex 1

The RCHEs that have commenced services and the construction of which was funded by the Government (as at end-December 2019)

Year of service commencement	**Name of contract RCHEs**
2015-16	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, Serene Court
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Chu Sau Cheung Nursing Home
2016-17	Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home
	Po Leung Kuk Wan Chai Home for the Elderly cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly
2017-18	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly
	Grand Residence
2018-19	Alpine Nursing Home
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	Evergreen (On Tai) Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre

Annex 2

The RCHEs with the allocation of government funding for construction but not yet in operation from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Year of funding	Planned RCHE projects	Estimated no. of residential places for the elderly [Note 1]	Estimated year of service commencement
2015-16	Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 6 (Hoi Tat Estate)	100	2021-22
	Public housing development at Shek Mun Estate Phase II, Sha Tin [Note 2]	150	2022-23
	Public housing development at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui	100	2022-23
	Public housing development at Sha Tin Areas 16 & 58D, Fo Tan (Chun Yeung Estate)	100	2022-23
2016-17	Conversion of Ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School [Note 2]	100	2023-24
2017-18	Public housing development at Chung Nga Road East and Tai Po Area 9	100	2022-23
	Public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan (Yan On Estate Extension)	100	2023-24
	Public housing development at Queen's Hill, Fanling	150	2023-24
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 1F Site 1, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects)	200 200	2025-26
	Mixed housing development programme at Pak Wo Road, Fanling	150	2027-28
2018-19	Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 1	100	2025-26
	Public housing development at Ching Hong Road North, Tsing Yi	150	2025-26
	Public housing development at Tuen Mun Area 29 West	100	2026-27
	Private residential development in a land sale site at the Junction of Yau King Lane and Pok Yin Road, Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po	100	2026-27
	Public housing development at Yan Wing Street (Lei Yue Mun Estate Phase 4), Kwun Tong	250	2026-27
	Public housing development at Hiu Ming Street, Kwun Tong [Note 2]	100	2027-28
2019-20	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 1, Kowloon City	200	2026-27
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 2, Kowloon City [Note 2]	200	2027-28
	Kwu Tung North New Development Area 29 Multi-welfare Services Complex	1 750	2023-24

[Note 1] Figures include both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places.

[Note 2] Including the provision of day care units for the elderly (DCUs).

Annex 3

The RCHEs under planning which have not secured government funding for construction from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Planned RCHE projects	**Estimated no. of residential places for the elderly** [Note 1]	**Estimated year of service commencement**
Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School, Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po	130	2023-24
Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun	100	2023-24
District Library and Residential Care Home for the Elderly in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road	200	2025-26
Health Centre and Social Welfare Facilities Building in Siu Sai Wan	100	2026-27
Public housing development at Wang Chiu Road, Kwun Tong[Note 2]	100	2026-27
Public housing development at Sheung Shui Areas 4 and 30 Site 1	100	2026-27
Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4B Site 5, Kowloon City[Note 2]	200	To be determined
Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 4, Area 2A Site 5(B) and Area 2A Site 10, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects) [Note 2]	150 150	2028-29
Public housing development at Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun[Note 2]	150	2028-29
Mixed housing development programme at Jockey Club Road, Fanling	100	2027-28
Public housing development at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong[Note 2]	250	2028-29
Public housing development at Pak Shing Kok Road (East of Hong Kong Movie City), Tseung Kwan O	150	2029-30
Private residential development at Sai Sha Shap Sz Heung, Tai Po[Note 2]	100	To be determined
Re-development of Tuen Mun Clinic	200	To be determined

[Note 1] Figures include both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places.

[Note 2] Including the provision of DCUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5966)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Estimate last year, the Government will "review the training and care needs of ageing service users of day care centre cum hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (DAC cum HSMH) and sheltered workshop/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre cum hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (SW/IVRSC cum HMMH) to explore the need and feasibility of designing a new service model to better address the ageing problem of service users". In view of this, please:

1. provide further details on exploring the need and feasibility of designing a new service model (including the progress and timetable of review);
2. explain whether service users and their family members will be consulted when exploring the need and feasibility of designing a new service model.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 171)

Reply:

After consulting the stakeholders, including service operators, service users/their families/ their carers and the committees and task groups concerned, the Social Welfare Department has planned to launch a pilot scheme with funding from the Lotteries Fund in 2020 to provide one-stop and continuous rehabilitation training, care and residential services for ageing service users of DAC cum HSMH and SW/IVRSC cum HMMH.

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LWB(WW)489

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5967)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the grant provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to cover the costs of medical, rehabilitation, surgical appliances and hygienic items under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please list the number of applications, approved cases and rejected cases, as well as the expenditure, with a breakdown by type of rehabilitation items in the past 5 years;
2. Would SWD please list all categories of medical, rehabilitation, surgical appliances and hygienic items which can be applied by CSSA recipients and the maximum amount of grant; and
3. The number of people using guide dogs is increasing. Has SWD considered subsidising the visually impaired under CSSA to use guide dogs? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 173)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD does not have the number of applications for special grants to cover the cost of medical, rehabilitation, surgical appliances and hygienic items under CSSA with a breakdown by type of rehabilitation items.
2. Eligible CSSA recipients must be recommended by a doctor of a public hospital or clinic, an occupational therapist or a physiotherapist recognised by SWD before they can apply for special grants to cover costs of the medical, rehabilitation, surgical appliances and hygienic items they need. Based on the recommendations made by the above recognised health professionals, CSSA recipients may purchase the model of the recommended items that can meet their actual basic medical and rehabilitation needs from the designated or relevant suppliers or service providers. The amounts of special grants payable by SWD are on the basis of the reasonable actual costs incurred.
3. SWD will review the arrangements under the CSSA Scheme as necessary to cater for the needs of recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5976)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the number of Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and Conditional Tenancy (CT) over the last 5 years:

a) number of CR applications (excluding CT);

b) number of approved CR cases (excluding CT);

c) number of rejected CR cases (excluding CT);

d) average time required for processing CR cases (excluding CT);

e) number of CT applications;

f) number of approved CT cases;

g) number of rejected CT cases; and

h) average time required for processing 1 CT case.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

The number of CR and CT Scheme cases handled in the past 5 years (2015-16 to 2019-20) is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of CR and CT Scheme Cases Handled

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Number of CR cases seeking recommendation (excluding CT Scheme)	1 450	1 254	893	858	598
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT Scheme)	1 236	1 083	767	727	514
Number of CR cases not recommended (excluding CT Scheme) [Note]	64	36	30	20	9
Average processing time for CR cases (excluding CT Scheme) (no. of days)	44	45	42	37	33
Number of CT Scheme cases under CR seeking recommendation	176	156	97	76	69
Number of CT Scheme cases under CR recommended to HD	138	127	85	61	50
Number of CT Scheme cases under CR not recommended [Note]	7	2	5	4	0
Average processing time for CT Scheme cases under CR (no. of days)	36	38	39	30	36

[Note] Apart from the cases not recommended, some clients withdrew by themselves because of alternative arrangements being available, e.g. clients being allocated public housing units through the general waiting list or being offered household splitting.

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LWB(WW)491

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5977)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in detail the number of family caseworkers of various ranks (i.e. Senior Social Work Officer, Social Work Officer and Assistant Social Work Officer, etc.) serving at Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The number of social workers under FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out below:

Year / Rank	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Senior Social Work Officer	11	11	11	14	14
Social Work Officer	119	119	119	155	155
Assistant Social Work Officer	49	49	49	51	51

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LWB(WW)492

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5978)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding integrated family service centres (IFSCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 535m^2? Please provide the information by the number of sub-bases in the following table.

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases		
With 1 sub-base		
With more than 1 sub-base		
Total		

2. For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what is the plan of the Government in identifying premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1.

	Without sub-bases	With 1 sub-base	With more than 1 sub-base
Number of IFSCs with total floor area above or close to the standard SoA	45 [Note]	-	-
Number of IFSCs with total floor area below the standard SoA	18	2	-

[Note] Including 34 centres with total floor area meeting the standard SoA and 11 centres with total floor area close to the standard SoA (i.e. reaching 90% or above of the standard).

2. While the standard SoA is a planning parameter for IFSCs, there are various factors leading to the premises being adopted and used for IFSC purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. The Social Welfare Department will continue to review the need for additional premises by individual IFSCs having regard to the service demand and development of relevant service areas.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5979)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the average cost of integrated family service centres (IFSCs) run by the Government and non-governmental organisations respectively in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the expenditure of IFSCs in terms of their average costs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5980)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure on the work related to domestic violence in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc.

The total expenditure for these services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	2,764.3
2016-17 (Actual)	3,140.1
2017-18 (Actual)	3,124.0
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8

SWD does not have the breakdown expenditure on the measures to combat domestic violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5981)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) in the past 5 years, please inform this Committee of the amount of grants approved and the number of non-governmental welfare organisations benefited, together with the number of social welfare projects, partnering business corporations and disadvantaged persons benefited, broken down by the above organisations.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The PFD was established in 2005 to promote the development of a cross-sectoral tripartite partnership among the welfare sector, the business community and the Government to help the disadvantaged. A Dedicated Portion for after-school learning and support programmes was set up under the PFD in 2015 to encourage the business community to collaborate with organisations and schools for the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families in order to facilitate their whole-person development. To date, a total amount of $400 million has been injected into the Dedicated Portion. More than 1 million disadvantaged persons have benefited under the PFD so far.

The number of approved PFD projects, the amount of grants, the number of organisations benefited and the number of business partners from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Amount of grants from PFD ($ million)	69.1	79.7	77.3	54.9	49.9
No. of approved projects [Note 1]	118	77	133	83	116
No. of organisations benefited [Note 2]	87	67	74	69	98
No. of business partners [Note 3]	309	142	315	202	272

[Note 1] The duration of the approved projects ranged from less than 1 year to 4 years.

[Note 2] The organisations benefited include non-governmental welfare organisations, and public sector primary and secondary schools (including government schools and aided schools, etc.) applying for the Dedicated Portion. Some of the organisations benefited had more than 1 project approved in the same round of application.

[Note 3] Some of the business partners rendered support to more than 1 project in the same round of application.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5982)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the following:

1. The Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme provide cash assistance to victims of violent crimes, acts of law enforcement and traffic accidents or their dependents respectively. How many of the applications have involved victims (including children) of domestic violence in the past 5 years?
2. Since the implementation of the New Dawn (ND) Project, how many cases have been exempted from participation because victims of domestic violence were involved?
3. How many children did these exempted persons have to care for and how old were the children?
4. Does the series of training programmes provided for social security staff include training on how to assess domestic violence? If yes, what are the qualifications of the trainers? Does it provide a women's perspective?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of applications for TAVA and CLEIC including Criminal Injuries Compensation (CIC) and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (LEIC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. There were a total of 1 014 applications for CLEIC, among which 18 cases involved domestic violence (including 2 cases involving children aged 15 or below). The relevant figures are set out in Table 2 of the Annex. The TAVA Scheme aims at providing financial assistance to road traffic accident victims (or to their surviving dependants in cases of death). As such, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of applications for the TAVA Scheme by victims of domestic violence.

2. & 3. In January 2013, SWD integrated the various employment assistance programmes for able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients (including the ND Project which aims to assist single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 in securing employment) into the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS). From January 2013 to end-December 2019, no single parents/child carers had requested exemption from joining the IEAPS on the grounds of being victims of domestic violence.

4. Elements of enhancing sensitivity and awareness relating to domestic violence have been included in the training programmes organised for social security staff. The training programmes also cover, among others, the women's perspective and are generally conducted by social workers and clinical psychologists.

Annex

Table 1: Number of applications for TAVA and CLEIC (including CIC and LEIC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of applications (cases)		
	TAVA	CLEIC	
		CIC	LEIC
2015-16	8 524	202	-
2016-17	8 799	238	-
2017-18	8 419	202	-
2018-19	8 483	206	-
2019-2020 (As at end-December 2019)	6 947	166	-

Table 2: Number of applications for CLEIC involving domestic violence (including CIC and LEIC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of cases involving domestic violence	Number of domestic violence cases involving children aged 15 or below
2015-16	4	-
2016-17	4	1
2017-18	5	1
2018-19	3	-
2019-2020 (As at end-December 2019)	2	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5983)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the prevention of spouse battering and child abuse, are services being specifically provided for new arrival families, single-parent families, and families with spouse battering and child abuse records? If yes, please provide the specific details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launches different publicity programmes every year to enhance public awareness of the importance of family solidarity and preventing domestic violence. The programmes are targeted at the general public, including new arrivals in Hong Kong, single-parent families, and individuals who have faced domestic violence. SWD has also produced a series of leaflets in traditional and simplified Chinese to introduce the services for victims of domestic violence and publicise the message of child protection and prevention of domestic violence.

In addition to providing services through Family and Child Protective Services Units and Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres to motivate families at risk of domestic violence or social isolation (including those who have faced domestic violence and single-parent families) to receive various support services early, SWD also subsidises 1 non-governmental organisation to run 1 service team stationed at Lo Wu Control Point to introduce social welfare services to new arrivals in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5984)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the expenditure and details of additional manpower and relevant posts for services for victims/perpetrators/children involved in domestic violence cases over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by housing assistance, financial assistance, police intervention, medical service, judicial proceedings, counselling and legal assistance for victims.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc.

The total expenditure for these services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	2,764.3
2016-17 (Actual)	3,140.1
2017-18 (Actual)	3,124.0
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8

SWD does not have a breakdown of expenditure and manpower specifically allocated for victims/perpetrators/children involved in domestic violence cases on housing, financial assistance, police intervention, medical treatment, judicial proceedings, counselling and legal assistance for victims.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5985)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the expenditure or estimates, details of additional manpower and the posts involved in the following areas in the coming financial year:

1. re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children so as to further meet child care needs in the community;
2. launch the third phase of a three-year pilot scheme to provide social work service for subsidised/aided Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs);
3. improve the service quality of subsidised child care centres (CCCs) by strengthening their supervisory support and enhance clinical psychological support for children under foster care.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

Service	Expenditure or Estimate	Additional manpower and the relevant posts
Re-engineering in phases existing MHCCCs, and converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children	Annual recurrent expenditure of about $28 million	Including increasing social workers and supporting staff. The implementation details of the new measures (including the manpower and the relevant posts involved) have yet to be confirmed
Launching a three-year Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for PPIs. Phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme, which will last for 3 and 2.5 years, have commenced operation in February and August 2019 respectively. Phase 3 of the pilot scheme will commence operation in August 2020 and will last for 1.5 years	About 990 million from the Lotteries Fund has been allocated to launch the entire pilot scheme	Providing about 48 Social Work Officers, 384 Assistant Social Work Officers, 48 Assistant Clerical Officers and 48 Clerical Assistants posts in total in the 3 Phases

Service	Expenditure or Estimate	Additional manpower and the relevant posts
Strengthening the supervisory support for aided day CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens) to improve the service quality of CCCs	Annual recurrent expenditure of about $37.9 million	The implementation details of the new measures (including the manpower and the relevant posts involved) have yet to be confirmed
Providing clinical psychological service for children and the youth receiving foster care service with special educational needs/ emotional and behavioural problems so that they can receive the related service and support while waiting for long-term clinical psychological service	Annual recurrent expenditure of about $3.5 million	The implementation details of the new measures (including the manpower and the relevant posts involved) have yet to be confirmed

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5986)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of cases in the past 5 years in which Comprehensive Social Security Assistance applicants have to seek assistance from food banks or other funds because their applications have been turned down by reason of their being new arrivals? Please set out the details and timeframe in table form.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5987)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the number of domestic violence cases by category (including ethnic minorities and sexual minorities) and the gender ratio of each category for the past 5 years. How many of these cases required Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and housing assistance? How many of these cases necessitated an exemption by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from the seven-year residence requirement? How many cases were rejected? What was the annual resource input?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The number of domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering cases and child abuse cases) as collected by the "Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases" and the "Child Protection Registry" of SWD from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

SWD does not have information on the number of domestic violence cases receiving CSSA, in need of housing assistance or requiring SWD to grant exemption from the seven-year residence requirement to the victims.

SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. The expenditure for these services in the past 5 years is set out as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	2,764.3
2016-17 (Actual)	3,140.1
2017-18 (Actual)	3,124.0
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8

SWD does not have a breakdown of the funding allocated for serving victims of domestic violence.

Annex

Table 1: Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases

Item		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
(i)	Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases	3382	3 321	3 128	2 937	2 920
(ii)	Out of (i), number of male victims	558	538	496	550	460
(iii)	Out of (i), number of female victims	2 824	2 783	2 632	2 387	2 460
(iv)	Out of (i), number of male victims being abused by male cohabitants	7	7	5	7	3
(v)	Out of (i), number of female victims being abused by female cohabitants	11	12	8	12	11
(vi)	Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases [Note]	9	8	12	14	1
(vii)	Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases [Note]	195	181	185	146	167

[Note] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

Table 2: Child Abuse Cases

Item		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
(i)	Total number of newly reported child abuse cases	874	892	947	1 064	1 006
(ii)	Out of (i), number of male victims	372	383	404	499	441
(iii)	Out of (i), number of female victims	502	509	543	565	565
(iv)	Out of (i), number of male victims of ethnic minorities involved in child abuse cases [Note]	No information available				24
(v)	Out of (i), number of female victims of ethnic minorities involved in child abuse cases [Note]	No information available				41

[Note] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

The "Child Protection Registry" of SWD, which was enhanced in July 2018, has started collecting information on the number of child victims by ethnicity. Before the enhancement, SWD did not have statistical information on child abuse cases involving ethnic minorities for the whole year. Moreover, SWD does not have statistical information on child abuse cases by sexual orientation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5988)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

In the past 5 years,

1. how many victims and perpetrators involved in domestic violence cases have undergone assessment? How many of them have subsequently required psychological/ psychiatric treatment? How long is the duration of treatment?
2. how many cases have involved children/adolescents being abused? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them have subsequently required psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the duration of treatment?
3. how many cases have involved children/adolescents witnessing domestic violence? How many of them have received psychological assessment? How many of them have subsequently required psychological/psychiatric treatment? How long is the duration of treatment?
4. how many children/adolescents have witnessed domestic violence and required other services?
5. what is the input of resources each year?

Please set out the details of the above in table form.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.:15)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will assess all new cases on domestic violence, i.e. child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering. From 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD followed up on a total of 12 433 new cases on domestic violence (including 4 046 child abuse cases). During the period, the Clinical Psychology Units of SWD handled a total of 1 134 domestic violence cases, where 854 victims of child abuse were given assessments and treatments. The treatment period ranged from 6 months to 3 years, depending on the complexity of the case.

3. & 4. SWD does not have the number of cases on children/youth who have witnessed domestic violence, or the statistical information on the number of these children/youth who have received assessments and treatments from SWD's Clinical Psychology Units.

5. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc.

The total expenditure for these services from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
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2017-18 (Actual)	3,124.0
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8

SWD does not have a breakdown of the funding allocated for serving victims of domestic violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5989)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information in connection with the past 5 years:

1. the number of victims of domestic violence admitted to the refuge centres;
2. the average duration of stay;
3. the number of divorced persons;
4. the number of victims offered public rental housing (PRH) through Conditional Tenancy (CT);
5. the number of victims offered PRH through Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and through splitting of tenancy and those having to rent private housing; and
6. the number of households and persons who applied for funds for rebuilding their homes, the amounts involved, the number of applications approved, the number of applicants having been rejected and for what reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. Details of the service users of Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Item	Year				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
(1) Total number of admissions [Note 1]	1 395	1 328	1 175	1 177	890
(2) Number of cases in which victims have stayed for less than 3 months [Note 2]	506	447	425	425	359
(3) Number of cases in which victims have stayed for 3 months or above [Note 2]	138	140	131	131	87

[Note 1] As service users may have multiple admissions to Refuge Centres in that particular year, admission is counted on a headcount basis.

[Note 2] Since the victims of domestic violence are entitled to bring their children along to Refuge Centres, more than 1 service user may be involved in 1 case. Moreover, the average period of stay cannot be calculated as the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the actual length of stay in a Refuge Centre for each case.

3. to 6. SWD does not have the statistical information on the marital status of service users of Refuge Centres, on the number of service users having been allocated PRH through CR, CT or splitting of tenancy, those having rented private housing units, or those having applied for funds for purchasing necessities to set up their new homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5990)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For the past 5 years, please provide details, in table form, on the following:

1. What were the services provided for and the number of women who were subject to domestic violence while staying in Hong Kong on two-way permits (TWPs)?
2. What kinds of services did they need and how much of such services were unavailable? How many children did they have to take care of? What was their age profile?
3. What is the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance applications made by victims of domestic violence and the processing time involved from application to approval? What is the number of withdrawals while applications were still being processed? What is the number of cases that were rejected and the reason for rejection?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.:18)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) and subvented welfare organisations provide a comprehensive network of family and child welfare services such as integrated family service, family and child protective services, family support networking service, clinical psychological service, residential child care service, day child care service and adoption service, etc. to support individuals and families in need, including domestic violence victims who are TWP holders.

According to the statistics collected the "Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases" of SWD, among the number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases captured from 2015 to 2019, the number of female victims being TWP holders is set out below:

Item \ Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of female victims being TWP holders in newly reported spouse/ cohabitant battering cases	195	184	180	139	120

SWD does not have statistical information on the number and age distribution of children of victims being TWP holders.

3. SWD does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5991)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding further enhancement of the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence (VSP), the launch of the Educational Programme on Stopping Domestic Violence and further enhancement of the short-term food assistance service, please advise:

1. in connection with the VSP, the number of persons seeking assistance over the past 5 years, types of assistance they sought and measures for further enhancement of support for victims of family violence;
2. the measures for further enhancement of the short-term food assistance service;
3. in table form, the number of victims of domestic violence in need of food assistance over the past 5 years;
4. the male-to-female ratio, duration of food assistance and household size;
5. in table form, a breakdown of the number of victims in each district, their family background and household size over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The VSP of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) commenced service in June 2010. The number of service users from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Number of service users
2015-16	806
2016-17	756
2017-18	824
2018-19	826
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	611

Under the VSP, emotional support and relevant information on judicial proceedings and social support services are provided for victims of spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse cases, particularly those undergoing judicial proceedings. In addition, VSP will provide life skill training courses and services related to judicial proceedings for victims of domestic violence, and recruit volunteers and provide training for them to help service users. Since July 2013, the VSP has been further enhanced to provide support for victims of domestic violence involving ethnic and sexual minorities, and to extend the children contact service to victims of domestic violence living outside the Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC).

In addition, SWD has launched the Support Programme for Enhancing Peaceable Relationship (SPeaR) in October 2018 to help perpetrators or people who might resort to violence to stop using violence. The SPeaR also aims to provide support for children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence as well as victims of domestic violence.

To further strengthen support for victims of domestic violence, SWD has provided in phases additional places and related manpower for Refuge Centres and Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC), and additional manpower resources for Refuge Centres and MCISC (CEASE Crisis Centre) to enhance the support for children temporarily staying in the centres from 2016-17. Furthermore, SWD has provided additional manpower resources for Refuge Centres, CEASE Crisis Centre and FCSC since October 2019 and January 2020 to strengthen the support for families in need at night.

2. The Government has increased the commitment on the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects to $447 million in 2018-19 and extended the Projects for 3 years until 2021. The Government will conduct a comprehensive review on its positioning and way forward.

3. to 5. SWD does not have statistical information on victims of domestic violence in need of or applying for food assistance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5992)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the staffing establishment and financial resources required for the family and child protection service of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 5 years? What were the respective numbers of cases? Was the manpower strength sufficient to handle the cases in respective years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The staffing establishment of social workers in Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out below:

Year / Rank	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Senior Social Work Officer	11	11	11	14	14
Social Work Officer	119	119	119	155	155
Assistant Social Work Officer	49	49	49	51	51

The expenditure of FCPSUs and cases handled are set out below:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)	Number of cases handled
2015-16 (Actual)	208	7 364
2016-17 (Actual)	214	7 341
2017-18 (Actual)	216	7 137
2018-19 (Actual)	230	7 233
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	293	7 056

SWD has increased the manpower of FCPSUs in 2018-19 to enhance child protection services and provide co-parenting support for divorced/separated families and their children. The Government has also provided additional manpower in 2019-20 to strengthen training for frontline professional staff on identifying and handling suspected child abuse cases. The above additional manpower support facilitates the effective handling of various types of cases by FCPSUs. SWD will review the staffing establishment of FCPSUs from time to time to respond to service need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5993)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of child victims of domestic violence who were students with special educational needs in the past 5 years by the type of special educational needs.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The "Child Protection Registry" (the Registry) of the Social Welfare Department collects information on child abuse. Since its update on 1 July 2018, the Registry has been collecting statistical information on abused children with special educational needs. Among the newly reported child abuse cases from 1 July to 31 December 2018 and in 2019, the number of abused children with special educational needs is 101 and 243 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5994)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government advise the following for the past 5 years :

1. the number of units earmarked for Compassionate Rehousing (CR)
2. the overall number of applications for CR, the number of successful applications and the number of rejected applications, broken down by District Council (DC) district, Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) and reason for application
3. the average time taken for allocation of a CR unit upon successful application

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The Housing Department reserves 2 000 public rental housing units for CR every year. The number of 2 000 units only serves as a reference for allocation purpose, rather than an upper limit.

The number of CR cases processed by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) over the past 5 years (2015-16 to 2019-20) is set out as follows:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Number of CR cases seeking recommendation	1 626	1 410	990	934	667
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department	1 374	1 210	852	788	564
Number of CR cases not recommended [Note]	71	38	35	24	9

[Note] Apart from the cases not recommended, some clients withdrew by themselves because of alternative arrangements being available, e.g. clients being allocated public housing units through the general waiting list or being offered household splitting.

SWD does not have a breakdown of the statistics by DC district, IFSC, reason for application and the average time taken for allocation of a unit upon successful application under CR.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5995)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the demand for residential care for children, please reply in the table below? (*here and in all questions below, the terms "RHC" and "residential care" refers inclusively to: institutional care, small group homes and foster care.)

	Number of initial referrals for residential care	Total
Foster Care		
Small Group Homes		
Institutional Care		

Number of withdrawn applications for residential care	
Average waiting time before applications withdrawn (days)	

	Number
Number of places	

	Number of children in care (male)	Number of children in care (female)	Total
At 31 Dec 2016			
At 31 Dec 2017			
At 31 Dec 2018			
At 31 Dec 2019			
Currently			

	Number of waitlisted cases
2019-2020 average	
Currently	

	Days
Average waiting time for admission (days)	

	Number
Average age of children in care	

	Childrens' average length of time in residential care (current placement)
At 31 Dec 2019	
Currently	

	Childrens' average length of time in residential care (including all previous placements)
At 31 Dec 2019	
Currently	

	Number
Number of children in RHC with siblings also in RHC. Of those	
how many are placed with their siblings	
How many siblings are placed separately	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

The information sought on residential child care services is set out at Annex.

Annex

Residential Child Care Services

	Foster Care	**Small Group Homes**	**Residential Homes for Children**	**Total**
Number of new applications in 2018-19	418	540	1 187	**2 145**
Number of applications withdrawn in 2018-19	120	139	311	**570**
Average waiting time before withdrawal of application (days)	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Number of places (As at 31 December 2019)	1 130	924	1 823	**3 877**
Number of children in care (male/female):				
As at 31 December 2016	486/424	410/354	844/550	**1 740/1 328**
As at 31 December 2017	463/418	432/385	865/560	**1 760/1 363**
As at 31 December 2018	457/435	437/388	883/576	**1 777/1 399**
As at 31 December 2019	471/445	454/402	885/607	**1 810/1 454**
Number of children waitlisted:				
2018-19 (monthly average)	19	222	173	**414**
As at 31 December 2019	4	342	320	**666**
Average waiting time for admission in 2018-19 (days)	59	109	67	**77.2**
Average age of children in care (years) (As at 31 December 2019)	7.4	12.2	12.1	**11.3**
Children's average length of stay (months) (As at 31 December 2019)	54.8	31.3	21.6	**33.5**
Children's average length of stay in residential care (including all the previous places) (As at 31 December 2019)	Not available			
Number of children in RHC with sibling(s) also in RHC	Not available			
Number of children placed in the same RHC as sibling(s)				
Number of children with sibling(s) placed in different RHCs				

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5996)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many children have waited for 30 days or more for a placement, and what are the common reasons for not receiving a placement prior to 30 days?
2. And how many children entered some form of residential care (foster care, small group homes, institutional care) during the calendar year 2019?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The referring social workers will apply for appropriate residential child care services having regard to the age, gender and unique circumstances of individual child. Regarding the time a child has to wait for residential care services, it depends on the availability of vacant places. From April to December 2019 [Note], 456 children had waited for 30 days or more before a residential placement was arranged. For children with urgent needs, the referring social worker may arrange emergency residential care placement for the child on the same day or within a few days, depending on the circumstances of each case.

In 2019, 4 658 children had received various types of residential child care services, including foster care, small group home and residential homes for children, etc.

[Note] Figures/information on the waiting time of services are generally calculated in financial years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5997)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the ages of children who entered residential care over the past 5 years in the table provided:

	Number of children				
Age when entering residential care	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The information on the age of children when admitted to residential care in the past 5 years is set out at the Annex.

Annex

Residential child care services

Age when admitted to residential care	Number of children				
	January to December 2015	**January to December 2016**	**January to December 2017**	**January to December 2018**	**January to December 2019**
0 to under 6 months	618	376	425	421	586
6 months to under 1 year of age	458	203	210	204	533
Aged 1 to under 2	773	215	233	235	781
Aged 2 to under 3	491	211	229	217	542
Aged 3 to under 4	391	228	230	215	402
Aged 4 to under 5	233	186	173	146	210
Aged 5 to under 6	154	153	166	150	198
Aged 6 to under 7	146	260	274	266	140
Aged 7 to under 8	108	278	282	282	147
Aged 8 to under 9	109	289	295	277	141
Aged 9 to under 10	134	272	274	257	119
Aged 10 to under 11	112	257	278	275	139
Aged 11 to under 12	76	216	243	237	97
Aged 12 to under 13	121	295	352	334	155
Aged 13 to under 14	184	313	324	346	215
Aged 14 to under 15	190	328	315	277	155
Aged 15 to under 16	69	155	169	151	67
Aged 16 to under 17	9	92	118	116	23
Aged 17 to under 18	1	71	78	78	8
Aged 18 or above	-	68	61	54	-
Total	**4 377**	**4 466**	**4 729**	**4 538**	**4 658**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5998)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. In the past five years, how many children in residential care at 31 December 2019 were there because they had suffered abuse or neglect? How many were there for other reasons. Please provide a breakdown in the table provided? Please include any additional categories/sub-categories.

	Children in residential care on 31 December were there because they had suffered abuse or neglect	Children in residential care on 31 December were there for other reason
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		
2019		

2. Reason for entering residential care Number of children (31 December 2019) Abuse, Neglect, Abandonment.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of children receiving residential care services as at 31 December 2015 by reason of entering residential care. The relevant figures over the past 4 years are as follows:

Reason	Number of children			
	2016 (as at 31 December)	2017 (as at 31 December)	2018 (as at 31 December)	2019 (as at 31 December)
Abuse/suspected abuse (abuse/suspected abuse cases include neglect and abandonment cases. SWD does not have a breakdown of the cases.)	592	552	575	618
Temporary lack of appropriate care because of family problems or crisis (e.g. parents with chronic illness, imprisoned, found missing, etc.), or carers being unable to handle children's emotional or behavioural problems	2 476	2 571	2 685	2 721

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5999)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the children in residential care on 31 December by age in the past 5 years at which they entered residential care in the table below:

Age of first entering residential care	Number of children (at 31 December 2015)	Number of children (at 31 December 2016)	Number of children (at 31 December 2017)	Number of children (at 31 December 2018)	Number of children (at 31 December 2019)
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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LWB(WW)514

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6000)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of children in each age bracket in residential care on 31 December in the past 5 years, in the table below:

1. Foster Care

Age	Number of children (on 31 December 2015)	Number of children (on 31 December 2016)	Number of children (on 31 December 2017)	Number of children (on 31 December 2018)	Number of children (on 31 December 2019)
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

2. Small Group Homes

Age	Number of children (on 31 December 2015)	Number of children (on 31 December 2016)	Number of children (on 31 December 2017)	Number of children (on 31 December 2018)	Number of children (on 31 December 2019)
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

3. Institutional Care

Age	Number of children (on 31 December 2015)	Number of children (on 31 December 2016)	Number of children (on 31 December 2017)	Number of children (on 31 December 2018)	Number of children (on 31 December 2019)
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information sought is set out at Annexes 1 to 3.

Annex 1

Number of children receiving foster care service on 31 December in the past 5 years

Year / Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0 to under 6 months	23	20	16	20	19
6 months to under 1 year of age	24	25	24	29	37
Aged 1 to under 2	56	54	58	54	52
Aged 2 to under 3	77	66	65	59	61
Aged 3 to under 4	66	88	75	74	71
Aged 4 to under 5	90	77	91	79	83
Aged 5 to under 6	86	89	70	94	86
Aged 6 to under 7	60	77	79	64	79
Aged 7 to under 8	69	52	70	68	63
Aged 8 to under 9	69	60	44	63	62
Aged 9 to under 10	60	59	53	42	58
Aged 10 to under 11	51	50	49	50	36
Aged 11 to under 12	48	51	46	44	45
Aged 12 to under 13	40	34	31	36	37
Aged 13 to under 14	35	32	29	29	29
Aged 14 to under 15	23	30	25	24	24
Aged 15 to under 16	15	20	29	22	23
Aged 16 to under 17	16	11	16	26	22
Aged 17 to under 18	9	13	7	15	25
Aged 18 or above	1	2	4	-	4
Total	**918**	**910**	**881**	**892**	**916**

Annex 2

Number of children receiving small group home service on 31 December in the past 5 years

Year / Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0 to under 6 months	N.A.				
6 months to under 1 year of age					
Aged 1 to under 2					
Aged 2 to under 3					
Aged 3 to under 4					
Aged 4 to under 5	2	3	1	-	3
Aged 5 to under 6	7	10	17	8	9
Aged 6 to under 7	15	19	24	27	21
Aged 7 to under 8	26	40	47	44	40
Aged 8 to under 9	45	46	53	68	57
Aged 9 to under 10	72	56	70	65	91
Aged 10 to under 11	90	87	76	90	78
Aged 11 to under 12	83	102	103	90	105
Aged 12 to under 13	98	84	106	100	97
Aged 13 to under 14	74	90	87	99	93
Aged 14 to under 15	84	61	85	72	101
Aged 15 to under 16	61	64	56	72	63
Aged 16 to under 17	47	49	45	43	58
Aged 17 to under 18	43	37	36	32	32
Aged 18 or above	9	16	11	15	8
Total	**756**	**764**	**817**	**825**	**856**

N.A. - Not applicable

Annex 3

Number of children receiving residential homes for children service on 31 December in the past 5 years

Year / Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0 to under 6 months	14	16	29	22	25
6 months to under 1 year of age	25	19	31	27	30
Aged 1 to under 2	52	50	58	64	56
Aged 2 to under 3	46	57	43	54	53
Aged 3 to under 4	31	28	30	26	34
Aged 4 to under 5	28	28	24	25	24
Aged 5 to under 6	31	30	26	24	20
Aged 6 to under 7	22	24	25	20	18
Aged 7 to under 8	15	19	18	27	18
Aged 8 to under 9	38	26	35	29	38
Aged 9 to under 10	67	57	40	56	47
Aged 10 to under 11	83	72	90	54	74
Aged 11 to under 12	105	86	92	108	96
Aged 12 to under 13	83	87	87	96	94
Aged 13 to under 14	109	103	116	132	142
Aged 14 to under 15	170	165	151	182	193
Aged 15 to under 16	180	154	155	151	193
Aged 16 to under 17	123	149	142	131	111
Aged 17 to under 18	87	102	108	100	102
Aged 18 or above	110	122	125	131	124
Total	**1 419**	**1 394**	**1 425**	**1 459**	**1 492**

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LWB(WW)515

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6001)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of children in residential care at 31 December in the past 5 years, for who had experienced more than 1 residential care placement in the table provided:

Residential care placements	No. of Children on 31 December 2015	No. of Children on 31 December 2016	No. of Children on 31 December 2017	No. of Children on 31 December 2018	No. of Children on 31 December 2019
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
More than 5					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the relevant statistics.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6002)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the length of time spent in residential care by age, of children in care on 31 December in the past 5 years, in the table provided:

1. Number of children in residential care

Age	Number of children (on 31 December 2015)	Number of children (on 31 December 2016)	Number of children (on 31 December 2017)	Number of children (on 31 December 2018)	Number of children (on 31 December 2019)
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

2. Average time spent in residential care

Age	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					

Age	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

3. Average number of placements between different residential homes for children

Age	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
0 to 6 months old					
6 months to 1 year old					
1 to 2 years old					
2 to 3 years old					
3 to 4 years old					
4 to 5 years old					
5 to 6 years old					
6 to 7 years old					
7 to 8 years old					
8 to 9 years old					
9 to 10 years old					
10 to 11 years old					
11 to 12 years old					
12 to 13 years old					
13 to 14 years old					
14 to 15 years old					
16 to 17 years old					
17 to 18 years old					
Above 18 years old					
Total					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of children in residential care by age in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 1.

2. The average duration of stay of the children in residential care by age in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 2.

3. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

Annex 1

Number of children in residential care

Age	Number of children in residential care (As at 31 December 2015)	Number of children in residential care (As at 31 December 2016)	Number of children in residential care (As at 31 December 2017)	Number of children in residential care (As at 31 December 2018)	Number of children in residential care (As at 31 December 2019)
0 to under 6 months old	37	36	45	42	44
6 months to under 1 year old	49	44	55	56	67
1 to under 2 years old	108	104	116	118	108
2 to under 3 years old	123	123	108	113	114
3 to under 4 years old	97	116	105	100	105
4 to under 5 years old	120	108	116	104	110
5 to under 6 years old	124	129	113	126	115
6 to under 7 years old	97	120	128	111	118
7 to under 8 years old	110	111	135	139	121
8 to under 9 years old	152	132	132	160	157
9 to under 10 years old	199	172	163	163	196
10 to under 11 years old	224	209	215	194	188
11 to under 12 years old	236	239	241	242	246
12 to under 13 years old	221	205	224	232	228
13 to under 14 years old	218	225	232	260	264
14 to under 15 years old	277	256	261	278	318
15 to under 16 years old	256	238	240	245	279
16 to under 17 years old	186	209	203	200	191
17 to under 18 years old	139	152	151	147	159
Above 18 years old	120	140	140	146	136
Total	**3 093**	**3 068**	**3 123**	**3 176**	**3 264**

Annex 2

Average duration of stay of children in residential care

Age	As at 31 December 2015 (months)	As at 31 December 2016 (months)	As at 31 December 2017 (months)	As at 31 December 2018 (months)	As at 31 December 2019 (months)
0 to under 6 months old	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1
6 months to under 1 year old	3.8	4.2	4.3	5.1	4.6
1 to under 2 years old	9.9	10.4	10.1	10.0	10.6
2 to under 3 years old	17.4	16.1	14.9	17.1	15.9
3 to under 4 years old	20.2	20.7	18.4	16.3	20.2
4 to under 5 years old	23.7	22.1	26.6	24.4	20.9
5 to under 6 years old	29.2	28.9	27.9	33.2	28.8
6 to under 7 years old	28.1	29.8	28.2	31.1	35.7
7 to under 8 years old	31.6	26.1	29.2	31.6	33.9
8 to under 9 years old	29.6	32.7	27.5	30.9	34.6
9 to under 10 years old	29.6	31.5	33.3	28.6	32.2
10 to under 11 years old	30.2	33.8	30.3	35.7	31.5
11 to under 12 years old	35.2	35.8	37.2	34.2	35.1
12 to under 13 years old	40.3	38.6	35.6	39.8	37.5
13 to under 14 years old	38.3	39.5	33.0	35.5	33.9
14 to under 15 years old	30.5	36.1	37.3	29.3	35.0
15 to under 16 years old	33.5	38.0	41.3	43.1	33.8
16 to under 17 years old	46.1	41.3	44.4	50.5	52.4
17 to under18 years old	48.7	54.6	48.4	58.6	62.3
Above 18 years old	32.0	36.7	41.0	44.8	41.4
Total	**31.4**	**32.9**	**32.3**	**33.7**	**33.5**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6003)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years:

1. What is the average time a child spends with each foster family?
2. How many foster homes were there?
3. How many foster parents were trained?
4. What training were they given?
5. What, if any, additional training was given to foster parents who are taking care of children with special needs?
6. What payment is given to each foster family?
7. How is it calculated?
8. Are there any plans to increase the payments to foster families?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average time spent by a child with each foster family. Children's average duration of stay with foster families upon leaving foster care in the past 5 years (as at 31 December 2019) is as follows:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Average duration of stay (in months)	21.8	22.5	33	26.3	27.8

2. to 4. The training covered pre-service training for prospective foster parents, and training on care of foster children and those with special needs. Among the training programmes, some would help foster parents understand the characteristics and developmental needs of children with special needs, in addition to learning the caring skills required and how to communicate with their birth parents. The number of foster homes in Hong Kong which can offer services and the number of foster parents having received training organised by the Central Foster Care Unit in the past 5 years are set out in the table below:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of foster homes [Note]	936	901	876	885	935
Number of foster parents having received training	366	332	398	502	453

[Note] Figures as at 31 December each year

5. to 8. SWD does not have information on the amount of allowance received by each foster family. The level of various foster care allowances was raised by more than 20% on 1 December 2017 with a view to enhancing support for families in need and recruiting more foster families to provide foster care service. In order to encourage foster families to take care of young children, SWD has also introduced a new grant of extra incentive payment for taking care of children under the age of 3. The current level of various items of allowance for foster care is set out in table form at Annex.

Annex

Various items of allowance for foster care

Items of allowance	**Current monthly rate ($) (effective from 1 April 2019)**
Maintenance grant in respect of foster children	6,228
Setting-up grant in respect of foster children	3,114
Incentive payment for foster parents providing foster care	4,672
Incentive payment for foster parents providing foster care (emergency)	6,228
Extra incentive payment for taking care of children with mild intellectual disability, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism or specific learning difficulties	1,557
Extra incentive payment for taking care of young children (under the age of 3)	1,557

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6004)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years:

1. How many children in residential homes for children (RHCs) at 31 December 2019 were there by parental consent in the past 5 years?
2. What is the average length of time they have spent in RHCs?
3. How many were there because of a Care or Protection Order?
4. How many children in RHCs at 31 December 2019 were subject of a Care or Protection Order in the past 5 years?
5. Of those, how many had been in some form of RHC by parental consent before a Care or Protection Order was made?
6. Please provide a breakdown of the number of children in RHCs by parental consent: that involved suspected child abuse or neglect, that involved suspected parental drug abuse, and that involved parental incapacity?
7. Please provide a breakdown of the number of children in RHCs subject to a Care or Protection Order: that involved suspected child abuse or neglect, that involved suspected parental drug abuse, and that involved parental incapacity?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not collect information on the number of children receiving care in RHCs who were admitted by parental or guardian consent and the average length of time they spent in RHCs in 2015. In the past 4 years, the number of children who were admitted to RHCs by parental or guardian consent and the average length of time they spent in RHCs is set out below:

Items	As at 31 December 2016	As at 31 December 2017	As at 31 December 2018	As at 31 December 2019
Number of children who were admitted to RHCs by parental consent	1 317	1 353	1 367	1 414
Average length of time they spent in RHCs (months)	21.8	21.7	23.0	21.6

3. to 7. SWD does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6005)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many children in residential care were disabled in the past 5 years?
2. Please break down their disabilities by category, and type of residential home for children (RHC).
3. What support services did they receive?
4. How many children are on the waiting list for special needs assessment?
5. What is the average length of time spent on the waiting list?
6. What percentage of those children are in some form of RHC?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of children with disabilities who were receiving residential care services or a breakdown of children in various types of RHCs by type of disabilities in 2015 and 2016.

As at 31 December 2017, 91 children with disabilities [Note] were receiving various types of residential care services. Among them, 16 children were in various types of RHCs. As at 31 December 2018, 81 children with disabilities [Note] were receiving various types of residential care services. Among them, 10 children were in various types of RHCs. As at 31 December 2019, 76 children with disabilities [Note] were receiving various types of residential care services. Among them, 9 children were in various types of RHCs. The number of children with disabilities by type of RHCs in the past 3 years is set out at the Annex. SWD does not have a breakdown of children by type of disabilities.

[Note] The figure does not include those in boys'/girls' homes with schools on-site. SWD does not have the relevant statistical figures.

3. The service units of residential care provide or assist to arrange appropriate support services according to the needs of individual children with disabilities, including clinical psychological service, nursing care, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech therapy, etc.

4. to 6. SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

Annex

Number of children with disabilities in RHCs

Type of RHCs	**Number of children with disabilities (as at 31 December 2017)**	**Number of children with disabilities (as at 31 December 2018)**	**Number of children with disabilities (as at 31 December 2019)**
Residential creche	-	-	-
Residential nursery	2	-	-
Children's home	7	5	5
Children's reception centre	-	-	-
Boys'/girls' home	6	5	4
Boys'/girls' hostel	1	-	-
Total	**16**	**10**	**9**

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LWB(WW)520

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6006)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of children who left residential care in the calendar year 2019 as well as their age and the average length of time in residential care in the table below:

Age	Number of children who left residential care in 2019	Average length of time in residential care
0 to 6 months old		
6 months to 1 year old		
1 to 2 years old		
2 to 3 years old		
3 to 4 years old		
4 to 5 years old		
5 to 6 years old		
6 to 7 years old		
7 to 8 years old		
8 to 9 years old		
9 to 10 years old		
10 to 11 years old		
11 to 12 years old		
12 to 13 years old		
13 to 14 years old		
14 to 15 years old		
16 to 17 years old		
17 to 18 years old		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The number of children who left residential care in 2019, their age and the average length of stay in residential care are set out at Annex.

Annex

Residential child care services

	Number of children who left residential care in 2019	**Average length of stay in residential care (in months)**
0 to under 6 months	31	2.6
6 months to under 1 year of age	49	6.8
Aged 1 to under 2	49	11.0
Aged 2 to under 3	58	14.3
Aged 3 to under 4	60	17.5
Aged 4 to under 5	38	15.5
Aged 5 to under 6	39	20.9
Aged 6 to under 7	64	20.5
Aged 7 to under 8	42	15.0
Aged 8 to under 9	55	12.9
Aged 9 to under 10	55	14.7
Aged 10 to under 11	51	18.6
Aged 11 to under 12	75	19.1
Aged 12 to under 13	132	28.6
Aged 13 to under 14	87	24.8
Aged 14 to under 15	92	18.8
Aged 15 to under 16	113	22.4
Aged 16 to under 17	86	28.7
Aged 17 to under 18	80	53.3
Aged 18 or above	145	58.7

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6007)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown (by total number) of the reasons why children left residential care in the calendar year 2019 (i.e. family reunion, adoption, independence) in the table provided:

	Family reunion	Adoption	Independence	Total
Number of children who left residential care in 2018				
Average age of children who left residential care in 2018				
Average length of time of children who left residential care in 2018 in residential care				
Total				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

Regarding children who left residential care in the calendar year 2019 because of family reunion, adoption and independent living, a relevant breakdown is set out as follows:

	Family reunion	Adoption	Independent living	Total
Number of children who left residential care in 2019	775	18	20	813
Average age of children who left residential care in 2019	12.0	2.6	17.4	11.9
Average duration in residential care for children who left residential care in 2019 (months)	26.1	16.3	68.6	27.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6008)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What is the total number of children available for adoption in each of the past five years? Please provide a breakdown of the number children available for adoption in each of the past five years by age and time spent in residential care in the table provided:

	Number of children available for adoption	Number of children with special needs available for adoption	Average time spent in residential care
0 to 6 months old			
6 months to 1 year old			
1 to 2 years old			
2 to 3 years old			
3 to 4 years old			
4 to 5 years old			
5 to 6 years old			
6 to 7 years old			
7 to 8 years old			
8 to 9 years old			
9 to 10 years old			
10 to 11 years old			
11 to 12 years old			
12 to 13 years old			
13 to 14 years old			
14 to 15 years old			
16 to 17 years old			
17 to 18 years old			
Above 18 years old			

2. Please provide the figures for the number of adoption cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the average, the shortest and the longest time for processing the applications over the past 5 years. What are the factors affecting the waiting time for the adoption cases handled?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total number of children available for adoption with a breakdown by age group as at 31 December in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex. Except for 1 who was in the 0 to 6 months age group in 2019, all of them were children with special needs. SWD does not have the information on their average length of stay in residential care.

2. The number of adoption cases handled by SWD and the processing time of the applications over the past 5 years are as follows:

Information sought	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Number of adoption cases [Note 1]	73	52	62	40	38
Average processing time (month) [Note 2]	1.6	1.6	2.0	3.0	2.0
Shortest processing time (month) [Note 2]	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Longest processing time (month) [Note 2]	12.5	4.5	11.5	12.5	10.5

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

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

There is a basket of factors affecting the processing time for placing children available for adoption into suitable local adoptive homes. These include the children's health condition, emotional and behavioural state, type and level of disability, age, and birth parents' background. Generally speaking, children available for adoption may be placed into suitable local adoptive homes within 3 months. Children with special needs, such as those in ill health, with disabilities and/or at older age, require longer processing time to get successfully adopted and the processing time varies.

Annex

Number of children available for adoption

Age	As at 31 December 2015	As at 31 December 2016	As at 31 December 2017	As at 31 December 2018	As at 31 December 2019
0 to under 6 months	3	1	3	2	4
6 months to under 1 year of age	3	4	3	4	7
Aged 1 to under 2	4	7	6	7	3
Aged 2 to under 3	5	3	7	2	6
Aged 3 to under 4	1	1	1	3	5
Aged 4 to under 5	3	1	1	-	5
Aged 5 to under 6	4	2	2	2	1
Aged 6 to under 7	1	9	7	2	7
Aged 7 to under 8	3	2	7	9	-
Aged 8 to under 9	3	2	2	6	9
Aged 9 to under 10	2	3	1	4	7
Aged 10 to under 11	4	2	4	1	4
Aged 11 to under 12	6	3	3	4	1
Aged 12 to under 13	8	6	3	3	4
Aged 13 to under 14	5	8	6	4	2
Aged 14 to under 15	2	5	7	5	3
Aged 15 to under 16	5	1	5	7	6
Aged 16 to under 17	5	4	1	3	7
Aged 17 to under 18	-	3	4	-	3
Aged 18 or above	1	1	-	-	-
Total	**68**	**68**	**73**	**68**	**84**

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LWB(WW)523

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6009)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many children available for adoption at 31 December 2019 had special needs for the past five years?
2. What is their average age?
3. What is their average time spent in RHCs?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

There were 83 children with special needs available for adoption as at 31 December 2019. The average age of these children was 8.4. Regarding their average length of stay in residential homes for children (RHCs), the Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6010)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown in number of prospective adoptive parents in the past 5 years:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of prospective adoptive parents willing to accept children under age 3					
Number of prospective adoptive parents willing to accept children aged between 3 to 18					
Number of prospective parents willing to accept special needs children					
Total number of prospective adoptive parents					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The number of families applying for adoption in the past 5 years is as follows:

As at end-December 2015	As at end-December 2016	As at end-December 2017	As at end-December 2018	As at end-December 2019
183	156	160	158	137

The Social Welfare Department does not have the statistical breakdown on the choices of applicant families regarding the age and special needs of children to be adopted.

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LWB(WW)525

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6011)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What is the average length of time prospective adoptive parents have to wait to be successfully matched to an adoptive child?
2. How many children were adopted in the calendar year 2019?
3. How many were private adoptions?
4. How many were inter-country adoptions?
5. How many of the children adopted in 2019 were siblings adopted together?
6. How many children adopted had siblings remaining in some form of residential home for children?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on "the average length of time prospective adoptive parents have to wait to be successfully matched to an adoptive child" and the number of "children adopted having siblings remaining in some form of residential home for children".

There were 55 children adopted in 2019, with 10 of them involving private adoptions and 3 of them inter-country adoptions. None of them were adopted together with their siblings.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6012)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the ages and time spent in residential care for children who were adopted in 2019 in the table provided:

Age when placed with adoptive parents	Number of children adopted	Average time spent in residential care at the time of placement
0 to 6 months old		
6 months to 1 year old		
1 to 2 years old		
2 to 3 years old		
3 to 4 years old		
4 to 5 years old		
5 to 6 years old		
6 to 7 years old		
7 to 8 years old		
8 to 9 years old		
9 to 10 years old		
10 to 11 years old		
11 to 12 years old		
12 to 13 years old		
13 to 14 years old		
14 to 15 years old		
16 to 17 years old		
17 to 18 years old		
Above 18 years old		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

There were 55 children adopted in 2019. A breakdown by age is as follows:

Age when placed with adoptive parents	Number of children adopted
0 to under 6 months old	-
6 months to under 1 year old	8
1 to under 2 years old	20

Age when placed with adoptive parents	Number of children adopted
2 to under 3 years old	10
3 to under 4 years old	3
4 to under 5 years old	2
5 to under 6 years old	-
6 to under 7 years old	-
7 to under 8 years old	1
8 to under 9 years old	2
9 to under 10 years old	-
10 to under 11 years old	2
11 to under 12 years old	3
12 to under 13 years old	-
13 to under 14 years old	1
14 to under 15 years old	-
15 to under 16 years old	-
16 to under 17 years old	2
17 to under 18 years old	1
18 years old or above	-

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the adopted children's average length of stay in residential care before adoption.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6013)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many applications to free children for adoption were made in 2019?
2. How many were granted by the court?
3. How many were denied?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The Court granted a total of 46 adoption orders in 2019 and none of them involved children being freed for adoption. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on the number of applications to free children for adoption and the number of such applications approved and dismissed by the Court.

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LWB(WW)528

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6014)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many foster parents received some form of training in 2019?
2. How many current foster parents have received training at some point?
3. Please provide a breakdown of the number of foster parents trained by type of training received.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

453 foster parents have attended training programmes organised by the Central Foster Care Unit of the Social Welfare Department in 2019. The breakdown of the number of foster parents by the type of training received is set out as follows:

Type of training	Number of foster parents
Pre-service training for prospective foster parents	158
Training on care/parenting for foster children	147
Training on care for foster children with special needs	46
Communication skills with birth parents	64
Liaison and sharing group of foster care service cum training activities	38

There were a total of 935 foster parents as at 31 December 2019, with all of them having received at least one of the above types of training (not necessarily in 2019).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6015)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide a breakdown of reports to family and child protective services units (FCPSUs) concerning child abuse, neglect and abandonment in 2019.
2. How many referrals were from teachers, police, medical staff, relatives, others (please provide a breakdown)?
3. How many children had previously been reported?
4. How many were new cases?
5. Please provide the same information for reports to integrated family service centres (IFSCs).
6. How many of the child abuse/neglect/abandonment referrals were investigated during the calendar year 2019 (please provide breakdown by type of body investigating, i.e. FCPSU, IFSC, non-governmental organisation (NGO))?
7. How many reports were found to be substantiated (please provide a breakdown by type of body investigating)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The number of new child abuse cases, with a breakdown by source of referrals/reports received by FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2019, is set out in the table of the Annex. Of these cases, SWD does not have the figures on previously reported cases, new cases, and the type of bodies investigating the reported cases.

In general, on receiving reports of suspected child abuse cases, IFSCs will conduct preliminary assessments in accordance with the Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases. For known cases, IFSCs will conduct investigations where appropriate; for unknown cases, IFSCs will refer them to FCPSUs for follow-up action. When suspected child abuse incidents are defined as child abuse cases or those with a high risk of child abuse, the information on relevant cases will be reported to the "Child Protection Registry" (the Registry). A breakdown of newly reported child abuse cases by type collected by the Registry in 2019 is set out in the table of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of new child abuse cases received by FCPSUs in 2019 with a breakdown by source of referrals

Source of referrals	**Number of cases**
Medical professionals and medical social workers	117
Schools (including teachers and school social workers)	165
Police	104
Social service units (including other service units under SWD, IFSCs and NGOs, etc.)	429
The public/media/SWD hotlines	-
The court/other government departments	2
Self-approach	8
Others	3
Total	**872**

Table 2: Breakdown of newly reported child abuse cases by type collected by the Registry in 2019

Type	**Number of cases**
Physical abuse	430
Neglect	237
Sexual abuse	305
Psychological abuse	8
Multiple abuse	26
Total	**1 006**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6016)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many children were taken into protection/residential care homes (RHC) as a result of a multi-disciplinary case conference (MDCC) recommendation in 2019?
2. How many children were not taken into an RHC despite an MDCC recommendation in 2019?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

The "Child Protection Registry" (the Registry) of the Social Welfare Department collects information on child abuse. From 1 January to 31 December 2019, there were a total of 1 006 newly reported child abuse cases. Among them, 339 cases involved children being recommended for residential care service by MDCCs, with 182 cases admitted to the necessary institutions and the remaining 157 still pending applications for the services needed or waiting for admission to the residential care services needed.

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LWB(WW)531

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6017)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many active child abuses cases were handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs)/Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in the past five years (please provide a breakdown between FCPSUs and IFSCs)?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

The number of child abuse cases handled by FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department and IFSCs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019) is set out below:

Year / Unit	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
FCPSUs	2 353	2 487	2 531	2 800	2 671
IFSCs	70	60	65	63	55

Child abuse cases are generally handled by FCPSUs. For non-active cases of FCPSUs (including cases handled by IFSCs) involving child abuse, the relevant service units will refer the case to FCPSUs for follow-up after the immediate welfare needs of the abused children are addressed.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6018)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in 2019-20, how many social workers will be employed by the government sector and the subvented sector respectively, and what is the average case load per social worker?
2. How many additional staff in total will be provided to IFSCs in 2019-20 and how will they be distributed?
3. Regarding Family and Child Protective Services Unit (FCPSU) in 2019-20, how many social workers will be employed by the government sector, and what is the average case load per social worker?
4. How many additional staff in total will be provided to FCPSU in 2019-20 and how will they be distributed?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The manpower of Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s IFSCs in 2019-20 remains the same, with the total number of social workers being 833. To enhance preventive and supportive services for vulnerable children and youth, the Government has provided additional resources from 2019-20 onwards, for a total of 26 frontline social workers for 24 IFSCs and 2 integrated service centres (ISCs) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The manpower resources of social workers have thus been increased to 430. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs can flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. According to the staffing establishment, the average caseload of each social worker in IFSCs is 37.5 each month in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019).

3. & 4. The manpower of FCPSUs under SWD in 2019-20 remains the same with the staffing establishment of 14 Senior Social Work Officers, 155 Social Work Officers and 51 Assistant Social Work Officers, making a total of 220 social workers. Manpower will be deployed to respective FCPSUs according to the service demand of the districts. The average caseload of each social worker in FCPSUs is 22 each month in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6019)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of service users of various child care services by age in the past 5 years.

	Standalone child care centres (CCCs)	CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)	Extended hours service (EHS)	Occasional child care service (OCCS)	Mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs)	Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP)
Aged 0						
Aged 1						
Aged 2						
Aged 3						
Aged 4						
Aged 5						
Aged 6						
Aged 7						
Aged 8						
Aged 9						

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The average utilisation rate/number of service users of various day child care services (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs for children aged below 3; EHS, OCCS and MHCCCs for children aged below 6, and NSCCP for children aged below 9) in the past 5 financial years is set out at Annex. Regarding the above services, the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the average utilisation rate/number of service users by age.

Annex

The average utilisation rate/number of service users of standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, EHS, OCCS, MHCCCs and NSCCP

Year	CCCs [Note 1]				EHS		OCCS		MHCCCs		NSCCP
	Standalone CCCs		CCCs attached to KGs [Note 2]								
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of service users
2015-16	3 015	79	26 463	77	2 254	60	434	65	303	10.0	13 363
2016-17	3 063	73	27 610	72	2 254	53	434	58	289	9.0	13 930
2017-18	3 207	74	29 784	67	2 254	50	434	57	275	8.5	13 410
2018-19	3 626	70	31 854	63	2 260	49	446	56	261	9.0	12 586
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	3 417	64	30 966	63	2 286	47	449	57	261	9.7	9 054

[Note 1] Including aided and non-aided CCCs

[Note 2] The information is provided by the Education Bureau in September every year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6020)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of street sleepers who had applied for and received emergency relief fund (ERF), and the average, the lowest and the highest amount of ERF received over the past 5 years? What is the average time taken to apply for ERF?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The headcount of street sleepers receiving Emergency Fund (EF) in the past 5 years are set out as follows:

Year	Headcount [Note]
2015-16	1 709
2016-17	1 557
2017-18	989
2018-19	1 569
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	1 263

[Note] Headcount is based on the number of applications.

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of street sleepers who had applied for EF, the average, the lowest and the highest amount of EF received, and the average time taken to apply for EF.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6021)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the respective amounts and total amount of subvention, and the amount of emergency relief fund allocated to the Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The expenditure on the integrated services for street sleepers subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (including the subvention provided for the 3 ISTs) in the past 5 financial years is set out as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	18.9
2016-17 (Actual)	20.2
2017-18 (Actual)	21.7
2018-19 (Actual)	22.9
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	23.3

SWD does not have the expenditure breakdown of subventions for ISTs. The total amount of allocations of emergency fund remained the same at $270,000 in 2015-16 (Actual), 2016-17 (Actual), 2017-18 (Actual), 2018-19 (Actual) and 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6023)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of street sleepers in the past 5 years with a breakdown by District Council district, gender and age group.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

The number of street sleepers approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers operated by non-governmental organisations under subvention of the Social Welfare Department, and related service units in the past 5 financial years with a breakdown by district, gender and age group is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of Street Sleepers by District

District	Number of street sleepers				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Hong Kong & Islands	113	123	106	118	146
Kowloon	753	768	910	1 033	1 076
New Territories	30	33	111	146	126
Total	**896**	**924**	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 2: Number of Street Sleepers by Gender

Gender	Number of street sleepers				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Female	55	61	104	136	139
Male	827	863	1 020	1 161	1 209
Unknown	14	-	3	-	-
Total	**896**	**924**	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 3: Number of Street Sleepers by Age Group

Age group	Number of street sleepers				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Unknown	24	24	20	13	11
29 or below	17	16	21	29	29
30 to 49	316	297	365	409	417
50 to 69	487	529	634	732	774
70 or above	52	58	87	114	117
Total	**896**	**924**	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6024)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of service users of standalone child care centres, with a breakdown by the age of admission (in months) and duration of service (in months) over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6025)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following for the past 5 years:

1. the number of probation cases handled by family and child protective services units (FCPSUs);
2. the nature and male-to-female ratio of the probation cases;
3. the number of reports on child custody disputes handled;
4. the nature and male-to-female ratio of the report cases, and the number of children involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has the number of active cases involving probation orders (POs) being served by FCPSUs as at 31 March of the year. The number of cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out below:

Item	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of cases involving POs	71	60	59	63	70

SWD does not have the breakdown of the nature and gender ratio of these cases.

3. & 4. The number of social enquiry reports involving child custody dispute cases that were handled by FCPSUs and the number of children involved from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out below:

Item	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Number of social enquiry reports handled	1 066	1 061	1 018	1 202	906
Number of children involved in social enquiry reports completed [Note]	1 303	1 324	1 243	1 417	1 033

[Note] More than 1 child may be involved in a social enquiry report.

SWD does not have the breakdown of the gender ratio of children involved in child custody dispute cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6026)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out for the past 5 years:

1. the number of children available for adoption, with a breakdown by gender and age;
2. the number of adoption cases handled by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the average, the shortest, the longest and the median time for processing the applications, with a breakdown by the overall condition, gender, age and cases with/without disabilities;
3. the factors affecting the waiting time for the adoption cases handled;
4. the current staffing establishment of the Adoption Unit of SWD;
5. whether the manpower is sufficient to handle the current caseload.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The statistics on the total number of children available for adoption, with a breakdown by gender and age group, as at 31 December in each of the past 5 years is at Annex 1.
2. The number of adoption cases handled by SWD and the relevant processing time of applications in the past 5 years are as follows:

Information sought	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
Number of adoption cases [Note 1]	73	52	62	40	38
Average processing time (months) [Note 2]	1.6	1.6	2.0	3.0	2.0
Shortest processing time (months) [Note 2]	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Longest processing time (months) [Note 2]	12.5	4.5	11.5	12.5	10.5

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

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

SWD does not have information on the median time for processing the applications.

The statistics on the number of children available for adoption, with a breakdown by gender, age and whether there are special needs, for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at December 2019) is at Annex 2. SWD does not have the relevant statistics for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

3. There is a basket of factors affecting the processing time for placing children available for adoption in suitable local adoptive homes. These include the children's health condition, emotional and behavioural state, type and level of disability, age, and birth parents' background. Generally speaking, children available for adoption may be placed in suitable local adoptive homes within 3 months. Children with special needs, such as those in ill health, with disabilities and/or at older age, may require a longer and varied processing time to get successfully adopted.

4. As at December 2019, there were a total of 13 professional and 6 supporting staff members under the staffing establishment of the 2 Adoption Units of SWD.

5. In recent years, the number of adoption cases has been generally stable, and the existing staff establishment is sufficient to cope with the current caseload.

Annex 1

Number of Children Available for Adoption

Age	As at 31 December 2015		As at 31 December 2016		As at 31 December 2017		As at 31 December 2018		As at 31 December 2019	
	Male	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
Under 1 year of age	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	6	5
Aged 1 to under 2	4	-	4	3	2	4	3	4	1	2
Aged 2 to under 3	4	1	1	2	4	3	1	1	2	4
Aged 3 to under 4	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	4	1
Aged 4 to under 5	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	4
Aged 5 to under 6	3	1	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	-
Aged 6 to under 7	1	-	5	4	5	2	2	-	4	3
Aged 7 to under 8	3	-	1	1	3	4	6	3	-	-
Aged 8 to under 9	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	4	7	2
Aged 9 to under 10	2	-	1	2	-	1	3	1	4	3
Aged 10 to under 11	3	1	2	-	1	3	-	1	3	1
Aged 11 to under 12	4	2	3	-	2	1	1	3	-	1
Aged 12 to under 13	6	2	4	2	3	-	3	-	1	3
Aged 13 to under 14	2	3	6	2	4	2	3	1	2	-
Aged 14 to under 15	2	-	2	3	5	2	4	1	3	-
Aged 15 to under 16	1	4	1	-	2	3	4	3	4	2
Aged 16 to under 17	4	1	1	3	1	-	1	2	5	2
Aged 17 to under 18	-	-	2	1	1	3	-	-	1	2
Aged 18 or above	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**47**	**21**	**40**	**28**	**40**	**33**	**39**	**29**	**49**	**35**
	68		**68**		**73**		**68**		**84**	

Annex 2

Number of Adoption Cases

Gender/whether there are special needs [Note] / Age	2018-19				2019-20 (as at December 2019)			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	No special needs	With special needs	No special needs	With special needs	No special needs	With special needs	No special needs	With special needs
Under 1 year of age	-	15	1	9	-	8	-	9
Aged 1 to under 2	-	5	-	1	-	4	-	3
Aged 2 to under 3	-	1	-	2	-	5	-	5
Aged 3 to under 4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Aged 4 to under 5	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Aged 5 to under 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aged 6 to under 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aged 7 to under 8	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aged 8 to under 9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Aged 9 to under 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Aged 10 or above	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	**24**	**1**	**15**	**-**	**18**	**-**	**20**
Total	**24**		**16**		**18**		**20**	
	40				**38**			

[Note] Children with special needs include those in ill health, with disabilities and/or at older age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6745)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out over the past 2 years by District Council (DC) district:

(1) the number of applicants from each district for various items under the Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables (Pilot Scheme) launched by the Community Care Fund (CCF);

(2) the age distribution of applicants (in ten-year bands);

(3) the amount involved; and

(4) the estimated total number of eligible applicants.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 446)

Reply:

The Government launched the Pilot Scheme under CCF in September 2017. As at end-December 2019, 730 applications had been received, among which 603 applicants were approved to be eligible and had received the subsidy. The amount of subsidy disbursed is about $10.47 million. The age distribution of beneficiaries is set out in Annex. As the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of beneficiaries by DC district, the information sought is not available.

Annex

Age distribution of beneficiaries of the Pilot Scheme

Age	**Number of beneficiaries**
0 to 19	1
20 to 29	5
30 to 39	3
40 to 49	22
50 to 59	55
60 to 69	181
70 to 79	179
80 to 89	132
90 or above	25
Total	**603**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6747)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on the following for the past 2 years by District Council (DC) district:

(1) the number of applicants for each service item under the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme) funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF);

(2) the age distribution of applicants (in ten-year bands);

(3) the expenditure involved; and

(4) the estimated number of eligible applicants in total.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 448)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) being responsible for its implementation.

As at end-December 2019, there were no ineligible applications under the Pilot Scheme. A cumulative total of 585 and 1 102 elderly persons received services under the Pilot Scheme in 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown by DC district and age group. The number of elderly persons having received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by service type is provided as follows:

Service type	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Transitional residential care services	347	611
Transitional community care and support services	195	397
Using both services	43	94
Total	585	1 102

In 2018-19, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about $20.5 million (including about $12.75 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about $6.92 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and $830,000 as the expenses for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). In 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about $43.88 million (including about $31.51 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about $10.35 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and $2.02 million as the expenses for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs).

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LWB(WW)542

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6781)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the situation in respect of child care workers who committed acts of irregularities, including the types of irregularities involved, the number of child care workers penalised for their irregularities, and the number of child care workers who had their registration cancelled in the past 10 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 611)

Reply:

There was no child care worker being removed from the register of child care workers due to irregularities in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6788)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA), with a breakdown by the number of sub-bases?

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases		
With more than 1 sub-base		
With 1 sub-base		
Total		

2. Regarding the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs) in Hong Kong, how many units are occupying a total floor area above and how many below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) of 345m^2, with a breakdown by the number of sub-bases?

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	Total floor area below the standard SoA
Without sub-bases		
With more than 1 sub-base		
With 1 sub-base		
Total		

3. For the service units occupying a total floor area below the standard SoA, what plans does the Government have to identify premises meeting the standard SoA in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

The information on the number of sub-bases of ICCMWs and DSCs across the territory is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex respectively. Apart from taking the standard SoA as a planning parameter, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will also consider other factors in determining whether certain premises are suitable for ICCMW and DSC purposes, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will keep in view the overall service demand and the service situation of individual centres.

Annex

Table 1: Number of sub-bases of ICCMWs

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	**Total floor area below the standard SoA [Note 1]**
Without sub-bases	2	11
With more than 1 sub-base	1	7
With 1 sub-base	1	2
Total	**4**	**20 [Note 2]**

[Note 1] Since the SoA of ICCMWs was revised in March 2018, there are more ICCMWs with a total floor area below the revised standard SoA.

[Note 2] Including 3 ICCMWs to be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of renovation/construction/conversion works.

Table 2: Number of sub-bases of DSCs

	Total floor area above the standard SoA	**Total floor area below the standard SoA [Note 3]**
Without sub-bases	1	13
With more than 1 sub-base	-	-
With 1 sub-base	-	2
Total	**1**	**15**

[Note 3] Since the SoA of DSCs was just revised in December 2019, there are more DSCs with a total floor area below the revised standard SoA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6572)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of clinical psychologists (CPs) providing clinical psychological support service, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number of CPs in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1003)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The actual number of posts in the CP grade under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2018-19 was 59.
2. The revised estimated number of posts in SWD's CP grade in 2019-20 is 66.
3. The estimated number of posts in SWD's CP grade in 2020-21 is 66.
4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided to the public.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)545

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6573)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of family aide workers, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number of workers in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1004)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of family aide workers from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out below:

Year	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
Number of workers	59	73	73

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided to the public.

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LWB(WW)546

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6574)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of family life education workers, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number of workers in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1005)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of registered social workers in family life education units is as follows:

Year	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
Number of workers	21	21	21

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6575)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of Family Support Networking Teams (FSNTs), which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number of FSNTs in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1006)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of FSNTs is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
7	7	7

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6576)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average number of cases per family and child protection worker, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number of cases in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1007)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of cases per worker in Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is shown below:

Item	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
Number of cases	27	22 [Note]	22 [Note]

[Note] The average number of cases per worker in FCPSUs is expected to decrease since child protection services were enhanced with additional social workers in 2018-19.

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including services provided to the public.

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LWB(WW)549

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6577)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average number of vulnerable households newly and successfully contacted through outreach attempts by each Family Support Networking Team (FSNT) worker, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1008)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of vulnerable households successfully contacted through outreach attempts by each FSNT worker is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
212	212	212

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6578)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average number of vulnerable households newly and successfully referred to welfare or mainstream services by each Family Support Networking Team (FSNT) worker, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please advise:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considers it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1009)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of vulnerable households successfully referred to welfare or mainstream services by each FSNT worker is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
160	160	160

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates onwards. The revision has been made to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been suitably re-grouped to include items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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LWB(WW)551

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6579)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of social workers providing medical social services, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the actual number of such social workers in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number of such social workers in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number of such social workers in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1010)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of medical social workers (MSWs) is set out in the Annex.

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work, including the services provided for the public.

Annex

Number of MSWs

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) [Note 1]	2020-21 (Estimate) [Note 2]
463	471	493

[Note 1] There were 8 additional MSWs in the general and psychiatric hospitals of the Hospital Authority (HA) in 2019-20.

[Note 2] There will be 22 additional MSWs in child assessment centres of the Department of Health and the hospitals of HA from 2020-21.

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LWB(WW)552

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6580)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average number of cases per worker providing medical social services, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the actual number of such figure in 2017-18;
2. the revised estimate of such figure in 2018-19;
3. the estimated number of such figure in 2019-20; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1011)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of cases per medical social worker (MSW) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided for the public.

Annex

Average number of cases per MSW from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Year	**2017-18 (Actual)**	**2018-19 (Actual)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate)**
Average number of cases per MSW	66	64	64

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6581)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of social workers providing probation and Community Service Orders (CSO) service, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1012)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of social workers providing probation service and administering the CSO service is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
165	165	165

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6582)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of social workers of the Young Offender Assessment Panel (YOAP), which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1013)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of social workers of the YOAP is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-2021 (Estimate)
3	3	3

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6583)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of cases supervised per month per social worker serving in social service centres for ex-offenders, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1014)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. Integrated service centres have been formed since 1 May 2019 by integrating social service centres for ex-offenders with recreation centres so as to strengthen community support services for ex-offenders and their families. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating integrated service centres for ex-offenders have the flexibility to deploy the subvention and arrange suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The number of cases supervised per worker of individual centres may vary according to work arrangement and team size.

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and the services provided to the public.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)556**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6584)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of cases closed per month per social worker serving in social service centres for ex-offenders, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1015)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. Integrated service centres have been formed since 1 May 2019 by integrating social service centres for ex-offenders with recreation centres so as to strengthen community support services for ex-offenders and their families. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating integrated service centres for ex-offenders have the flexibility to deploy the subvention and arrange suitable staffing, including social workers, to ensure service quality, to meet service needs and to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The number of cases closed per worker of individual centres may vary according to work arrangement and team size.

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and the services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6585)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The cost per resident per month of probation home under residential training, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual cost in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the cost in 2019-20;
3. the estimated cost in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1016)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. Since July 2007, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has co-located approved institutions, reformatory school, remand homes and places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), which aims at creating synergy among services and restructuring service delivery to enable shared use of common facilities by different categories of residents to achieve economy of scale. The cost per child under care per month of the TMCJH hinges on the enrolment rate which is subject to various factors like crime rate, court disposals, children's welfare needs, family support and length of stay, etc. The cost per child under care per month is $121,879, $141,773 and $147,490 in 2018-19 (Actual), 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) and 2020-21 (Estimate) respectively.

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6586)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The cost per resident per month of reformatory school, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual cost in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the cost in 2019-20;
3. the estimated cost in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1017)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. Since July 2007, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has co-located approved institutions, reformatory school, remand homes and places of refuge in a residential training complex, namely the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), which aims at creating synergy among services and restructuring service delivery to enable shared use of common facilities by different categories of residents to achieve economy of scale. The cost per child under care per month of the TMCJH hinges on the enrolment rate which is subject to various factors like crime rate, court disposals, children's welfare needs, family support and length of stay, etc. The cost per child under care per month is $121,879, $141,773 and $147,490 in 2018-19 (Actual), 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) and 2020-21 (Estimate) respectively.

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6589)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of school social workers, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number of the aforesaid workers in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number of the aforesaid workers in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number of the aforesaid workers in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1020)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of school social workers from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
559	926	926

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6590)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of outreaching social work teams, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number of the aforesaid teams in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number of the aforesaid teams in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number of the aforesaid teams in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1021)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of outreaching social work teams from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
19	19	19

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6591)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of teams of the Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS), which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number of the aforesaid teams in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number of the aforesaid teams in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number of the aforesaid teams in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1022)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The number of CSSS teams is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
5	5	5

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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LWB(WW)562

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6592)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average number of attendees in core programme sessions in each children and youth centre, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number of the aforesaid attendees in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number of the aforesaid attendees in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number of the aforesaid attendees in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1023)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of attendees in core programme sessions in each children and youth centre is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
22 272	22 272	22 272

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6593)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of new and renewed members in each Children and Youth Centre, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number of the aforesaid members in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number of the aforesaid members in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number of the aforesaid members in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1024)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of new and renewed members in each Children and Youth Centre is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
1 575	1 575	1 575

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6594)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of attendees in core programme sessions per worker of Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs), which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1025)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of attendees in programme sessions per ICYSC worker is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
3 906	3 672	3 505

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6595)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of clients served per worker of Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres (ICYSCs) at any one time, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1026)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of clients served per ICYSC worker at any one time is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
57	57	57

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6596)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of cases per worker of school social work, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1027)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of cases per school social worker from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
73	57	50

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in secondary schools starting from September in 2019-20. The number of school social workers for each secondary school has been increased from 1.2 to 2 with enhanced supervisory support. In view of the increasing complexity and diversity of student problems, school social workers have to provide students with more in-depth counselling and support services. Therefore, after reviewing the indicators for service output and outcome with 34 non-governmental organisations operating secondary school social work service, SWD has reduced the number of cases per school social worker per annum from 70 to 50, so that school social workers can handle student problems more effectively.

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6597)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of cases closed after having achieved the agreed goal per social worker of school social work, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1028)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of cases closed after having achieved the agreed goal per school social worker from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
24	18	16

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in secondary schools starting from September in 2019-20. The number of school social workers for each secondary school has been increased from 1.2 to 2 with enhanced supervisory support. In view of the increasing complexity and diversity of student problems, school social workers have to provide students with more in-depth counselling and support services. Therefore, after reviewing the indicators for service output and outcome with 34 non-governmental organisations operating secondary school social work service, SWD has reduced the number of cases closed after having achieved the agreed goal per school social worker per annum from 23 to 16.

4. SWD has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)568**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6598)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of cases per worker of outreach social work, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1029)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of cases per worker of outreach social work from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
81	81	81

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)569**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6599)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of cases closed after having achieved the agreed goal per team of outreach social work, which used to be disclosed in the Budget before 2014-15, is not shown in this year's Budget. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the actual number in 2018-19;
2. the revised estimate of the number in 2019-20;
3. the estimated number in 2020-21; and
4. the basis on which the Government considered it unnecessary to disclose the above figures in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1030)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The average number of cases closed after having achieved the agreed goal per team of outreach social work from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is shown below:

2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	2020-21 (Estimate)
78	78	78

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has reviewed and re-grouped the targets and indicators, where appropriate, as from the 2014-15 Estimates. The targets have been revised to show the target performance of individual services more clearly. The indicators have been revised to include, where suitable, items previously set out under targets and to provide a more succinct summary of the service provision. The revised targets and indicators better reflect SWD's work and services provided to the public.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)570

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6638)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently, the waiting time for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) is as long as 15 months. Please provide the key performance indicator (KPI) for the aforesaid services, and set out the number of service users for IHCS(FC) over the past 5 years in the table below:

	No. of service users
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 2022)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not adopt KPI for IHCS(FC). The number of service users for IHCS(FC) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	No. of service users
2015-16	1 466
2016-17	1 461
2017-18	1 436
2018-19	1 458
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 325

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6699)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee on the following:

The Department has indicated that centres have been opened for people in need since the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic. How many of them are child care centres and youth centres? What is the number of people who have used the respective services? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 6027)

Reply:

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19 epidemic, regarding the centre-based services subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) including integrated children and youth services centres as well as children and youth centres, the centres will not be open to the public but will maintain limited services, so as to avoid increased risk of infection among service users arising from the gathering of people.

All subsidised child care centres (CCCs) including 12 aided standalone CCCs and 246 aided CCCs attached to kindergartens have suspended services. However, these centres, depending on the situation, remain open to serve service users with special needs. Individual service users who have the need for these services may contact the centres concerned.

For the relevant service arrangement, no additional expenditure is involved. SWD has no information on the number of service users.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)572

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3427)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information pertaining to standalone child care centres (CCCs) in the past 5 academic years by District Council (DC) district:

a. the number of places in each district and the total number in Hong Kong;

b. the actual number of children in each district and the total number in Hong Kong; and

c. the average utilisation rate in each district and in Hong Kong.

d. The average waiting time for service users to be admitted to CCCs in each district and across the territory.

e. Further to (d) above, please provide the longest waiting time respectively.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 178)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a. & c. The number of places and average utilisation rate of standalone CCCs by DC district, and the total number of places and average utilisation rate in Hong Kong in the past 5 financial years are set out at Annex.

b. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics.

d. & e. At present, applications for services in standalone CCCs are directly handled by the service operators. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for the above services.

Annex

Number of places and average utilisation rate of standalone CCCs [Note 1]

District	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at December 2019)	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	210	73	210	65	210	63	210	62	210	54
Southern	-	N.A.	-	N.A	-	N.A	-	N.A	-	N.A
Islands	-	N.A	46	100	46	100	46	100	46	100
Eastern	447	68	427	66	417	69	417	65	260	59
Wan Chai	48	100	68	100	68	92	68	94	68	95
Kwun Tong	216	91	216	81	322	86	322	86	322	77
Wong Tai Sin	42	58	42	37	-	30 [Note 2]	-	N.A	-	N.A
Sai Kung	-	N.A	-	N.A	-	N.A	238	47	-	52 [Note 3]
Kowloon City	1 144	73	1 144	71	1 231	70	1 409	63	1 409	60
Yau Tsim Mong	128	88	128	91	131	94	131	96	215	72
Sham Shui Po	62	100	62	100	62	100	62	100	62	99
Sha Tin	70	100	72	100	72	100	72	100	72	100
Tai Po	-	N.A	-	N.A	-	N.A	-	N.A	-	N.A
North	48	100	48	100	48	100	51	100	51	100
Yuen Long	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100	166	47
Tsuen Wan	412	86	412	56	412	56	412	55	412	50
Kwai Tsing	60	100	60	100	60	100	60	100	60	100
Tuen Mun	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100	64	100
Total	**3 015**	**79**	**3 063**	**73**	**3 207**	**74**	**3 626**	**70**	**3 417**	**64**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including aided and non-aided CCCs

[Note 2] A private standalone CCC has stopped operation since 1 August 2017. The figure denotes the average utilisation rate of that CCC from April to June 2017.

[Note 3] A private standalone CCC has stopped operation since 16 July 2019. The figure denotes the average utilisation rate of that CCC from April to July 2019.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)573

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3440)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out in table form information about the on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) (formerly known as the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services) since the launch of the services:

School year	No. of pupils participating in OPRS	No. of schools participating in OPRS
	1 to 5	
	6 to 10	
	11 to 15	
	16 to 20	
	21 to 25	
	30 or above	
	Total	

2. Please set out in table form information on the top 10 schools with the largest increase in the number of pupils participating in the 5 years from 2015 to 2019.

School	No. of participants in 2015	No. of participants in 2019
School A		
School B		
School C		
School D		
School E		
School F		
School G		
School H		
School I		
School J		

3. Please provide the number of persons waitlisted and their average waiting time for each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 191)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Since the regularisation of OPRS in October 2018, the number of participating kindergartens and kindergarten-cum-child care centres has increased from about 490 to about 710, and has further increased to about 850 in October 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of participating schools broken down by the number of participating pupils.

2. SWD does not have information on the top 10 schools with the largest increase in the number of pupils participating in the 5 years from 2015 to 2019.

3. The Government implemented the Pilot Scheme on On-Site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) in November 2015, with service users admitted directly by the non-governmental organisations operating the service. As such, SWD does not have information on the number of waitlisted persons and the average waiting time for the services under the Pilot Scheme. OPRS was regularised in October 2018. The number of persons waitlisted for OPRS is as follows:

Year	Number of persons waitlisted
2018-19	1 096 [Note]
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	1 771 [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of early education and training centres or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the average waiting time of OPRS is not yet available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4729)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of additional places for various types of residential care services for the elderly in each of the past 5 years? What is the expenditure involved respectively?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 331)

Reply:

The number of additional subsidised places for nursing homes (NHs), care-and-attention (C&A) homes, private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and contract RCHEs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is 47, 354, 811 and 480 respectively. The number of subsidised places for various types of RCHEs and expenditure are set out in Annexes 1 & 2.

Annex 1

Number of subsidised places in RCHEs

Year	Service places			
	NHs [Note 1]	**C&A homes** [Note 2]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Contract RCHEs** [Note 3]
2015-16	1 815	15 059	8 048	1 991
2016-17	1 870	15 147	8 087	2 150
2017-18	1 868	15 288	8 009	2 324
2018-19	1 863	15 360	7 991	2 390
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	1 862	15 413	8 859	2 471

[Note 1] Including places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

[Note 2] Including home for the aged places, C&A places, C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC), and places provided under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong

[Note 3] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places

Annex 2

Expenditure for subsidised residential care services for the elderly

Year	**Expenditure ($ billion)**
2015-16 (Actual)	4.2437
2016-17 (Actual)	4.5388
2017-18 (Actual)	4.7939
2018-19 (Actual)	5.4222
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	6.5070

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LWB(WW)575

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4730)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of: the number of persons waitlisted for care-and-attention (C&A) services, and the waiting time, the number of waitlisted persons and the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away respectively for subvented and contract homes over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 332)

Reply:

The average waiting time, the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places (including subvented and contract homes) and the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1 to Annex 5.

Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly may make a maximum of 3 choices at the same time by indicating their preference for the location of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), including the cluster, the district or even a specified RCHE, etc. Elderly persons may also choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places of subvented/contract RCHEs, homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown of the respective numbers of persons waitlisted for subvented and contract homes.

Annex 1

Average waiting time for subsidised C&A places, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2015-16

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places		27 365 [Note 3]	3 881
- Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	36		
- Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	9		
Overall	22		

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC) in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2016.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 670 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

Annex 2

Average waiting time for subsidised C&A places, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2016-17

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places		29 672 [Note 3]	4 261
- Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	36		
- Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	11		
Overall	24		

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2017.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 760 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 3

Average waiting time for subsidised C&A places, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2017-18

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places		31 358 [Note 3]	4 684
- Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	36		
- Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	11		
Overall	24		

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2018.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 4

Average waiting time for subsidised C&A places, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2018-19

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places		33 716 [Note 3]	4 799
- Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	40		
- Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	10		
Overall	24		

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2019.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

Annex 5

Average waiting time for subsidised C&A places, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places		33 843 [Note 3]	3 651
- Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)	41		
- Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	8		
Overall	20		

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-December 2019.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4731)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the care and attention (C&A) places converted into C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC), please advise: the funding allocated to C&A places and C&A places providing a CoC respectively over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 333)

Reply:

The full-year expenditure for subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) from 2015-16 to 2019-20:

Year	Full-year expenditure for subvented RCHEs [Note] ($ billion)
2015-16 (Actual)	2.4812
2016-17 (Actual)	2.6206
2017-18 (Actual)	2.7233
2018-19 (Actual)	2.9489
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3.1596

[Note] Subvented RCHEs include subvented C&A homes and subvented C&A homes providing a CoC. Moreover, the places include the C&A places with CoC under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong launched since 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4732)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the care and attention (C&A) places converted into C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC), please advise: the average cost per place per month for C&A places and C&A places providing a CoC respectively over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 334)

Reply:

The average cost per place per month for C&A places providing a CoC from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Average cost per month per place ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	14,243
2016-17 (Actual)	14,822
2017-18 (Actual)	15,265
2018-19 (Actual)	16,393
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	17,499

Combined homes are providing home for the aged (H/A) places and C&A places pending conversion into C&A places providing a CoC. The Social Welfare Department does not have the average cost per place per month for such H/A places and C&A places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4988)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please reply to the following questions in table form, with a breakdown by age group (a) 60 to 64 years old; (b) 65 to 69 years old; (c) 70 to 74 years old; (d) 75 to 79 years old; and (e) above 80 years old:

(1) the respective numbers of applicants and successful applicants for elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) living in Hong Kong and those participating in the Portable CSSA Scheme, and the respective amounts of CSSA involved;

(2) the number of Old Age Allowance (OAA) (commonly known as "fruit money") recipients, with a breakdown by group;

(3) the number of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients, with a breakdown by group; and

(4) the number of Higher OALA recipients, with a breakdown by group.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 811)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1) The number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA) recipients in 2019-20 with a breakdown by age group is set out in Table 1 of Annex 1. Of which, the number of Portable CSSA recipients with a breakdown by age group is set out in Table 2 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

(2) to (4) The number of OAA, Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients in 2019-20 with a breakdown by age group is set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA) recipients in 2019-20 by age group

Year	Number of recipients				
	Aged 60 to 64	**Aged 65 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 74**	**Aged 75 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	24 324	26 730	26 442	21 833	59 327

Table 2: Number of Portable CSSA recipients in 2019-20 by age group

Year	Number of recipients				
	Aged 60 to 64	**Aged 65 to 69**	**Aged 70 to 74**	**Aged 75 to 79**	**Aged 80 or above**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	17	40	90	151	845

Annex 2

Number of OAA, Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients in 2019-20 by age group

Type of allowances	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Age group	Number of recipients
OAA	60 to 64	N.A.
	65 to 69	
	70 to 74	119 049
	75 to 79	57 958
	80 or above	89 219
Normal OALA	60 to 64	N.A.
	65 to 69	16 625
	70 to 74	12 303
	75 to 79	7 105
	80 or above	12 941
Higher OALA	60 to 64	N.A.
	65 to 69	142 024
	70 to 74	133 528
	75 to 79	83 139
	80 or above	155 349

N.A. - Not applicable

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6130)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (OPRS) already regularised in the 2018/19 school year, would the Government please inform this Committee as to:

(a) whether the participating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) remain the same upon regularisation of the services; what the amount of subsidy received by each NGO and the number of persons served are respectively; please set out in table form the NGOs which provide services each school year, the age of the beneficiary, the details or types of service, the number of persons and the average cost per person;

(b) the annual total actual expenditure on the services; please set out in table form the expenditure items and amounts for each year from implementation of the pilot scheme to regularisation of the services:

	Item	Year	Details (nature/title of work, etc.)	Quantity (if any)	Amount
1 (example)	Administrative costs (please itemise)				
2 (example)	Manpower arrangements (please itemise)				
3					
4					

(c) With the number of service places increased to 7 000 for the 2019/20 school year, how many persons remain in the subvented pre-school rehabilitation services now? Has the Government considered continuing with the increase in the number of places/inviting more NGOs to render the services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The Government has regularised OPRS in October 2018 and increased the number of service places from about 3 000 under the Pilot Scheme to about 5 000, which was further increased to about 7 000 in October 2019. The number of participating NGOs has increased from 16 under the Pilot Scheme to 18 in the 2018/19 school year and to 21 currently. The NGOs providing OPRS, number of service places, target and relevant details in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1.

(b) The annual expenditure on OPRS since the commencement of the Pilot Scheme is set out in Annex 2.

(c) The number of persons on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services as at 31 December 2019 is set out in Annex 3. To enable pre-school children with special needs to receive support as soon as possible, the Government will increase 1 000 OPRS places in each year for the 3 school years from 2020/21 to 2022/23, making an aggregate increase of 3 000 service places which will bring the total number to 10 000. The Social Welfare Department will invite and select NGOs to operate new service places through competition in service quality or in-situ expansion of teams.

Annex 1

Table 1: NGOs providing OPRS, number of service places, target and relevant details in the 2018/19 school year

Service	Details	Service Providers	No. of Service Team(s)	No. of places [Note]
OPRS	A total of 45 multi-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers, and special child care workers) coordinated by 18 NGOs to provide OPRS for children under the age of 6 with special needs studying in participating kindergartens (KGs)/ kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), and support for teachers/ child care workers and parents.	Heep Hong Society	5	740
		Po Leung Kuk	6	624
		SAHK	6	600
		Caritas - Hong Kong	3	350
		Hong Kong Christian Service	3	325
		Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3	325
		Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	2	283
		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	2	275
		Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	2	275
		Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	2	225
		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	2	225
		Salvation Army	2	225
		Yan Chai Hospital	2	200
		Hong Chi Association	1	130
		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	1	125
		The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	1	105
		St. James' Settlement	1	105
		Watchdog Limited	1	50
Total			**45**	**5 187**

[Note] Including 62 value-added service places

Table 2: NGOs providing OPRS, number of service places, target and relevant details in 2019/20 school year

Service	Details	Service Providers	No. of Service Team(s)	No. of places [Note]
OPRS	A total of 60 multi-disciplinary teams (comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, clinical/educational psychologists, social workers, and special child care workers) coordinated by 21 NGOs to provide OPRS for children under the age of 6 with special needs studying in participating KGs/ KG-cum-CCCs, and support for teachers/ child care workers and parents.	Heep Hong Society	6	887
		SAHK	8	805
		Po Leung Kuk	6	679
		Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	4	493
		Hong Kong Christian Service	4	450
		Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	3	395
		Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	3	395
		Caritas - Hong Kong	3	385
		Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3	355
		Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service	3	335
		Salvation Army	3	330
		Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	2	245
		Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	2	225
		St. James' Settlement	2	215
		Yan Chai Hospital	2	215
		Hong Chi Association	1	150
		The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	1	105
		The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	1	105
		Watchdog Limited	1	105
		The Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	1	100
		Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	1	100
Total			**60**	**7 074**

[Note] Including 74 value-added service places

Annex 2

Expenditure on OPRS

Year	Expenditure ($ million)	
	Lotteries Fund (LF)	**Recurrent Expenditure**
2015-16 (Actual)	83.5	N.A.
2016-17 (Actual)	170.3	N.A.
2017-18 (Actual)	121.6	84.2 [Note 1]
2018-19 (Actual)	14.3 [Note 2]	327.2 [Note 3]
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	N.A.	628.1

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The Pilot Scheme funded by LF ended in January 2018. The Government extended the Pilot Scheme to September 2018 by an additional one-off provision.

[Note 2] The expenditure of LF in 2018-19 includes reimbursement of advance payment made by service providers and the expenditure on the evaluative study.

[Note 3] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Annex 3

Number of persons on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services in 2019-20
(as at 31 December 2019)

Service type	Number of persons waitlisted
Early education and training centre (EETC)	1 402 [Note]
Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre	477 [Note]
OPRS	1 771 [Note]
Special child care centre	1 294 [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC or OPRS, or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6131)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the number of places of early education and training centres (EETC), special child care centres (SCCC), occasional child care service (OCCS), small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)), day activity centres (DAC), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSC), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) and hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH), would the Government advise this Committee:

(a) What were the target number of places, the number of applicants on the waiting list and successful applicants, as well as the average waiting time for the above services respectively in the past 10 years?

(b) What are the expenditure items and the amount involved in the above services respectively? What is the average unit cost of each of the services?

(c) Is there any change in the waiting time for various services after the Government increased the number of places of EETC, SCCC, OCCS, DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH in 2019-20? Please set out the specific changes in table form.

(d) Concerning whether EETC, SCCC and integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) can cover junior primary school students, the Government replied last year that it was examining how to provide more targeted bridging and support services for children with special needs when they were promoted to Primary One. What are the details of the relevant bridging and support services? Is any relevant timetable available?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.:23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of service places, persons on the waiting list, service users and average waiting time for EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH in the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of Annex 1.

(b) The expenditure on EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH in 2019-20 is set out in Annex 2. The average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services, DAC and residential rehabilitation services operated by non-governmental organisations is set out in Annex 3.

(c) The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Besides, as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2019-20 is not yet available.

(d) With a view to enabling children identified as having special needs to continue to receive appropriate support after they proceed to primary schools, the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Child Assessment Centres under the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority have strengthened collaboration on transferring the assessment information and progress report of children with special needs to the primary schools they will attend before they proceed from pre-school centres/kindergartens to primary schools. The schools will then have an early understanding of the conditions of and provide support for the children, so as to foster their smooth integration into primary school learning. EDB staff will understand from schools their planning and implementation of the support measures for the students concerned and offer professional advice. In order to enhance the information transfer efficiency, starting from the 2019/20 school year, the progress reports of the upcoming Primary One (P1) students prepared by the pre-school rehabilitation service units subvented by SWD will be transmitted electronically through the Special Education Management Information System of EDB to their recipient public sector or Direct Subsidy Scheme primary schools before the commencement of a new school year, so that the relevant primary schools can provide the students with timely and appropriate support. Besides, the Government has commissioned a consultancy team to conduct a longitudinal study with samples from children having participated in the on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), so as to explore ways to provide more appropriate bridging and support services for children with special needs when they proceed to P1. The longitudinal study has commenced in June 2019.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of service places under EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH

Service type	Number of places				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
EETC	3 102	3 124	3 454	3 520	3 708
SCCC	1 799	1 834	1 834	1 960	2 020
OCCS	89	94	96	97	97
SGH(MMHC) [Note]	64	64	80	128	128
DAC	5 198	5 198	5 198	5 581	5 646
IVRSC	4 412	4 482	4 507	4 822	5 288
HSMH	3 611	3 611	3 611	3 879	3 929
HMMH	2 405	2 505	2 505	2 558	2 658

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group home (ISGH).

Table 2: Number of persons on the waiting list for EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH

Service type	Number of persons waitlisted				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
EETC	4 455	5 217	5 533	2 867 [Note 1]	1 402 [Note 1]
SCCC	1 690	1 790	2 007	1 550 [Note 1]	1 294 [Note 1]
OCCS [Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-
SGH(MMHC) [Note 3]	76	88	70	34	43
DAC	1 209	1 292	1 381	1 405	1 270
IVRSC [Note 4]	-	-	-	-	-
HSMH	2 238	2 384	2 521	2 609	2 425
HMMH	1 961	2 172	2 305	2 475	2 522

[Note 1] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of applicants and service users.

[Note 3] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

[Note 4] IVRSC does not have its own central waiting list (CWL) and applicants are selected from the CWLs for sheltered workshop (SW) and supported employment (SE).

Table 3: Number of service users of EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH

Service type	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
EETC	3 019	3 101	3 316	3 502	3 474
SCCC	1 751	1 817	1 811	1 920	1 964
OCCS [Note 1]	-	-	-	-	-
SGH(MMHC) [Note 2]	62	64	74	124	124
DAC	5 108	5 172	5 178	5 240	5 430
IVRSC	4 615	4 642	4 746	4 944	5 090
HSMH	3 567	3 601	3 600	3 620	3 847
HMMH	2 394	2 416	2 496	2 544	2 574

[Note 1] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of applicants and service users.

[Note 2] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 4: Average waiting time for EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH

Service Type	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
EETC	19.6	17.9	16.8	16.2	16.6
SCCC	17.3	18.8	18.2	19.6	18.4
OCCS [Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-
SGH(MMHC) [Note 3]	9.7	21.8	15.6	36.5	15.0
DAC	61.8	51.8	51.2	65.6	57.5
IVRSC [Note 4]	-	-	-	-	-
HSMH	96.5	126.0	93.3	178.0	185.6
HMMH	39.0	102.7	137.7	123.3	114.1

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service unit indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, the figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

[Note 3] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

[Note 4] IVRSC does not have its own CWL and applicants are selected from the CWLs for SW and SE.

Annex 2

Expenditure on EETC, SCCC, OCCS, SGH(MMHC), DAC, IVRSC, HSMH and HMMH services

Service type	Revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 ($ million)
EETC	305.5
SCCC	449.2
OCCS	4.6
SGH(MMHC)	34.8
DAC	742.9
IVRSC	321.7
HSMH	933.2
HMMH	354.2

Annex 3

Average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services, DAC and residential rehabilitation services

Service type	Average cost per place per month
	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	9,010
DAC	11,524
Residential rehabilitation services	17,708

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6140)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young people

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was announced in last year's Budget that the Government would implement the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in secondary schools in Hong Kong from the 2019/20 school year, and increase supervisory manpower accordingly. The annual recurrent expenditure involved would be around $310 million. Nevertheless, this entry is nowhere to be seen under Programme (4) in this year's Budget. Will the Government advise this Committee:

(a) Why is there no reference to the "two school social workers for each school" policy under the programme?

(b) How many schools have implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in the 2019/20 school year? What are the items and amounts of expenditure involved? Please set out in table form the details, including the number of primary schools and secondary schools, the number of social workers employed, the number of organisations providing such services, the salary involved, the supervisory manpower strength and their pay, etc.

(c) Why schools have failed to achieve the target of "two school social workers for each school"? When, by the Government's projection, will all secondary schools achieve the target of "two school social workers for each school"?

(d) Has any school been obliged to alter facilities on campus on account of the implementation of the new measure? If yes, what are the number of such schools and the amount involved?

(e) Is the current supply of social workers adequate to meet the demands under "two school social workers for each school"? If no, what measures will the Government take to meet the demand?

(f) Has the Government any regime in place to monitor the quality of "two school social workers for each school" upon its implementation? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide school social work service in secondary schools. Starting from September of the 2019/20 school year, SWD has implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in secondary schools. The details of the measure are provided under Programme (7) Young People of SWD's Controlling Officer's Report for Head 170.

(b) The information sought regarding school social work service in secondary schools is provided as follows:

No. of secondary schools	No. of social workers in secondary schools	No. of supervisory posts
463	926	116

The revised estimate for school social work service in secondary schools in 2019-20 is $616.9 million. The resources will be allocated to 34 NGOs operating school social work service in secondary schools. Staff salaries and employment package are in the realm of corporate governance of the subvented NGOs. NGOs can hire suitable staff and they also have the flexibility to deploy the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention on salaries, allowances and fringe benefits of their staff, and other operating expenses, etc., provided that the subvented service units meet the requirements (including service performance standards) set out in their Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs).

As for primary schools, to support schools in better catering for the needs of students, the Education Bureau (EDB) has, starting from the 2018/19 school year, provided public sector primary schools with additional resources under a new funding mode to enable them to implement the policy of "one school social worker for each school" according to school-based circumstances. At this stage, EDB has no plan to implement the "two social workers for each school" policy in public sector primary schools.

(c) & (e) The 34 NGOs operating school social work service in secondary schools have deployed sufficient manpower to implement the measure of "two school social workers for each school" effective from 1 September 2019.

(d) Aided schools can, having regard to the needs of individual schools, submit applications to EDB for assistance in repair and improvement works of school premises under the annual Major Repairs mechanism. In addition, EDB has earlier on implemented a time-limited minor conversion works programme under which eligible schools may submit conversion works proposals to EDB having regard to their premises conditions and school-based needs. EDB does not have the relevant statistics on minor conversion works applications submitted by schools in respect of this new initiative. Meanwhile, under school-based management, schools may initiate changes to the intended use of some school facilities to meet students' needs and suit the overall school development. If no structural change of the building is entailed, such alterations made could be handled by the schools themselves without having to apply through EDB.

(f) SWD monitors the service performance of subvented NGOs through the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS). Under the SPMS, SWD will assess and monitor the service performance of the service units through their submission of regular reports.

SWD will also conduct regular or surprise visits to assess the service units' performance on a random basis.

Moreover, subvented NGOs should comply with the Essential Service Requirements of the FSAs, and the service quality standards set down to monitor subvented service units.

Under the financial reporting requirements in the LSG Manual, all subvented NGOs are required to submit Annual Financial Reports, audit reports prepared by external auditors and audited annual financial statements of the organisations as a whole on an annual basis. Subvention inspections will also be conducted by SWD regularly to monitor whether subvented NGOs comply with relevant requirements in the LSG Manual.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6142)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the waiver of the means-test for families applying for training subsidy for children on the waiting list of special child care centres (SCCCs), would the Government advise this Committee:

(a) Number of cases applying for and granted subsidy as well as annual expenditure:

Age	Number of cases applying for (granted) subsidy					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0 to 2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

(b) The Government replied last year that children applying for training subsidy must be eligible for making such applications before they could be granted the subsidy. At the same time, it stated that it did not have information on cases applying for and granted training subsidy by type of developmental delay or amount. Does this imply that the applicants' developmental delay, if any, does not fall under the approval criteria? What are the relevant criteria?

(c) After the Government waived the means-test for families last year, what will be the increase in the number of cases applying for subsidy and the expenditure in subsidy involved each year? Please set out in table form.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.:35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) & (c) The number of applicants and recipients of the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the Programme) broken down by age group and the annual expenditure involved over the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex.

(b) Children applying for the Programme must meet the relevant eligibility criteria to be granted the subsidy, i.e. they must be under the age of 6 and on the waiting list of subvented pre-school rehabilitation services under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services - Subsystem for Disabled Pre-schoolers of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Children waitlisted for early education and training centres, integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres or on-site pre-school rehabilitation services can apply for normal level subsidy with a maximum monthly subsidy of $3,050. At the time of application, their monthly household income must not exceed 75% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of the corresponding household size. Starting from October 2017, children waitlisted for SCCCs can receive non-means-tested higher level subsidy with a maximum monthly subsidy of $6,075. SWD does not have information on the cases applying for and granted subsidy broken down by type of developmental delay.

Annex

Table 1: Number of applicants and recipients under the Programme broken down by age group from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of applicants (recipients) under the Programme			
	Aged 0 to 2	**Aged 3 to 4**	**Aged 5 to 6**	**Total**
2015-16	264 (221)	853 (708)	252 (178)	**1 369 (1 107)**
2016-17	375 (266)	854 (607)	262 (143)	**1 491 (1 016)**
2017-18	570 (425)	1 331 (1 010)	373 (221)	**2 274 (1 656)**
2018-19	635 (506)	1 541 (1 189)	472 (257)	**2 648 (1 952)**
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	591 (420)	1 096 (743)	365 (225)	**2 052 (1 388)**

Table 2: Annual expenditure on the Programme from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	**Expenditure ($ million)**
2015-16 (Actual)	31.6
2016-17 (Actual)	42.6
2017-18 (Actual)	56.8
2018-19 (Actual)	86.7
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	114.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4384)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional places for pre-school, day training, vocational rehabilitation and residential services for persons with disabilities, please advise:

a) the expenditure, number of places and persons on the waiting list and waiting time for each of the above services over the past 3 years; and

b) the estimated number of additional places and expenditure in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The expenditure, number of places and persons on the waiting list and average waiting time for various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities over the past 3 years are set out in Annex 1 (as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2019-20 is not yet available). The estimated expenditure and number of additional places to be provided under various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2020-21 are set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Table 1: Actual expenditure, number of places and persons on the waiting list and average waiting time for rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2017-18

Type of service	2017-18			
	Actual expenditure ($ million)	Number of places (as at 31 March 2018)	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at 31 March 2018)	Average waiting time (in months)
Pre-school services				
EETC	241.0	3 454	5 533	16.2
SCCC	344.7	1 834	2 007	19.6
IP	139.1	1 980	1 855	13.1
Day rehabilitation services				
DAC	626.0	5 198	1 381	65.6
SW	344.9	5 276	2 818	22.1
SE	61.5	1 633	38	2.8
IVRSC [Note 1]	252.8	4 507	N.A. [Note 1]	
OJT [Note 2]	14.4	432	N.A. [Note 2]	
Sunnyway [Note 2]	15.5	311	N.A. [Note 2]	
IVTC(Day) [Note 2]	30.9	453	N.A. [Note 2]	
Residential rehabilitation services				
HWH	205.4	1 509	602	6.9
LSCH	278.0	1 587	2 187	32.6
IVTC(Res) [Note 2]	11.0	170	N.A. [Note 2]	
HMMH	308.7	2 505	2 305	123.3
HSMH	784.8	3 611	2 521	178.0
HSPH	130.6	573	660	168.0
C&A/SD	249.1	991	543	60.4
C&A/AB	156.5	826	143	10.6
SGH(MMHC)	7.9	80 [Note 3]	70 [Note 3]	36.5 [Note 3]
SHOS	76.1	708	1 938	56.4
RSCCC	30.1	110	22	13.2

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] IVRSC does not have its own central waiting list (CWL) and applicants are selected from CWLs for SW and SE.

[Note 2] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have relevant statistics.

[Note 3] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group home (ISGH).

Legend

EETC - early education and training centre
SCCC - special child care centre
IP - integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
IVRSC - integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT - On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities
Sunnyway - Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities
IVTC(Day) - integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
IVTC(Res) - integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
RSCCC - residential special child care centre

Table 2: Actual expenditure, number of places and persons on the waiting list and average waiting time for rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2018-19

Type of service	2018-19			
	Actual expenditure ($ million)	Number of places (as at 31 March 2019)	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at 31 March 2019)	Average waiting time (in months)
Pre-school services				
EETC	280.2	3 520	2 867 [Note 2]	16.6
SCCC	378.8	1 960	1 550 [Note 2]	18.4
IP	153.3	1 980	870 [Note 2]	12.6
OPRS [Note 1]	327.2	5 187	1 096 [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 1]
Day rehabilitation services				
DAC	669.5	5 581	1 405	57.5
SW	359.4	5 389	2 562	21.3
SE	74.8	1 633	33	3.8
IVRSC [Note 3]	278.9	4 822	N.A. [Note 3]	
OJT [Note 4]	16.6	432	N.A. [Note 4]	
Sunnyway [Note 4]	16.1	311	N.A. [Note 4]	
IVTC(Day) [Note 4]	32.1	453	N.A. [Note 4]	
Residential rehabilitation services				
HWH	211.6	1 509	602	6.0
LSCH	297.7	1 587	2 431	54.3
IVTC(Res) [Note 4]	11.3	170	N.A. [Note 4]	
HMMH	327.8	2 558	2 475	114.1
HSMH	829.7	3 879	2 609	185.6
HSPH	139.4	582	663	168.0
C&A/SD	265.6	991	602	68.1
C&A/AB	164.8	828	167	10.0
SGH(MMHC)	23.5	128 [Note 5]	34 [Note 5]	15.0 [Note 5]
SHOS	90.4	708	2 126	39.0
RSCCC	33.8	122	16 [Note 2]	10.5

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 3] IVRSC does not have its own CWL and applicants are selected from CWLs for SW and SE.

[Note 4] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have relevant statistics.

[Note 5] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Legend

EETC - early education and training centre
SCCC - special child care centre
IP - integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OPRS - on-site pre-school rehabilitation services
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
IVRSC - integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT - On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities
Sunnyway - Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities
IVTC(Day) - integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
IVTC(Res) - integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
RSCCC - residential special child care centre

Table 3: Revised estimated expenditure, number of places and persons on the waiting list for rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2019-20

Type of service	2019-20		
	Revised estimated expenditure ($ million)	Number of places (as at 31 December 2019)	Number of persons on the waiting list (as at 31 December 2019)
Pre-school services			
EETC	305.5	3 708	1 402 [Note 1]
SCCC	449.2	2 020	1 294 [Note 1]
IP	159.2	1 980	477 [Note 1]
OPRS	628.1	7 074	1 771 [Note 1]
Day rehabilitation services			
DAC	742.9	5 646	1 270
SW	373.7	5 399	2 432
SE	103.2	1 633	27
IVRSC [Note 2]	321.7	5 288	N.A. [Note 2]
OJT [Note 3]	21.8	432	N.A. [Note 3]
Sunnyway [Note 3]	16.5	311	N.A. [Note 3]
IVTC(Day) [Note 3]	33.2	453	N.A. [Note 3]
Residential rehabilitation services			
HWH	224.7	1 534	618
LSCH	311.3	1 587	2 577
IVTC(Res) [Note 3]	11.8	170	N.A. [Note 3]
HMMH	354.2	2 658	2 522
HSMH	933.2	3 929	2 425
HSPH	156.2	682	576
C&A/SD	291.6	1 042	602
C&A/AB	182.3	828	171
SGH(MMHC)	34.8	128 [Note 4]	43 [Note 4]
SHOS	102.2	708	2 187
RSCCC	52.4	122	20 [Note 1]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 2] IVRSC does not have its own CWL and applicants are selected from CWLs for SW and SE.

[Note 3] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have relevant statistics.

[Note 4] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Legend

EETC - early education and training centre
SCCC - special child care centre
IP - integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OPRS - on-site pre-school rehabilitation services
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
IVRSC - integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT - On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities
Sunnyway - Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities
IVTC(Day) - integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
IVTC(Res) - integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
RSCCC - residential special child care centre

Annex 2

Estimated expenditure and number of additional places to be provided under various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2020-21

Type of service	2020-21	
	Estimated expenditure ($ million)	Estimated number of additional places
Pre-school services		
EETC	339.9	297
SCCC	573.4	134
IP	160.4	-
OPRS	850.4	1 000
Day rehabilitation services		
DAC	786.7	227
SW	378.5	-
SE	104.5	-
IVRSC	366.7	355
OJT	22.2	-
Sunnyway	16.7	-
IVTC(Day)	33.7	-
Residential rehabilitation services		
HWH	236.7	-
LSCH	316.9	-
IVTC(Res)	12.0	-
HMMH	397.3	212
HSMH	1,007.6	181
HSPH	193.0	50
C&A/SD	337.3	90
C&A/AB	187.8	-
SGH(MMHC)	38.2	-
SHOS	117.9	120
RSCCC	64.3	-

Legend
EETC - early education and training centre
SCCC - special child care centre
IP - integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OPRS - on-site pre-school rehabilitation services
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4385)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As the COVID-19 epidemic persists, all subsidised/aided child care centres (CCCs) have basically suspended their service delivery up to April 19. Please advise:

(a) whether the personal training services provided by pre-school rehabilitation services units, namely the special child care centres (SCCCs) and early education and training centres (EETCs), will be resumed gradually;

(b) the special preventive measures enforced by SCCCs and EETCs against the epidemic before it is under control, and if yes, the relevant measures and expenditure;

(c) whether the Government has distributed facial masks to the above centres in order to cope with the demand arising from the resumption of classes, and if yes, the number of masks received by each service type and centre.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The Government has, in response to the latest development of the COVID-19 epidemic, been making timely announcements of special arrangements regarding subsidised welfare services, which include basically suspension of services of SCCCs, until further notice. However, SCCCs will remain open to service users with special needs where appropriate. As for EETCs, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating such services may decide whether to continue to provide such services having regard to their own circumstances. Besides, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is actively exploring with NGOs operating pre-school rehabilitation services (including SCCCs and EETCs) to continuously provide support for children and parents in need during class suspension through providing individual training services in various modes and levels, such as centre-based training with crowd control in force, e-learning, home training, etc. on the prerequisite that the preferences of parents will be fully considered and the health of service users and staff members ensured.

(b) To assist social service units to step up their anti-epidemic measures, SWD has provided 3 rounds of special subsidies to subvented/contract service units and all homes for the aged and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (the first 2 rounds of special subsidies being $5,000 or $3,000 each; the third round of special subsidies being $10,000 or $6,000) for the purchase of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. About 3 500 service units (including SCCCs and EETCs) will benefit from these subsidies, and the expenditure involved will be about $62 million. SWD has time and again reminded pre-school rehabilitation service units to observe the guidelines and latest updates on the prevention of COVID-19 issued by the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and continue to step up various measures for infection control and personal and environmental hygiene.

(c) The Government provides 2 million face masks a month for the use of staff of subsidised, contract, self-financing and private residential service units (including SCCCs with residential services) to support their continued provision of services. In addition, the Government has received donations of face masks and sanitising items from some generous organisations and individuals, and will assist the donors to distribute such items to day service units according to their wishes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4386)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide in table form the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in public housing and private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by household size.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The number and percentage of CSSA cases in public housing and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2017-18 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household, are set out in the Annex.

Annex

The number and percentage of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA by the number of eligible members in the household and type of housing

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	2 857	3 484	3 456
2	141	241	215
3	33	64	43
4	11	27	16
5	8	16	10
6 or above	4	4	7
Total	**3 054 (2.5%)**	**3 836 (3.2%)**	**3 747 (3.2%)**
Number of eligible members	**Number of CSSA cases in private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA**		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	7 644	7 868	8 398
2	4 496	4 653	4 968
3	2 114	2 234	2 353
4	1 015	958	1 037
5	389	360	334
6 or above	141	118	110
Total	**15 799 (55.7%)**	**16 191 (60.6%)**	**17 200 (65.0%)**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4387)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved, with a breakdown by District Council district and CSSA case nature.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by case nature and district is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the amount of CSSA expenditure with a breakdown by case nature and district. Total expenditure under the CSSA Scheme is as follows:

Year	Expenditure [Note] ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	22,313
2016-17 (Actual)	22,308
2017-18 (Actual)	21,700
2018-19 (Actual)	22,323
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	23,118

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2015-16 included the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates, whereas the actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates. The actual estimate for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to $4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, and (2) a one-off grant of $2,000 to each needy student. The revised estimate for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of $2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

Annex

Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) by case nature and district from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 067	261	340	477	197	236	52	**3 630**
Eastern	9 133	1 550	1 367	2 772	868	946	257	**16 893**
Islands	2 167	324	762	1 552	796	1 025	208	**6 834**
Kowloon City	9 395	1 246	1 712	4 077	941	1 462	248	**19 081**
Kwai Tsing	18 174	2 890	3 340	5 891	2 744	2 439	529	**36 007**
Kwun Tong	27 669	2 028	5 018	9 314	2 760	3 558	725	**51 072**
North	8 953	1 432	1 890	4 030	797	1 226	443	**18 771**
Sai Kung	5 292	979	1 566	1 917	814	817	317	**11 702**
Sha Tin	11 366	1 873	3 360	5 050	1 184	1 098	663	**24 594**
Sham Shui Po	15 919	1 641	3 428	6 356	1 614	2 726	439	**32 123**
Southern	5 327	1 381	1 002	1 303	528	391	173	**10 105**
Tai Po	6 021	762	1 525	2 125	342	669	296	**11 740**
Tsuen Wan	5 516	699	873	2 018	618	503	171	**10 398**
Tuen Mun	13 906	2 434	2 897	4 143	1 082	1 718	446	**26 626**
Wan Chai	982	61	139	172	39	194	98	**1 685**
Wong Tai Sin	14 653	1 566	2 742	5 023	1 526	1 833	369	**27 712**
Yau Tsim Mong	5 275	464	1 145	2 714	532	1 555	239	**11 924**
Yuen Long	15 589	2 154	4 599	8 448	2 297	3 973	798	**37 858**
Total	**177 404**	**23 745**	**37 705**	**67 382**	**19 679**	**26 369**	**6 471**	**358 755**

District	2016-17							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 058	236	348	475	161	229	49	**3 556**
Eastern	8 790	1 507	1 459	2 561	699	768	248	**16 032**
Islands	2 114	332	752	1 362	622	990	219	**6 391**
Kowloon City	9 456	1 184	1 722	3 816	842	1 361	223	**18 604**
Kwai Tsing	17 754	2 814	3 124	5 395	2 302	2 022	473	**33 884**
Kwun Tong	27 434	2 113	4 936	9 300	2 355	3 267	640	**50 045**
North	8 780	1 360	1 821	3 903	628	1 104	424	**18 020**
Sai Kung	5 253	953	1 459	1 730	657	587	315	**10 954**
Sha Tin	11 751	1 835	3 207	5 055	1 044	1 099	675	**24 666**
Sham Shui Po	15 886	1 659	3 369	6 058	1 378	2 345	413	**31 108**
Southern	5 311	1 380	1 003	1 228	394	366	163	**9 845**
Tai Po	5 932	752	1 494	2 108	270	621	324	**11 501**
Tsuen Wan	5 337	691	843	1 924	491	502	157	**9 945**
Tuen Mun	13 622	2 330	2 798	3 958	895	1 494	424	**25 521**
Wan Chai	928	64	114	185	42	169	106	**1 608**
Wong Tai Sin	14 139	1 394	2 808	4 585	1 327	1 472	372	**26 097**
Yau Tsim Mong	5 059	465	1 092	2 463	364	1 303	248	**10 994**
Yuen Long	15 384	2 164	4 507	8 089	1 909	3 640	756	**36 449**
Total	**174 988**	**23 233**	**36 856**	**64 195**	**16 380**	**23 339**	**6 229**	**345 220**

District	2017-18							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	2 069	239	383	459	133	192	45	**3 520**
Eastern	8 545	1 399	1 400	2 407	509	689	253	**15 202**
Islands	2 124	320	694	1 313	521	846	182	**6 000**
Kowloon City	9 280	1 145	1 694	3 790	706	1 209	209	**18 033**
Kwai Tsing	17 292	2 676	2 907	4 946	1 929	1 758	519	**32 027**
Kwun Tong	26 958	2 088	4 694	8 851	1 966	2 922	645	**48 124**
North	8 616	1 340	1 865	3 676	489	1 030	414	**17 430**
Sai Kung	5 175	884	1 381	1 600	504	514	269	**10 327**
Sha Tin	11 825	1 782	3 069	5 143	863	1 022	609	**24 313**
Sham Shui Po	15 690	1 653	3 238	5 891	1 067	2 241	418	**30 198**
Southern	5 233	1 298	966	1 140	315	310	163	**9 425**
Tai Po	5 722	713	1 594	2 125	275	519	311	**11 259**
Tsuen Wan	5 331	710	822	1 863	385	462	166	**9 739**
Tuen Mun	13 463	2 273	2 656	3 759	840	1 276	388	**24 655**
Wan Chai	877	61	113	181	18	158	91	**1 499**
Wong Tai Sin	13 701	1 323	2 573	4 398	1 142	1 265	342	**24 744**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 834	515	1 149	2 497	274	1 172	251	**10 692**
Yuen Long	15 125	2 103	4 356	7 683	1 602	3 152	666	**34 687**
Total	**171 860**	**22 522**	**35 554**	**61 722**	**13 538**	**20 737**	**5 941**	**331 874**

District	2018-19							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	1 988	240	358	378	101	144	46	**3 255**
Eastern	8 256	1 342	1 381	2 210	460	638	249	**14 536**
Islands	2 277	395	796	1 630	479	914	168	**6 659**
Kowloon City	9 093	1 071	1 691	3 511	557	1 139	222	**17 284**
Kwai Tsing	16 779	2 647	2 817	4 577	1 579	1 606	489	**30 494**
Kwun Tong	26 258	2 108	4 423	8 565	1 625	2 845	643	**46 467**
North	8 220	1 275	1 858	3 477	411	1 080	378	**16 699**
Sai Kung	5 036	837	1 327	1 437	387	486	290	**9 800**
Sha Tin	11 579	1 743	2 821	4 921	714	936	566	**23 280**
Sham Shui Po	15 251	1 627	3 164	5 818	901	2 163	419	**29 343**
Southern	5 104	1 250	951	1 019	271	307	159	**9 061**
Tai Po	5 593	746	1 528	2 042	245	407	290	**10 851**
Tsuen Wan	5 088	650	807	1 760	303	474	143	**9 225**
Tuen Mun	13 213	2 226	2 675	3 973	726	1 190	398	**24 401**
Wan Chai	827	48	99	143	13	148	81	**1 359**
Wong Tai Sin	12 932	1 284	2 476	4 013	986	1 271	363	**23 325**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 543	461	1 098	2 283	198	1 097	262	**9 942**
Yuen Long	14 694	2 104	3 973	7 156	1 327	2 707	653	**32 614**
Total	**166 731**	**22 054**	**34 243**	**58 913**	**11 283**	**19 552**	**5 819**	**318 595**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)							
	CSSA case nature (Number of recipients)							
	Old age	**Permanent disability**	**Ill health**	**Single parent**	**Low-earnings**	**Unemployment**	**Others**	**Total**
Central & Western	1 902	261	345	348	85	171	37	**3 149**
Eastern	8 040	1 302	1 428	2 129	393	658	224	**14 174**
Islands	2 195	392	791	1 739	404	1 001	153	**6 675**
Kowloon City	8 733	1 066	1 719	3 329	502	1 207	216	**16 772**
Kwai Tsing	16 223	2 713	2 987	4 341	1 365	1 754	444	**29 827**
Kwun Tong	25 156	2 192	4 322	8 180	1 422	2 802	624	**44 698**
North	7 932	1 290	1 883	3 490	374	1 105	353	**16 427**
Sai Kung	4 818	820	1 324	1 293	320	449	270	**9 294**
Sha Tin	11 151	1 783	2 823	4 938	599	1 028	561	**22 883**
Sham Shui Po	14 706	1 570	3 319	5 868	911	2 359	408	**29 141**
Southern	4 965	1 250	938	1 030	230	362	163	**8 938**
Tai Po	5 352	778	1 547	1 961	209	409	284	**10 540**
Tsuen Wan	4 809	656	819	1 787	275	453	133	**8 932**
Tuen Mun	12 677	2 203	2 731	3 793	605	1 339	372	**23 720**
Wan Chai	798	56	131	142	7	145	83	**1 362**
Wong Tai Sin	12 344	1 316	2 477	3 717	829	1 330	386	**22 399**
Yau Tsim Mong	4 344	475	1 143	2 279	121	1 130	241	**9 733**
Yuen Long	14 069	2 099	4 156	6 721	1 160	2 707	616	**31 528**
Total	**160 214**	**22 222**	**34 883**	**57 085**	**9 811**	**20 409**	**5 568**	**310 192**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4388)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

a) in table form the number of newly reported child abuse cases in each of the past 5 financial years, with a breakdown by the Family and Child Protective Services Unit (FCPSU) of the district to which the abused child belongs.

b) the expenditure and staffing establishment of each FCPSU in each of the past 5 financial years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) According to statistics collected by the Child Protection Registry of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s, the number of newly reported child abuse cases in the past 5 years is set out below:

Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of newly reported child abuse cases	874	892	947	1 064	1 006

SWD only records figures of the districts where the incidents of newly reported child abuse cases took place and does not have a breakdown on the FCPSU of respective district to which the abused child belongs.

b) The staffing establishment of social workers in FCPSUs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as below:

Year / Rank	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Senior Social Work Officer	11	11	11	14	14
Social Work Officer	119	119	119	155	155
Assistant Social Work Officer	49	49	49	51	51

Expenditure of FCPSUs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as below:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	208
2016-17 (Actual)	214
2017-18 (Actual)	216
2018-19 (Actual)	230
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	293

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4389)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide for both the current and the coming year, by geographical distribution and service item, details on the number of existing and additional elderly service places, the utilisation rate, the number of operating organisations and the funding involved.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The number and geographical distribution of service places for various types of subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly as at end-December 2019 are set out at Annex 1. The above residential care places for the elderly are provided by 184 non-governmental organisations (NGOs)/private organisations, whereas places of community care service for the elderly are provided by 43 NGOs/private organisations.

The utilisation rate of various types of residential and community care services for the elderly in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Annex 2.

The expenditure on subsidised residential care services and community care and support services for the elderly in the 2019-20 Revised Estimate is $6.5070 billion and $3.4184 billion respectively. The expenditure in the 2020-21 Estimate is $7.6218 billion and $3.9545 billion respectively.

Information on the additional subsidised residential care places for the elderly in 2020-21 is provided as follows:

Item	No. of additional places	Estimated expenditure ($ million)
Newly constructed contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) [Note 1]	130	33.3
Optimum use of space in subvented homes [Note 2]	52	7.9
Conversion of some of the non-subsidised places in existing contract RCHEs into subsidised residential care places for the elderly [Note 3]	4	0.9
Total	186	42.1

[Note 1] The newly constructed contract RCHEs will be located in the Kwai Tsing and Tuen Mun district.

[Note 2] The additional residential care places for the elderly will be provided by subvented homes and the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 3] The contract RCHE concerned is located in the Yau Tsim Mong district.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will also purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) (1 000 places each year) starting from 2019-20 for 5 consecutive years to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. SWD has taken forward the purchase of about 2 000 additional places in total in 2019-20 and 2020-21. About 320 out of the first batch of additional EA1 places have commenced service since end 2019. The remaining additional places of about 1 600 in all will commence service in 2020-21.

The estimated additional places of day care services for the elderly in 2020-21 and the funding involved are set out at Annex 3.

Moreover, the Government will increase 3 000 service places in total under Integrated home care services (Frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021 and the full-year expenditure involved will be $303 million. Having regard to factors such as the supply of services in each district, the demand and the operational situation of the service teams, as well as the overall home care services provided to frail elderly persons, the Government will arrange for the geographical distribution of the 3 000 service places.

Annex 1

Geographical distribution of subsidised residential care places/ community care services places for the elderly (as at end-December 2019)

District	No. of subsidised residential care places/community care service places by service type								
	Home for the aged (H/A) places	**Care-and-attention (C&A) places** [Note 1]	**Nursing home (NH) places** [Note 1]	**EBPS places**	**Day care centre/ unit places**	**Enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) places (by district)**	**EHCCS places (by cluster)**	**IHCS(FC) places**	**IHCS (Ordinary Case) (IHCS(OC)) places** [Note 2]
Central & Western	-	257	191	607	129	209	501	40	537
Eastern	-	459	135	320	256	250		80	1 415
Wan Chai	-	468	50	95	110	185		30	416
Southern	-	1 465	-	515	108	200		80	909
Islands	67	293	67	-	40	105	-	20	214
Kwun Tong	-	1 165	494	653	427	535	675	150	1 769
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 071	468	212	290	505	952	100	1 478
Sai Kung	-	1 001	281	-	205	268		30	440
Kowloon City	-	659	99	1 575	158	323	682	30	1 284
Yau Tsim Mong	-	124	242	774	152	210		40	907
Sham Shui Po	-	757	501	341	280	325		90	1 536
Sha Tin	-	1 356	109	-	318	247	548	120	1 334
Tai Po	-	1 226	-	219	64	175		30	564
North	-	923	299	319	44	190		30	1 167
Yuen Long	-	943	67	725	178	225	1 005	90	1 080
Tuen Mun	-	940	264	639	208	200		30	1 046
Tsuen Wan	-	623	474	951	154	280		40	385
Kwai Tsing	-	1 699	347	914	262	450		90	1 106
Total	**67**	**15 429**	**4 088**	**8 859**	**3 383**		**9 245**	**1 120**	**17 587**

[Note 1] C&A places include places in contract RCHEs and subvented C&A homes. NH places include places in contract RCHEs and subvented NHs, and places purchased under Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS).

[Note 2] Individual IHCS(OC) service providers set their own service capacity.

Annex 2

The utilisation rate of various types of residential and community care services for the elderly in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Type of service	Utilisation rate
NHs [Note 1]	97%
C&A homes [Note 2]	98%
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS [Note 3]	95%
Contract RCHEs [Note 4]	99%
Day care centres for the elderly	95%
IHCS(FC)	99%
EHCCS	98%

[Note 1] Including places purchased under NHPPS.

[Note 2] Including Combined Homes providing H/A places and C&A places.

[Note 3] Providing C&A places.

[Note 4] C&A places and NH places providing a continuum of care.

Annex 3

Estimated number of additional subsidised day care places for the elderly and their distribution by district in 2020-21

District	**Number**
Wan Chai	20
Kwun Tong	20
Wong Tai Sin	60
Sai Kung	20
Sha Tin	60
Yuen Long	20
Tuen Mun	60
Tsuen Wan	20
Kwai Tsing	40
Total	**320**
Estimated full-year recurrent expenditure	About $38 million

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4390)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide for both the current and the coming year, by geographical distribution and service item, details on the number of existing and additional rehabilitation service places, utilisation rate, number of operating organisations and the funding involved.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The number of service places, utilisation or enrolment rate, number of operating organisations and the funding involved in various rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), are set out in Annex 1 to Annex 3 respectively. In 2020-21, the number of additional service places and the average cost per place per month of various rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, broken down by administrative district of SWD, are set out in Annex 4 and Annex 5 respectively. SWD does not have information on the utilisation rate of the additional rehabilitation services and the number of operating organisations of the coming year.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of service places under various types of residential rehabilitation services

in 2019-20
(as at 31 December 2019)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD participating in BPS
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	336	652	109	200	375	-	79	168	170	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	-	8	40	144	-	-
Kwun Tong	358	282	115	51	-	3	61	84	-	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	33	76	237	-	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	-	-	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	169	200	65
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	-	17	93	206	-	-
Tai Po/North	180	304	-	100	-	64	101	80	-	160
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	-	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	67	67	243	-	20	180	612	154
Total	**2 658**	**3 929**	**682**	**1 042**	**828**	**128**	**708**	**1 534**	**1 587**	**860**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group home.

Legend
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
Private RCHD participating in BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities participating in the Bought Place Scheme

Table 2: Number of service places under various types of day rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	OJT [Note]	Sunnyway [Note]	IVTC(Day)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	870	333	115	580	N.A.	N.A.	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	347	618	378	200	N.A.	N.A.	-
Kwun Tong	519	680	185	466	N.A.	N.A.	-
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	470	325	370	693	N.A.	N.A.	-
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	347	635	95	317	N.A.	N.A.	220
Sham Shui Po	377	545	120	210	N.A.	N.A.	-
Sha Tin	604	276	20	964	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tai Po/North	469	321	65	180	N.A.	N.A.	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	621	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	821	786	180	450	N.A.	N.A.	-
Tuen Mun	608	633	35	607	N.A.	N.A.	-
Total	**5 646**	**5 399**	**1 633**	**5 288**	**432**	**311**	**453**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] As OJT and Sunnyway are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of service places by district.

Legend
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
IVRSC - integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT - on the job training programme for people with disabilities
Sunnyway - Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities
IVTC(Day) - integrated vocational training centre (day service)

Table 3: Number of service places under EETC, IP, SCCC and OCCS for children with disabilities in 2019-20 [Note]
(As at 31 December 2019)

District	EETC	IP	SCCC	OCCS for children with disabilities
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	385	132	253	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	186	216	8
Kwun Tong	390	228	126	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	240	333	13
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	231	210	30	2
Sham Shui Po	400	108	205	10
Sha Tin	291	168	138	11
Tai Po/North	387	168	299	15
Yuen Long	172	186	108	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	406	198	168	6
Tuen Mun	229	156	144	10
Total	**3 708**	**1 980**	**2 020**	**97**

[Note] On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Service (OPRS) was regularised in October 2018, and has provided 7 074 service places as at 31 December 2019. Since OPRS are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of service places by district.

Legend
EETC - early education and training centre
IP - integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centre
SCCC - special child care centre
OCCS - occasional child care service

Annex 2

The utilisation or enrolment rate of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2019-20

Type of service	**Year 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)**	
	Utilisation rate (%)	**Enrolment rate (%)**
Subvented residential rehabilitation services	-	97
Private RCHD participating in BPS	-	96
DAC	95	-
Pre-school rehabilitation services	97	-
SW	99	-

Annex 3

Number of organisations operating various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and the funding involved in 2019-20

Type of service	Number of operating organisations (As at 31 December 2019)	2019-20 Revised Estimate ($ million)
Pre-school rehabilitation services		
EETC	14	305.5
SCCC	13	449.2
IP	47	159.2
OPRS	21	628.1
Day rehabilitation services		
DAC	21	742.9
SW	15	373.7
SE	26	103.2
IVRSC	19	321.7
OJT	14	21.8
Sunnyway	15	16.5
IVTC(Day)	2	33.2
Residential rehabilitation services		
HWH	10	224.7
LSCH	5	311.3
IVTC(Res)	1	11.8
HMMH	19	354.2
HSMH	18	933.2
HSPH	6	156.2
C&A/SD	11	291.6
C&A/AB	3	182.3
SGH(MMHC)	2	34.8
SHOS	16	102.2
RSCCC	5	52.4
Private RCHD participating in BPS	13	105.5

Legend
EETC - early education and training centre
SCCC - special child care centre
IP - integrated programme in ordinary kindergarten-cum-child care centre
OPRS - on-site pre-school rehabilitation services
DAC - day activity centre
SW - sheltered workshop
SE - supported employment
IVRSC - integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
OJT - On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities
Sunnyway - Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities
IVTC (Day) - integrated vocational training centre (day service)
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
IVTC (Res) - integrated vocational training centre (residential service)
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care-and-attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
RSCCC - residential special child care centre
Private RCHD participating in BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities participating in the Bought Place Scheme

Annex 4

Estimated number of additional places under various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2020-21 (By administrative district of SWD)

Type of service	Estimated number of additional places in 2020-21	Administrative district of SWD
Pre-school rehabilitation services		
EETC	297	Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 25
		Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung: 182
		Sha Tin: 90
SCCC	134	Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung: 92
		Sha Tin: 30
		Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing: 12
OPRS	1 000	N.A. [Note 1]
Day rehabilitation services		
DAC	227	Central/Western Southern & Islands: 60
		Eastern/Wan Chai: 15
		Sham Shui Po: 102
		Kwun Tong: 50
IVRSC	355	Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 86
		Sham Shui Po: 244
		Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung: 25
Residential rehabilitation services		
HMMH	212	Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 40
		Sham Shui Po: 101
		Kwun Tong: 51
		Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing: 20
HSMH	181	Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 30
		Sham Shui Po: 101
		Kwun Tong: 50
HSPH	50	Kwun Tong: 50
C&A/SD	90	Kwun Tong: 50
		Sham Shui Po: 40
SHOS	120	Kwun Tong: 40
		Sham Shui Po: 50
		Sha Tin: 30
Private RCHD participating in BPS	300	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] As OPRS are allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of service places by district.

[Note 2] The number of additional places of BPS for Private RCHDs in various districts is subject to the result of vetting applications. Information cannot be provided at the current stage.

Annex 5

Average cost per place per month of various types of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2020-21 (Estimate)

Type of subvented rehabilitation services	**Average cost per place per month (Estimate) ($)**
Pre-school rehabilitation services	10,343
DAC	11,740
SW	5,947
Residential rehabilitation services	18,213

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4393)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme), please provide the following figures:

A) using the table below, the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of service places, the number of persons currently using the vouchers, the number of persons having left and the expenditure involved since the introduction of the CCSV Pilot Scheme;

Table 1: The CCSV Pilot Scheme

	No. of RSPs	No. of places				No. of CCSV users	Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme	Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)
		Day care	Home care	Day care and home care	Residential respite			
2013-14								
2014-15								
2015-16								
2016-17								
2017-18								
2018-19								
2019-20								

C) the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they applied for the CCSV Pilot Scheme;

D) the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they were admitted to the CCSV Pilot Scheme;

E) the progress of evaluation of the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by a commissioned consultant; when and how the evaluation results will be published; and

F) the subsequent arrangement for the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

A) The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017, while its second phase commenced in October 2016. The information sought is tabulated in the Annex.

C) & D) As the statistical data collected from the CCSV Pilot Scheme does not include the waiting time taken for the elderly to receive the services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

E) & F) SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to evaluate the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme, with a view to assisting the Government in considering the way forward of the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation report is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020.

Annex

Table 1: First phase of the Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	No. of places [Note]		No. of CCSV users	Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme	Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)
		Day care	Home care			
2013-14	62	881	N.A.	539	108	3.1
2014-15	62	923	N.A.	972	888	41.6
2015-16	62	993	N.A.	1 177	1 555	66.9
2016-17	62	998	N.A.	1 061	1 893	55.1
2017-18	62	998	N.A.	1 053	1 914	9.1

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme, residential respite services were not provided. Instead, services were delivered in (i) day care services (part-time) (single mode) or (ii) day care services (part-time) and home care services. The figures in the above table indicate the maximum number of day care service places to be provided by RSPs, with no separate set of number of places for home care services. Service units may provide home care services to CCSV holders in need of day care services.

Table 2: Second phase of the Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	No. of places [Note 1]		No. of CCSV users	Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme	Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)
		Day care	Home care			
2016-17	124	2 081	2 944	1 871	317	119.9 [Note 2]
2017-18	125	2 254	3 040	3 031	2 132	
2018-19	153	2 815	4 861	3 608	3 670	201.9
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	153	2 986	5 191	4 166	4 779	226.0 [Note 3]

[Note 1] RSPs can decide whether to provide residential respite services and set the number of service places under the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme. CCSV holders may choose either the single mode or mixed mode of day care and home care services.

[Note 2] The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016. The subsidy expenditure for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 is reflected in the 2017-18 actual expenditure.

[Note 3] The Revised Estimate for 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3467)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and Integrated Services Centres (ISCs) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources involved over the past 3 years;
2. the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources to be involved in the next 3 years;
3. details of the services.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

There are currently a total of 65 IFSCs and 2 ISCs in Hong Kong. Among them, 24 IFSCs and 2 ISCs are operated by NGOs. IFSCs and ISCs have been providing a range of preventive, supportive and remedial services for people in need. Services include family life education, parent-child activities, consultation, outreach service, support/mutual help groups, counselling and referral services, etc., which are delivered under the "child-centred, family-focused and community-based" principle. Regarding the sample of notional staffing establishment (NSE) of IFSCs, please visit the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s webpage:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/storage/asset/section/2913/en/Notional_Staff_Establishment_Integrated_Family_Service_Centre_Eng.pdf

Regarding ISCs, given individual ISC covers different service areas, including elderly service, child and youth services and family service, the staffing establishment is drawn up with reference to the specific need of the service locality, there is therefore no NSE sample for ISC services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs can flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

The expenditure for IFSCs and ISCs (the part on family service) operated by NGOs in 2017-18 (Actual), 2018-19 (Actual) and 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) is $328.6 million, $341.2 million and $361.3 million respectively.

For the coming 3 years, SWD will allocate additional resources in 2021-22 for setting up a sub-base of 1 IFSC to strengthen support services for the growing population in the remote new development area. The full-year expenditure involved is around $3.19 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3468)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work "to strengthen measures to combat domestic violence", please advise the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources involved, and the number of children and parents receiving the services in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 83)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC), the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC), the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. SWD does not have information on the number of children and parents receiving the above services, or the staffing establishment and breakdown expenditure for the measures to combat domestic violence.

To enhance the support for victims of domestic violence, SWD has provided additional manpower resources for Refuge Centres for Women, MCISC and FCSC since October 2019 and January 2020 to strengthen the support for families in need at night. Furthermore, the Government has also provided additional manpower in 2019-20 to strengthen training for frontline professional staff on identifying and handling suspected child abuse cases. The additional full-year expenditure incurred by the 2 enhanced measures above is about $10 million. Starting from January 2020, SWD has provided additional resources for CEASE Crisis Centre of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to raise the awareness of ethnic minorities towards domestic and sexual violence through public education programmes and other activities, and to encourage victims to seek help. The additional full-year expenditure to be incurred is about $1.96 million.

The total expenditure on family and child welfare services in the past 3 years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	3,124.0
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8

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LWB(WW)593

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3469)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the launching of "a two-year child care training programme for grandparents to equip them with contemporary child care knowledge and skills", please advise:

1. the units, manpower (by grade), the number of training places and the amount of resources involved in the past year;
2. the number of participants in the past year, whether the Government will enhance promotion work to attract more grandparents to enrol;
3. the details of the training programme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 84)

Reply:

A two-year Project on Child Care Training for Grandparents (the Project) was introduced in November 2019 with a total provision of around 1 200 training places. The Project is commissioned to 6 non-governmental organisations, and will require a total expenditure of about $4.4 million. As the Project is still in its initial stage, we are not able to provide the number of enrolment. To publicise the Project, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) produces posters, and arranges Announcements in the Public Interest to be broadcasted on televisions and radios. The timetable of training courses are also uploaded onto SWD's website regularly. Training bodies on the other hand have made their publicity efforts on a district basis, to let grandparents or grandparents-to-be who need to join or are interested in the Project learn about the details. Apart from equipping trainees with contemporary child care knowledge and skills, part of the training courses will also cover topics focusing on family with a view to strengthening intergenerational support and integration.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3470)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the prevention and support service for ethnic minorities (EMs) against domestic and sexual violence, please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources involved in the past year;
2. details of the service in the past year;
3. whether EMs or people speaking EM languages (such as Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu, etc.) are employed to provide the support service so as to enhance its effectiveness.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 85)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has provided additional resources for CEASE Crisis Centre of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals starting from January 2020 to raise the awareness of ethnic minorities towards domestic and sexual violence through public education programmes and other activities, and to encourage victims to seek help. The additional full-year expenditure to be incurred is about $1.96 million. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations can flexibly deploy their manpower resources to meet service needs. The service concerned has officially commenced. People who know EM culture and speak EM languages will be employed as necessary to assist social workers in providing EM support services.

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LWB(WW)595

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3471)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding occasional child care service (OCCS), please advise:

- the number of service users in the past 3 years;
- details of the service and the staffing;
- the number of children waitlisted for the service.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 86)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places and average utilisation rate of OCCS in the past 3 financial years are set out below:

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at December 2019)
No of places	434	446	449
Average utilisation rate (%)	57	56	57

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) subsidised some aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and kindergartens-cum-CCCs, providing full-day, half-day or two-hour sessions of OCCS for children aged below 6 in support of parents or carers who are not able to take care of these children due to sudden engagements. In accordance with the existing manpower to service recipient ratio, the staffing establishment is 0.5 child care worker and 0.5 relief child care worker to 3 OCCS places.

3. SWD does not have information on the number of children waitlisted for the above service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3472)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work to "re-engineer existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children", please advise:

the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources expected to be involved;

details of the services.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 87)

Reply:

MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources. The annual recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about $28 million.

SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of the re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2020-21.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3473)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the work to launch the third phase of a three-year pilot scheme (the pilot scheme) to provide social work service for subsidised/aided Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs), please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources expected to be involved;

2. details of the services.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 88)

Reply:

For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has allocated about $990 million from the Lotteries Fund to provide social work service in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided PPIs (including aided child care centres, kindergartens and kindergarten-cum-child care centres) across the territory. The pilot scheme is implemented in 3 phases. About 16 social work teams will be set up in each phase giving a total of about 48 teams. Manpower for each team should include 1 Social Work Officer, 8 Assistant Social Work Officers, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Clerical Assistant (for half teams, the staffing will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis). Provisions for service operators in various phases with different dates of service commencement are set out below:

Phase	Implementation period	Provisions for each social work team [Note]	
		Full team	Half team
1	February 2019 to January 2022 (3-year period)	About $24 million	About $12 million
2	August 2019 to January 2022 (2.5-year period)	About $20.5 million	About $10.25 million
3	August 2020 to January 2022 (1.5-year period)	About $12.7 million	About $6.35 million

[Note] The amount of provisions does not include the lump sum payment to each social work team for reimbursement on purchasing furniture and equipment on an actual basis (up to $196,000 for a full team and up to $98,000 for a half team), as well as the subsidies on rent, rates and government rent of the office base.

Phases 1 and 2 of the pilot scheme, which will last for 3 and 2.5 years, have commenced operation in February and August 2019 respectively serving 246 and 239 eligible PPIs respectively. Phase 3 of the pilot scheme will commence operation in August 2020 and will last for 1.5 years.

On the mode of operation, social work teams are operated by eligible non-governmental organisations to provide stationing services for PPIs. The main services include: providing professional counselling and referral service for children and families, organising parenting education groups and talks, organising relevant thematic activities to consolidate family relationship, offering professional consultation for teaching staff and parents, and providing crisis management for cases in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3474)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional funding to subvented day service units to enable them to provide air-conditioning for all activity areas, please advise the service unit(s), manpower (by grade) and resources expected to be involved, and the work schedule.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 89)

Reply:

Starting from 2020-21, additional funding will be provided to Social Welfare Department (SWD)-subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating day service units to meet the electricity costs of providing air-conditioning for their activity areas, involving an annual recurrent expenditure of about $46 million. It is expected that 1 147 subvented service units will benefit. SWD will deploy existing manpower to take forward the work. SWD will disburse the provisions to beneficiary NGOs, subject to the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2020.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)599

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3475)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years, please advise the estimated number of service units, manpower (by grade) and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

In respect of staff establishment, the Social Welfare Department plans to add 1 permanent post of the Senior Principal Executive Officer grade (Directorate Pay Scale Point 2) in 2020-21 to implement the purchase of premises project and enhance the planning, co-ordination and implementation of capital projects of premises for other welfare facilities. The proposal has been endorsed by the Establishment Subcommittee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 24 June 2019 and is pending submission to the Finance Committee of the LegCo for approval. In addition, the Government Property Agency will create 9 time-limited posts for 3 years in 2020-21, including 4 Valuation Surveyors, 2 Valuation Officers, 1 Survey Officer and 1 post of the Land Conveyancing Officer grade; and 1 time-limited post of the Management Services Officer grade for 2 years. The annual estimated payroll cost for the posts is around $10.4 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3477)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the service units, manpower (by grade), number of service places and resources involved since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme in December 2017;
2. the number of participants since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme;
3. the resources involved in commissioning a consultant to conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme;
4. when the evaluation report is expected to be published.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 92)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund, the Pilot Scheme was launched on 28 December 2017 with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) being responsible for its implementation. Under the Pilot Scheme, 55 integrated home care services (IHCS) teams under all of the 24 non-governmental organisations operating IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) will assess the elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) within their service area, and provide elderly persons eligible for the Pilot Scheme with home-based community care and support services. It is estimated that about 4 000 service places will be provided under the Pilot Scheme.

The list of service teams of the approved service providers (ASPs) under the Pilot Scheme is set out in the Annex. As at end-December 2019, the subsidy amount disbursed under the Pilot Scheme was about $62 million, with a cumulative 2 801 persons having received the services and granted with the subsidy. ASPs under the Pilot Scheme may have the flexibility to deploy the manpower subsidy for recruitment of staff. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme, involving a total expenditure of $1.4 million. The evaluation is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020. The Government will consider the way forward of the Pilot Scheme with reference to the evaluation findings.

Annex

List of IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams of ASPs

	Name of organisations		Name of service unit
1.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	1.	i) Integrated Home Care Services (Team I & II) ii) Integrated Home Care Services (Team III & IV)
2.	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	2.	Integrated Home Care Services
3.	Caritas - Hong Kong	3.	i) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Wah Fu ii) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Tin Wan
		4.	i) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Tsz Wan Shan ii) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Diamond Hill
		5.	i) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Sai Kung ii) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Tseung Kwan O
		6.	Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Shamshuipo
		7.	i) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Sha Tin ii) Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Lung Hang
		8.	Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - North District
		9.	Caritas Integrated Home Care Services - Yuen Long
4.	Christian Family Service Centre	10.	Wong Tai Sin Integrated Home Care Services
		11.	i) Kwun Tong Integrated Home Care Services ii) Lam Tin Integrated Home Care Services
5.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Hong Kong	12.	Sha Tin Caring Centre Integrated Home Care Services
6.	Hong Kong Christian Service	13.	Wan Hon Integrated Home Care Services Team
		14.	Sham Shui Po Integrated Home Care Services Team
7.	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	15.	Bradbury Sheung Shui Family Centre Integrated Home Care Services Team
8.	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	16.	Oi Tung Service Centre
		17.	Kin Ming Service Centre
		18.	i) Shun On Service Centre ii) Ngau Tau Kok Service Centre
		19.	Lai Kok Service Centre
		20.	Cheung Shan Service Centre
		21.	i) Kwai Fong Service Centre ii) Cheung Hang Service Centre iii)Tivoli Service Centre
9.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	22.	i) Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St Luke's Settlement Integrated Home Care Services Team ii) Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Western District Elderly Community Centre - Integrated Home Care Services Team
		23.	Tung Chung Integrated Services - Home Help
		24.	Wong Tai Sin Integrated Home Care Services

	Name of organisations		Name of service unit
		25.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Kowloon City Integrated Home Care Services: i) Sheng Kung Hui Holy Carpenter Church Hung Hom Integrated Home Care Services Team ii) Sheng Kung Hui Holy Carpenter Church Kowloon City Integrated Home Care Services Team iii)Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Hok Yuen Integrated Home Care Services Team iv)Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lok Man Integrated Home Care Services Team v) Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service Centre - Integrated Home Care Services Team
		26.	Sham Shui Po Integrated Home Care Services Team
		27.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre Integrated Home Care Services Team
10.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	28.	Hong Kong East Integrated Home Care Services
		29.	Tsuen Kwai Tsing Integrated Home Care Services
		30.	Tsuen Kwai Tsing Integrated Home Care Services
11.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	31.	Ming Yue District Elderly Community Centre Integrated Home Care Services Team (Eastern District)
		32.	Kowloon City Integrated Home Care Services Team
		33.	Sham Shui Po Integrated Home Care Services Team
		34.	Ellen Li District Elderly Community Centre - Integrated Home Care Services Team
12.	Methodist Centre	35.	Wan Chai Methodist Centre for the Seniors - Integrated Home Care Services
13.	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	36.	i) Epworth Integrated Home Care Services (Siu Sai Wan Centre) ii) Epworth Integrated Home Care Services (Shau Kei Wan Centre)
14.	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	37.	Chan Hing Social Service Centre - Integrated Home Care Services Team
15.	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	38.	Wong Tai Sin District Integrated Home Care Services Centre
		39.	Sham Shui Po District Elderly Community Centre - Integrated Home Care Services
		40.	Yuen Long District Integrated Home Care Services Centre
		41.	Tuen Mun District Integrated Home Care Services Centre
16.	Pok Oi Hospital	42.	Mrs. Wong Tung Yuen District Elderly Community Centre Integrated Home Care Services Team
17.	Salvation Army (The)	43.	Tai Po Integrated Home Care Services cum Day Care Centre for Senior Citizens
18.	Sik Sik Yuen	44.	Ho Kin District Community Centre for Senior Citizens - Integrated Home Care Services
19.	St. James' Settlement	45.	Central & Western Integrated Home Care Services Team
		46.	i) Wan Chai Integrated Home Care Services Team ii) Causeway Bay Integrated Home Care Services

	Name of organisations		Name of service unit
			Team
20.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	47.	Fong Shu Chuen Integrated Home Care Services Centre
		48.	Wong Cho Tong District Elderly Community Centre - Integrated Home Care Services Team
		49.	i) Wilson T.S. Wang District Elderly Community Centre - Integrated Home Care Services ii) Lim Por Yen Integrated Home Care Services Centre
21.	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	50.	Integrated Home Care Services Team
22.	Yan Oi Tong	51.	Yuen Long Integrated Home Care Services: i) Pang Hung Cheung Yuen Long Integrated Home Care Services Centre ii) Tin Ka Ping Yuen Long Integrated Home Care Services Centre
		52.	Tuen Mun Integrated Home Care Services: i) Tuen Mun Lion Club Integrated Home Care Services Centre ii) Tin Ka Ping Tuen Mun Integrated Home Care Services Centre
23.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	53.	Choi Hung Integrated Home Care Services
		54.	Yau Mong Integrated Home Care Services
24.	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	55.	Sha Tin Integrated Home Care Services

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3478)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), please advise the following:

the service unit(s), manpower (by grade), number of service places and resources involved over the past 3 years;

the average number of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time over the past 3 years;

the estimated service unit(s), manpower (by grade), number of service places and resources involved in the coming 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

There were a total of 34 EHCCS teams operated by 14 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Hong Kong over the past 3 years, providing a total of 7 245 service places in 2017-18 and 2018-19. The number of service places provided in 2019-20 was increased to 9 245 (starting from October 2019). The full-year total expenditure for EHCCS in the past 3 years (from 2017-18 to 2019-20) are $398.1 million (Actual), $419 million (Actual) and $680 million (Revised Estimate). NGOs operating the services have the flexibility to deploy the resources allocated and arrange suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and other supporting staff in accordance with the contract terms for EHCCS, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

The number of persons waitlisted for EHCCS and the average waiting time from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year	No. of waitlisted person [Note]	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)
2017-18	5 819	15
2018-19	7 930	18
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 961	15

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may wait for integrated home care services (frail cases) and/or EHCCS. The figures do not include the elderly

persons being classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The Government has provided a total of 2 000 additional home care service places under EHCCS since October 2019, involving an additional annual recurrent expenditure of $190 million, with a view to assisting elderly persons to stay in the community as far as practicable for ageing in place.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3479)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding setting up day care units for the elderly (DCUs) at eligible private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by grade), service places and resources involved; and
2. the number of service places with a breakdown by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

The Bought Place Scheme on Day Care Units for the Elderly aims to set up DCUs at eligible private and self-financing RCHEs through purchase of places from them. It provides a total of 120 day care places for the elderly, involving 7 eligible RCHEs and a full-year expenditure of about $14 million. The number of service places to be provided by RCHEs participating in the Scheme is set out at the Annex.

Service units under the Scheme shall comply with the requirements stipulated in the Service Specification to arrange services provided by nurses and care workers. Services provided by physiotherapists and/or occupational therapists shall also be arranged, while speech therapy service is provided under the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly.

Annex

Number of service places provided under the Scheme

District	Name of RCHEs	Number of service places available
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement True Light Home for the Aged	20
Kwun Tong	Shui Jun Nursing Centre (Yau Tong) Company Limited	20
Sai Kung	Pine Villa	20
Tsuen Wan	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	10
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	10
Kwai Tsing	Shui On Nursing Centre (Kwai Shing E.) Co. Limited	20
Yuen Long	Pine Care Place	20

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3480)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), will the Government advise the following:

1. the service units, manpower (by grade), number of places and resources involved in the past 3 years;
2. the number of elderly persons waiting for vouchers, the time taken for the elderly to receive the service and the utilisation rate of the vouchers in the past 3 years;
3. the estimated number of additional vouchers to be offered;
4. the distribution of participation across the 3 modes of service; and
5. the timetable for conducting a review on the Pilot Scheme, and when the Pilot Scheme will be regularised.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016. The Government plans to issue 1 000 additional CCSVs to a total of 8 000 under the Pilot Scheme in 2020-21.

In 2017-18 and 2018-19, there were 15 and 20 posts under the social work grades and clerical grades respectively in the Community Care Service Voucher Office, involving full-year salary expenditures of about $8.41 million and $11.23 million respectively. In 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), there were a total of 22 posts under the social work grades and clerical grades, involving a full-year salary expenditure of about $12.88 million (based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved).

The number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of service places, the number of CCSV users, the amount of subsidy involved and the distribution of the type of service used under the Pilot Scheme in the past 3 years are set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the time taken for the elderly to receive the service.

SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to evaluate the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, with a view to helping the Government map

out the way forward of the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation report is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020.

Annex

Table 1: The second phase of the Pilot Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs	No. of places [Note 1]		No. of CCSV users	Subsidies for CCSVs ($ million)
		Day care	Home care		
2017-18	125	2 254	3 040	3 031	119.9 [Note 2]
2018-19	153	2 815	4 861	3 608	201.9
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	153	2 986	5 191	4 166	226.0 [Note 3]

[Note 1] Under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, CCSV holders may choose either the single mode or mixed mode of day care and home care services.

[Note 2] The second phase of the Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2016. The subsidy expenditure for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 is reflected in the 2017-18 actual expenditure.

[Note 3] The Revised Estimate for 2019-20.

Table 2: The distribution of types of service used by CCSV holders under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	No. of users
Day care service	1 785
Home care service	1 324
Day care and home care services	1 057
Total	**4 166**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3481)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of visiting medical practitioner services for residents of all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please advise the following:

(a) the service units, manpower and resources involved; and

(b) the proportion of medical practitioners to the RCHEs served.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

Subvented RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) have all along been subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide visiting medical practitioner services to residents for basic medical check-up and treatment. Apart from increasing the subsidy for subvented homes from October 2018 for strengthening the existing visiting medical practitioner services, SWD has also commissioned non-governmental organisations to provide residents of all private and self-financing RCHEs and RCHDs with visiting medical practitioner services in a proactive response to seasonal influenza and other episodic illnesses, thereby promoting their health and reducing their reliance on the public medical system. The measure involves an additional annual expenditure of about $238 million.

According to the relevant service requirements, visiting medical practitioners shall provide at least 2 clinical visits per week or 104 visits per year to each home, where they will handle episodic illnesses and carry out medical examination for the residents, and conduct assessments on the use of restraint and other rehabilitative or assistive devices based on the health conditions of residents, etc. There is no specific staffing establishment for this service so as to allow more flexibility for operators to deploy their resources in arranging medical practitioners to pay regular visits to private and self-financing homes in designated clusters.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3482)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Dementia Community Support Scheme (Pilot Scheme), please advise:

a) the service unit(s), manpower, resources and the number of participants involved in the Pilot Scheme last year; and

b) the manpower (by grade) and resources involved in the 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) respectively.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

The Government has regularised the Pilot Scheme since February 2019, and expanded it to all 41 DECCs and 7 Hospital Authority (HA) clusters in the territory since May 2019 so as to provide appropriate support services for elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia in the community and their carers through a medical-social collaboration model. It is estimated that over 2 000 elderly persons will receive the services each year. The Social Welfare Department has allocated an additional annual provision of about $84 million to 41 DECCs, covering, among others, the manpower resources equivalent to 1.5 Advanced Practice Nurse and Occupational Therapist/Physiotherapist I and 1 Social Work Assistant for each DECC, programme expenses and training subsidy. Moreover, the Food and Health Bureau has allocated a recurrent provision of about $21 million for the HA to recruit 21.5 nurses (including Advanced Practice Nurses and Registered Nurses) and other supporting personnel and to cover service-related expenses. As at 31 December 2019, DECCs had provided services to a cumulative total of 1 758 elderly persons after regularisation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3483)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of full subsidies for all private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to join accreditation schemes, please advise:

a) the service units, manpower and resources involved since the commencement of the scheme;

b) the number of RCHEs having joined the scheme; and

c) the average time taken to complete the accreditation procedures.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining the approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service, involving an expenditure of about $52 million. The scheme, which is undertaken by existing staff of SWD, aims at encouraging private RCHEs to improve their service quality on a continuous basis and join independent accreditation schemes for an objective assessment of their services by certification bodies.

Over 500 private RCHEs in the territory can participate in the scheme. As at end-February 2020, there were 57 private RCHEs registered for joining accreditation schemes included under the Accreditation Subsidy Scheme, namely the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Accreditation Division and the Residential Care Home for the Elderly Certification Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency. The procedures and the time involved in the accreditation process are subject to the independent certification bodies which implement the accreditation schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3484)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to enrol in Qualifications Framework-based training courses, please advise:

a) the service units, manpower and resources involved since the commencement of the scheme; and

b) the number of participants (by grade) so far.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 99)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched a five-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs in the territory to enrol in Qualifications Framework-based training courses. The entire scheme covers practitioners from over 1 000 RCHEs and RCHDs, involving a course expenditure of $69.4 million. SWD will also provide training subsidies for RCHEs and RCHDs so that proper manpower arrangements can be made to maintain the operation while the health workers and care workers are taking the courses, and when the RCHEs and RCHDs are providing on-site training support and assessment for trainees. The expenditure involved is $61.4 million in total, and the implementation of the scheme will be undertaken by the existing staff of SWD.

As at end-December 2019, 432 home staff had enrolled in the training courses under the scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3485)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Phase III of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the service units, manpower, and resources involved;

2. the expected timetable for conducting a review of the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 100)

Reply:

Under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme, 50 non-governmental organisations operating district elderly community centres and/or neighborhood elderly centres (159 elderly centres in total) provided support services to carers and elderly persons. As at end-December 2019, the total disbursed funding is about $340 million, and the manpower deployed for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme is about 457 man-months.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on the Pilot Scheme, with a view to helping the Government map out the way forward for the Pilot Scheme. Upon the completion of the final evaluation report, SWD will report the results of the evaluation on the effectiveness of 2 Pilot Schemes and the way forward to the Community Care Fund Task Force.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3486)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of "additional day care and residential care places for the elderly", please advise the following:

1. the service units, manpower and resources involved over the past 3 years;
2. the number of elderly persons waitlisted and the average waiting time over the past 3 years; and
3. the criteria in determining the number of service places.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 101)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service units which provided subsidised residential care places for the elderly (including subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), contract homes for the elderly and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS)) and subsidised day care services for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No. of service units which provided subsidised residential care places for the elderly	301	302	310
No. of subsidised day care centres for the elderly (DEs)/day care units for the elderly (DCUs)	76	76	79

The expenditure incurred by subsidised residential care places for the elderly provided by subvented homes operated by NGOs, contract homes for the elderly and RCHEs participating in the BPS and subsidised day care services for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as follows:

Year	2017-18 Actual ($ m)	2018-19 Actual ($ m)	2019-20 Revised Estimate ($ m)
subsidised residential care places for the elderly	4,738.3	5,143.1	5,735.6
subsidised day care services for the elderly	330.1	375.8	420.1

With regard to the subsidised residential care services (RCS) and subsidised day care services for the elderly, service operators under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. The notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating amount of subsidy for subvented services, and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services.

Operators which provide subsidised residential care places for the elderly can flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to fulfil the relevant service provisions and statutory staffing requirements. Operators of contract homes for the elderly must arrange for the requisite staff including social workers, nurses, care workers and other supporting staff to fulfil the service provisions as stipulated in the contracts and the relevant statutory staffing requirements. Self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) must fulfil the requirements under the NHPPS Agreement and the relevant statutory staffing requirements. Moreover, operators of RCHEs participating in the EBPS must arrange for the requisite staff including nurses, physiotherapists, health workers, care workers and assistants to fulfil the service provisions as stipulated in the EBPS Agreements concerning RCHEs and the relevant statutory staffing requirements. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the manpower sought.

2. The average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for various subsidised residential care places for the elderly and DEs/DCUs from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 to 3.

3. The Government formulated population-based planning standards in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) in December 2018 with regard to subsidised RCS for the elderly, subsidised community care services (CCS) for the elderly, district elderly community centres and neighbourhood elderly centres. Subsidised CCS includes DEs/DCUs and other home-based services. The HKPSG has stipulated that the planning ratio for subsidised CCS is to provide 17.2 subsidised service places per 1 000 elderly persons aged 65 or above. The planning standards should be applied at the district level. Such standards should be applied flexibly having regard to a number of factors to be considered by SWD. They include the distribution of CCS, the land supply, the service demand as a result of population growth and demographic changes.

Annex 1

Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for various subsidized residential care places for the elderly and DEs/DCUs
2017-18

Service type	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 1]	**No. of persons on the waiting list**
Care-and-attention (C&A) places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 36 11 24	31 358 [Note 2]
Nursing Home (NH) places [Note 3]	24	6 553 [Note 4]
DEs/DCUs	10	3 568 [Note 5]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the central waiting list (CWL).

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 480 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive cases" on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (CCSV Pilot Scheme).

Annex 2

Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for various subsidised residential care places for the elderly and DEs/DCUs
2018-19

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting list
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	40 10 24	33 716 [Note 2]
NH places [Note 3]	25	7 062 [Note 4]
DEs/DCUs	12	4 370 [Note 5]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 510 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive cases" on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

Annex 3

Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisting for various subsidised residential care places for the elderly and DEs/DCUs 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting list
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	41 8 20	33 843 [Note 2]
NH places	22	7 168 [Note 3]
DEs/DCUs	14	4 612 [Note 4]

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care in the same residential care home for the elderly have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive cases" on the CWL.

[Note 4] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3487)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (the RCSV Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1) The expected manpower and resources involved in the coming 3 years;

2) As the public has long questioned the service quality and monitoring of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), will the Government consider shelving the RCSV Pilot Scheme and re-allocating the funding for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (CCSV Pilot Scheme)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for the RCSV Pilot Scheme in 2020-21 is about $444.3 million. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently has 30 posts, including staff of the Social Work Officer grade, Social Security Officer grade, and clerical and general supporting grades, responsible for implementing the RCSV Pilot Scheme.

Adopting the "money-following-the user" approach, the RCSV Pilot Scheme offers eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list with an additional choice in residential care service, and provides RCHEs with an incentive to enhance their services. Apart from eligible private homes, subvented homes, contract homes and self-financing homes operated by non-governmental organisations may also apply to become recognised service providers (RSPs) under the RCSV Pilot Scheme. SWD will monitor the services provided by the RSPs, while RSPs are also required to participate in the Service Quality Group Scheme on RCHEs in order to allow members of the community to pay visits to the homes and make suggestions on the facilities and services. To enhance the transparency of elderly service information, SWD has also launched the Elderly Information Website in February 2017 to provide one-stop service details of RCHEs.

The implementation of the RCSV Pilot Scheme will not affect government's efforts to strengthen community and residential care services through a multi-pronged approach, including the continued construction of new day care centres/units for the elderly and the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses. In addition, the Government has earmarked resources to provide in 2020-21 an additional 1 000 CCSVs to bring to a total of 8 000 under the CCSV Pilot Scheme in support of elderly persons with moderate or severe impairment to age in place.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3488)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Service for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Enrolled Nurse (EN) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme), please advise:

1) the number of participants in the Training Programme over the past 3 years;

2) whether the Government has reviewed the effect of the Training Programme on alleviating the manpower shortage in the welfare sector. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

3) whether the Government has evaluated the long-term manpower planning of nurses in the welfare sector, including the manpower requirement and ratio of ENs and registered nurses, to cope with the needs. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)

Reply:

A total of 690 trainees have participated in the Training Programme over the past 3 years.

To alleviate the shortage of nurses in the welfare sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) collaborated with the Hospital Authority between 2006 and 2016 to organise a two-year EN(General)/EN(Psychiatric) Training Programme, under which a total of 14 training classes were organised and about 1 800 training places were provided. Among the graduates of the 14 classes, over 90% joined the social welfare sector after graduation. SWD has also commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 920 EN(General) and EN(Psychiatric) training places for 4 consecutive years from 2017-18 onwards. The first 3 classes commenced in September of 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector for 2 consecutive years after graduation.

According to the manpower projection results of the Report of Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development, a medium-to-long-term manpower shortage is expected in the nursing profession. In this connection, the Government has discussed with the University Grants Committee (UGC) on providing an additional 60 UGC-funded places for Bachelor of Nursing programmes in each of the

3 academic years from 2019/20 to 2021/22 (a total of 180 places in 3 years).

Moreover, the Government has, starting from the 2015/16 academic year, implemented the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors and provided subsidised places in designated undergraduate programmes, including those in the healthcare discipline. Starting from the 2019/20 academic year, the scheme has been expanded to cover designated self-financing sub-degree programmes in selected disciplines. The number of subsidised first-year places of the designated undergraduate programmes and self-financing sub-degree programmes in the healthcare discipline in the 2020/21 academic year are 1 320 and 1 036 respectively.

Besides, SWD has planned to provide an additional 800 training places in total under the Training Programme for 4 consecutive years from 2020-21 onwards.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3489)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continued implementation of the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong, please advise the following:

1) the service units, manpower and resources involved in the past 3 years;

2) the number of participants and the enrolment rate of the homes in the past 3 years; and

3) the estimated manpower and resources involved in the coming 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 104)

Reply:

The Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme (the Scheme) was launched in June 2014, and has been regularised since January 2020 to continue to subsidise existing participants and provide an alternative for elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised care-and-attention places. As at end-December 2019, 219 elderly persons have chosen to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 32 in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. The actual expenditure on the Scheme in 2017-18 and 2018-19 was about $11.7 million and $14 million respectively and the revised estimated expenditure in 2019-20 is about $19 million. While the Government has earmarked funding to provide a total of 400 residential places under the Scheme, the actual number of places purchased and the expenditure involved each year will depend on the number of participants in the Scheme. In 2020-21, it is expected that 183 elderly participants will be admitted to the 2 homes under the Scheme, involving an estimated expenditure of about $22 million. The work arising from the implementation of the Scheme will continue to be taken up by SWD's existing staff.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3490)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given that the Department "strengthened the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)", please advise:

a) the number of inspections on RCHEs conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), complaints received, cases investigated, advisory letters and warning notices issued, charges brought and licences revoked over the past 3 years; and

b) whether any target has been set in respect of the number of inspections in order to strengthen the inspection and monitoring work.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 105)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The number of inspections on RCHEs conducted by SWD, complaints received, advisory letters and warning notices issued to RCHEs, cases of RCHEs charged and convicted, and cases of licences revoked over the past 3 years are set out in the Annex.

b) On top of the normal inspection mechanism, the designated inspectors of the SWD will, having regard to the nature and items of non-compliance of individual homes, formulate individualised, concrete and targeted strategies and action plans. These include conducting surprise inspections strategically through a small team approach or by a multi-disciplinary inspectorate team. Having regard to the irregularities of individual homes identified, surprise inspections will be conducted flexibly at different times during office and non-office hours to strengthen the inspection and monitoring of RCHEs.

Annex

Number of inspections on RCHEs conducted by SWD, complaints received, advisory letters and warning notices issued to RCHEs, cases of RCHEs charged and convicted, and cases of licences revoked

Year	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Number of inspections	5 578	5 687	4 197
Complaint cases	187	140	106
Advisory letters	2 557	2 412	1 535
Warning notices	141	100	101
Convicted cases	23	42	12
Cases of licences revoked	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3491)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Training for Foreign Domestic Helpers (FDHs) on Elderly Care (Pilot Scheme), please provide the following information:

a) the service units, manpower (by post), number of participants and resources involved since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme; and

b) the timetable for an evaluation on the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the Department of Health (DH) and 6 District Elderly Community Centres, implemented an eighteen-month Pilot Scheme starting from March 2018 with $1.78 million funding from the Lotteries Fund (LF) with a view to strengthening the training of FDHs in basic knowledge and skills in taking care of frail elderly persons, so as to enhance elderly persons' quality of life in the community and support ageing in place. The Pilot Scheme targets hired FDHs who are/will be taking care of elderly persons and provides a total of 300 free training places. The training courses will be conducted by nurses, dietitians, physiotherapists and occupational therapists of DH. The co-ordination work in the implementation of the Pilot Scheme will be taken up by existing staff of SWD and DH. The training courses under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme commenced in June 2018 and all courses were completed in May 2019. 344 trainees have completed all core courses under the Pilot Scheme. According to DH's preliminary evaluation on the Pilot Scheme, trainees have significantly improved their knowledge in various subjects.

In view of the positive feedback, SWD received additional funding of about $5.44 million from the LF in July 2019 to extend the Pilot Scheme to December 2020, providing an additional 950 training places in total. SWD will continue to examine the implementation of the Pilot Scheme and evaluate its effectiveness with DH.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3492)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional service quota under integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)), please advise:

1. the service units, manpower and resources involved;
2. the waiting time at present;
3. whether regular assessment has been made on the adequacy of service places; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 107)

Reply:

Frail elderly persons who have been assessed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS). As at end-December 2019, the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS was about 15 months (average of the past 3 months).

The Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for IHCS(FC) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021, involving a full-year expenditure of $303 million. The Government will arrange the geographical distribution of the 3 000 service places having regard to factors such as the supply of services in each district, the demand and the operational situation of each service team, and the overall home care services provided to frail elderly persons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3493)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding setting up additional day care units for the elderly (DCUs) at selected private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please advise:

1. the service units, manpower and resources involved;
2. whether regular assessment has been made on the adequacy of service places; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 108)

Reply:

The Bought Place Scheme on Day Care Units for the Elderly aims to set up DCUs at eligible private and self-financing RCHEs through purchase of places from them. It provides a total of 120 day care places for the elderly, involving 7 eligible RCHEs and a full-year expenditure of about $14 million. The number of service places to be provided by RCHEs participating in the Scheme is set out at the Annex.

Service units under the Scheme shall comply with the requirements stipulated in the Service Specification to arrange services provided by nurses and care workers. Services provided by physiotherapists and/or occupational therapists shall also be arranged, while speech therapy service is provided under the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly.

The Government will continue to provide additional day care service places through a multi-pronged approach having regard to the service demand and supply in various districts.

Annex

Number of service places provided under the Scheme

District	Name of RCHEs	Number of service places available
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement True Light Home for the Aged	20
Kwun Tong	Shui Jun Nursing Centre (Yau Tong) Company Limited	20
Sai Kung	Pine Villa	20
Tsuen Wan	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	10
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	10
Kwai Tsing	Shui On Nursing Centre (Kwai Shing E.) Co. Limited	20
Yuen Long	Pine Care Place	20

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(Question Serial No. 3494)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional vouchers under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme), please advise:

1. the service units, manpower and resources involved in the provision of additional vouchers;
2. whether regular assessment has been conducted to ensure that there are sufficient vouchers. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 109)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide an additional 1 000 CCSVs under the CCSV Pilot Scheme in 2020-21, involving an estimated additional annual expenditure of about $62 million. Based on the principle of "money-following-the-user", CCSVs are issued directly to eligible elderly persons, and it does not involve deployment of resources such as manpower of CCSV service units.

SWD has all along invited eligible elderly persons to participate in the CCSV Pilot Scheme in batches. SWD will continue to invite in a timely manner applications from more eligible organisations to become recognised service providers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3495)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding continuing to purchase EA1 places, please advise:

1. the latest number of EA1 places and the number of additional places;
2. the manpower and resources involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 110)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) for 5 consecutive years (1 000 places each financial year) from 2019-20 onwards to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The recurrent expenditure involved in the purchase of the additional 5 000 EA1 places is about $810 million. SWD has commenced the work to purchase a total of about 2 000 additional places in 2019-20 and 2020-21. 319 additional EA1 places in the first batch have commenced service at the end of 2019, while about 1 600 remaining additional places are expected to commence service in 2020-21. As at December 2019, private RCHEs participating in the EBPS have provided a total of 6 574 EA1 places across the territory.

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(Question Serial No. 3496)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the adoption of an updated assessment tool for better service matching of long-term care services, please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower and resources involved; and
2. the details.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong (Sau Po Centre on Ageing) to update the existing assessment tool of the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services to interRAI-HC version 9.3. The Sau Po Centre on Ageing has designed a training course and the teaching materials for the new assessment tool, and it provides bridging courses on the use of the updated assessment tool to more than 2 000 accredited assessors serving in more than 700 referring offices and service units in Hong Kong. As at end-December 2019, about 1 000 serving accredited assessors had received training, while other untrained serving accredited assessors will receive the training in 2020. As such serving assessors will make use of the updated assessment tool after the training, the manpower and resources involved in the implementation of the new assessment tool have largely remained the same.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3497)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About "expand(ing) the service targets of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) to secondary school students with mental health needs", please advise the following:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by post) and resources involved in the past year;
2. the estimated service unit(s), manpower (by post) and resources involved in the future;
3. the details of the support service;
4. will the Government consider strengthening the mental support service for secondary school students by formulating a "one psychiatric nurse for each school" policy?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 112)

Reply:

Starting from 2019-20, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about $56 million to strengthen the manpower of ICCMWs, including providing an additional 36 social workers, 24 occupational therapists and 24 supporting staff, for expanding the service targets of ICCMWs to secondary school students with mental health needs. Through the provision of community mental health support services ranging from early prevention to risk management such as casework counselling, therapeutic groups and programmes, ICCMWs enhanced their professional support for secondary school students with mental health needs and their families/carers. As ICCMWs mainly provide mental health support services in the community, stationing service at schools is not in their service scope. SWD will continue to review service needs and strengthen collaboration with medical and education sectors, etc. with a view to providing suitable services for secondary school students with mental health needs.

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(Question Serial No. 3498)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the setting up of mobile vans to step up community education, please advise:

1. the service units, manpower (by post) and resources involved last year;
2. the service units, manpower (by post) and resources estimated to be involved;
3. details of the service provided;
4. whether the Government has evaluated the effectiveness of the service and if the Government will consider the inclusion of psychiatric nurses in the service so as to provide professional psychiatric service.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 113)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) had deployed 5 mobile vans for publicity in 5 regions (i.e. Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East, and New Territories West) across the territory in 2019-20, to step up community mental health education for early prevention of mental illnesses through roving exhibitions, mini talks, experiential activities, on-site consultation services, etc. The measure involves a full-year expenditure of about $8.5 million and the manpower of 10 social workers, 5 Welfare Workers and 5 Motor Drivers. SWD will continue to review the demand and mode of the service so as to provide appropriate support for the public with mental health needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3499)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding "parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) to enhance support for parents/carers of persons with disabilities", please advise:

the service unit(s), manpower (by posts), resources involved and number of persons served in the past year;

the service unit(s), manpower (by posts) and resources estimated to be involved in the future;

the number of service places provided and the details.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 114)

Reply:

PRCs provide a focal point for parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities to share experience, obtain mutual support with the assistance from staff, understand and accept the needs of their family members with disabilities, and enhance their capability to take care of family members with disabilities at home. In order to strengthen the support for parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities, the Government has allocated an additional full-year expenditure of about $40 million to increase the total number of PRCs from 6 to 19 in 2018-19 and 2019-20. Meanwhile, an additional full year-expenditure of about $6.2 million will be allocated in 2019-20 for the establishment of specialised Ethic Minorities (EMs) units in 5 of these centres. It is estimated that the number of beneficiary families of persons with disabilities will be increased to about 4 700. The notional staffing establishment (NSE) of each PRC is set out in the Annex.

Annex

NSE of PRCs [Note]

Rank/Post	**No. of staff**	
	PRCs	**PRCs (with specialised EMs units)**
Social Work Officer	0.125	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	2	3
Social Work Assistant	1	1
Welfare Officer/ Special Child Care Worker	1	1
Welfare Worker	1	2
Clerical Assistant	1	1
Workman II	0.667	1

[Note] NSE is used by the Social Welfare Department for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3500)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About "set(ting) up specialised ethnic minorities (EMs) units in parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs)", please advise:

the service unit(s), manpower (by posts), resources involved and headcount of service users in the past year;

the service unit(s), manpower (by posts) and resources estimated to be involved in the coming 3 years;

whether members of EMs or persons speaking EM languages (e.g. Indonesian, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, etc.) are employed to provide support service and increase the service effectiveness;

the number of service places provided and the details.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 115)

Reply:

In 2019-20, the Government made an additional full-year provision of about $6.2 million to set up 5 specialised ethnic minority units (specialised units) in PRCs in Central & Western, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long respectively to commence service in March 2020. The staffing establishment of each specialised unit is 0.125 Social Work Officer, 1 Assistant Social Work Officer, 1 Welfare Worker and 0.33 Workman II. The Notional Staffing Establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not keep any headcount of service users of the specialised units.

Any EM families with members with disabilities in need may choose and use the services of any one of the PRCs at present. The Government has in 2018-2019 and 2019-20 increased the number of PRCs from 6 to 19. Coupled with the 5 specialised units, it is estimated that families that will benefit will increase to about 4 700 including EM families with members with disabilities. The specialised units aim at strengthening support to EM members with disabilities and their parents/relatives in areas populated by more EMs and providing them

with more suitable services according to their language barriers and cultural differences. The service details include counselling, organising groups and large-scale activities, providing information and implementing community education activities, etc., to embrace social inclusion.

Additionally, SWD will launch a three-year "EM District Ambassador" pilot scheme in 2020-21 in 9 districts with higher EM population, including Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Some welfare service units of SWD andsubvented non-governmental organisations (including PRCs) will be provided additional resources to employ a total of 46 "EM District Ambassadors" to enhance welfare support service for EM communities. The pilot scheme will involve a total expenditure of about$29 million. The estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about $4.95 million

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3501)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding support centres for persons with autism (SPAs) and enhancement of their rehabilitation training and service, please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by posts), resources involved and headcount of service users in the past year;
2. the service unit(s), manpower (by posts) and resources estimated to be involved in the coming 3 years;
3. the number of service places provided and the details.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 116)

Reply:

In 2019-20, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) increased the number of SPAs from 3 to 5 (located in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West respectively), as well as the manpower of the 3 original SPAs, including 6.75 social workers, 3 occupational therapists and 6 supporting staff members in total. It is expected that each year, the 5 SPAs will provide a total of about 400 needy young persons with autism and their parents/carers with casework counselling and other support services, including aftercare service, vocational training and employment support services, peer support and parent support, etc.; and units serving persons with autism can also be provided with professional consultation services and training. The number of cases under SPAs in 2019-20 and the expenditure involved from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are set out in Table 1 of Annex.

Notional staffing establishment (NSE) is used by SWD for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has uploaded the samples of NSE of the subvented services to its webpage in February 2017 in order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations. The NSE of SPAs is shown in Table 2 of Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of cases served by SPAs and the expenditure from 2019-20 to 2020-21

Year	Number of cases	Expenditure ($ million)
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	326 (as at end-December 2019)	21.2
2020-21 (Estimate)	-	55.9

Table 2: NSE of SPAs

Rank/Post	Number of staff
Clinical Psychologist	1.00
Social Work Officer	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	4.00
Social Work Assistant	2.00
Occupational Therapist I	2.00
Occupational Therapist II	1.00
Speech Therapist	1.00
Assistant Clerical Officer	1.00
Welfare Worker	2.00
Workman II	1.00

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3502)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "Special Needs Trust" programme, please advise:

1. the number of participants, service unit(s), manpower (by posts) and resources since its commencement;
2. whether the effectiveness of the programme is under regular review; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 117)

Reply:

The Special Needs Trust Office (SNTO) is staffed with social workers, treasury accountant and clerical grade staff. The $50 million earmarked in the 2018-19 Estimates is to cover the costs of the SNTO for the first 5 years.

As at end-February 2020, the SNTO handled about 320 enquiries related to the Special Needs Trust service and assisted parents in understanding the service. Besides, the SNTO started accepting application on 25 March 2019, and has received 14 applications for Special Needs Trust to date.

The Social Welfare Department will continue to listen to views of stakeholders and constantly review the service operation in order to further refine the Special Needs Trust service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3503)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding "integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs)", please advise:

1. the number of patients served by these centres and the manpower and resources involved over the past 3 years;
2. the manpower and resources estimated to be involved in the coming 2 years.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 118)

Reply:

The number of members (including ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problems) served by ICCMWs and the expenditure involved over the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

The Notional Staffing Establishment (NSE) is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has uploaded the samples of NSE of the subvented services to its webpage in February 2017 in order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations. NSE of ICCMWs is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

The estimated expenditure on ICCMWs in 2020-21 is about $491 million.

Annex

Table 1: Number of members served by ICCMWs and the expenditure from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Year	ICCMW members served	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	27 651	330.9
2018-19 (Actual)	28 312	381.2
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	25 677 (as at end-December 2019)	455.9

Table 2: NSE of ICCMWs

ICCMW Scale: 1 notional team (as at October 2019)	
Rank/Post	**Number of staff**
Social Work Officer	1.56
Assistant Social Work Officer	10.08
Social Work Assistant	9.20
Registered Nurse (Psychiatric)	2.00
Occupational Therapist I	1.13
Occupational Therapist II	1.00
Occupational Therapist Assistant	2.00
Welfare Worker	6.13
Clerical Assistant	1.00
Workman II	1.00

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3504)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the inspection and monitoring of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), please advise:

a) the number of inspections of RCHDs conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), complaints received, cases investigated, advisory letters and warning letters issued, prosecutions carried out, and licenses revoked over the past 3 years; and

b) in view of a number of suspected abuse cases on RCHD residents by staff in recent years, whether existing regulatory measures are effective and whether any new measures will be adopted in 2020-21 to strengthen regulation of RCHDs; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 119)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The number of inspections of RCHDs conducted by SWD, complaints received, advisory and warning letters issued to RCHDs in the past 3 years is set out in the Annex.

In the past 3 years, no RCHD had their certificates of exemption revoked or refused for renewal because of non-compliance. In addition, 3 RCHDs were convicted of non-compliance.

b) Relevant measures are being implemented by SWD on an ongoing basis to strengthen the monitoring of RCHDs and enhance their service quality. These improvement measures mainly cover strengthening inspection strategy and inspection back-up, reviewing the legislation and codes of practice and formulating care-related guidelines, enhancing the quality and skills of home operators/managers/staff, stepping up law enforcement and increasing transparency.

The operation of RCHDs is monitored by SWD under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance, the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation and the relevant codes of practice, which cover requirements and guidelines in various areas and aspects. For RCHDs that fail to meet the

licensing requirements, depending on the nature and/or severity of the irregularity, SWD will issue advisory letters, warning notices or directions on remedial measures, requiring them to implement improvement and remedial measures in respect of the irregularity.

To enhance the transparency of the RCHD monitoring mechanism, the warning records of RCHDs in respect of their irregularities have been uploaded onto the SWD website and the SWD Information Website for RCHDs with effect from 1 April 2018, and will be retained for 12 months.

Annex

Number of inspections of RCHDs conducted by SWD, complaints received, advisory and warning letters issued to RCHDs in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
No. of inspections	2 031	2 518	1 868
Complaint cases	47	47	23
Advisory letters	390	325	203
Warning letters	16	2	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3505)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As the utilisation rates of day activity centres (DACs) and sheltered workshops (SWs) reach 95% and 99% respectively, it is pointed out that young persons with disabilities need to wait for a long time in order to enrol in DACs or SWs to work. Would the Government please inform:

a) the average waiting time for DACs and SWs respectively over the past 3 years;

b) whether the Government will consider increasing the number of service places. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 120)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a) The average waiting time for DACs and SWs over the past 3 years is set out in Table 1 of Annex.

b) As there is a keen demand for various rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, the Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase the supply of rehabilitation service facilities, including DACs and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) [Note]. The number of additional services places of DACs and IVRSCs currently planned by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and their distribution by district are set out in Table 2 of Annex.

[Note] SWD has reviewed the SW and the supported employment (SE) in 2002 and adopted the recommendation of providing vocational rehabilitation services by an integrated service model, named as IVRSC. SWD has regularised the service since 2005.

Annex

Table 1: Average waiting time for DACs and SWs from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Type of Service	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
DACs	65.6	57.5	Not yet available [Note 2]
SWs	22.1	21.3	Not yet available [Note 2]

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

[Note 2] As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2019-2020 is not yet available.

Table 2: Current planned number of additional services places of DACs and IVRSCs and their distribution by district

District Council district	Service type and places	
	DAC	IVRSC
Sham Shui Po	102	244
Sai Kung	11	25
Wan Chai	15	-
Kwun Tong	50	-
Islands	60	86
Tuen Mun	400	270
Tai Po	60	-
North	50	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3506)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

About "strengthen(ing) the professional support provided by medical social workers in the Child Assessment Centres and the hospitals of the Hospital Authority", please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (including medical social workers and other posts), number of persons to be served and resources estimated to be involved;

2. the details of the service.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 121)

Reply:

In view of the new service items and enhancement measures implemented by the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Department of Health (DH), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will strengthen the manpower of Medical Social Services Units (MSSUs) to provide professional support services to Child Assessment Centres under DH and hospitals under HA. About 30 additional posts, including the social worker grade, the clerical grade and general supportive grades will be provided in 2020-21. SWD's estimated expenditure on MSSUs in 2020-21 is $562.4 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3507)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the additional district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), please advise the service unit(s), manpower (by posts), number of persons to be served and the resources estimated to be involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 122)

Reply:

To strengthen the support for persons with disabilities living in the community and their parents/carers, the Government has allocated an additional full-year expenditure of about $76 million to set up 5 additional DSCs from 2020-21 to 2021-22 progressively, increasing the number of DSCs from 16 to 21. As at end-December 2019, there were in total about 6 000 members in the 16 DSCs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has planned to provide 2 additional DSCs in 2020-21. As the new DSCs are still under planning, the information on the estimated number of service users and expenditure involved is not available. Notional staffing establishment (NSE) is used by SWD for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. The NSE of each DSC is set out in Annex.

Annex

NSE of DSCs [Note 1, 2]

Rank/Post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer (SWO) [Note 3]	1.00
Assistant Social Work Officer (ASWO) [Note 3]	1.00
Senior Social Work Assistant	1.00
Social Work Assistant	4.00
Clinical Psychologist	0.50
Physiotherapist I [Note 3]	1.00
Occupational Therapist I [Note 3]	1.00
Speech Therapist [Note 3]	1.00
Enrolled Nurse	1.00
Personal Care Worker	7.38
Welfare Worker	8.00
Clerical Assistant	1.50
Care Attendant	2.00
Workman II	1.00
Motor Driver	1.00

[Note 1] Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

[Note 2] Including the provision of 10 day care service places for persons with severe disabilities.

[Note 2] To strengthen the service planning, work coordination, case management service and rehabilitation training service of DSCs, SWD has since January 2020 increased the number of SWO in the NSE of each DSC from 0.2 to 1, added 1 ASWO and 1 Speech Therapist, and upgraded the posts of Physiotherapist/Occupational Therapist from rank II to rank I.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3508)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the enhancement of 17 social and recreational centres for the disabled (S&RCs), please advise the service unit(s), manpower (by posts), number of persons to be served and the resources estimated to be involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 123)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has planned to increase the manpower of the 17 S&RCs across the territory in 2020-21 by adding about 19 social workers and 17 supporting staff in total with a view to strengthening the community support to the persons with disabilities and their carers. An additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about $20 million will be involved. It is estimated that the support services will serve 4 000 persons with disabilities and their families/carers each year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3509)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of different pilot projects to provide services for persons with severe disabilities having intensive care needs and living at home, to provide on-site training and care to ageing service users in day activity centres cum hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (DACs cum HSMHs) and sheltered workshops/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres cum hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (SWs/IVRSCs cum HMMHs) and to enhance the service model of sheltered workshops/ integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (SWs/IVRSCs), please advise:

1. the service unit(s), manpower (by posts), number of persons to be served and resources estimated to be involved;
2. whether the service will be under regular review for additional service places in each centre so that more service users will be supported.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.: 124)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to implement 2 pilot projects with funding from the Lotteries Fund (LF) in 2020 to enhance the service model of SWs/IVRSCs, so as to provide trainees who are interested in enhancing their working ability with training modules commensurate with their abilities and talents to prepare them for future career development; as well as to provide one-stop and continuous rehabilitation training, care and residential services for aging service users of DACs cum HSMHs and SWs/IVRSCs cum HMMHs. Besides, to meet the needs of persons with severe disabilities who have intensive care needs and living at home in a more comprehensive and focused manner, SWD has also planned to set up 2 new rehabilitation service centres through LF to implement a two-year pilot scheme on community care services. The new rehabilitation service centres would integrate the services of day care centres and home care services to enhance the service flexibility and would provide appropriate support for persons with severe disabilities having regard to the changes of their service needs at different stages. As the pilot schemes are still under planning, the specific information is not yet available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3681)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. the number of trainees recruited, the number of graduates, the number of graduates continued to be employed in social welfare service units in each of the years since the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme);
2. the expenditure involved and the staffing establishment in each of the years since the implementation of the Navigation Scheme, and that involved in the coming year; and
3. the additional recurrent expenditure involved in the enhanced Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

The Government earmarked about $147 million in July 2015 to launch the Navigation Scheme. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited. Among them, 445 trainees have graduated, while 222 trainees are still under the Navigation Scheme. The information sought with a breakdown by year is provided in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, involving a total expenditure of about $266 million. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020. SWD will be responsible for following up on the progress of the Navigation Scheme, and manpower will be arranged by internal redeployment.

Annex

Number of trainees by year and the expenditure involved in the Navigation Scheme

Year	No. of persons participating in the Navigation Scheme	No. of persons continued to be employed in social welfare service units upon completion of the Navigation Scheme [Note 1]	Actual expenditure of the Navigation Scheme ($ million)
2015-16	180	Trainees not having completed the Navigation Scheme were still under training	24.7
2016-17	389	-Ditto-	56.3
2017-18	288	75	34.6
2018-19	161	114	22.6
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	135	64	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Based on the information provided by some trainees upon graduation, 253 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units.

[Note 2] The revised estimate for 2019-20 is about $2.8 million, which is mainly used in publicity work for the enhanced Navigation Scheme in the first quarter of 2020. In that year, operating agencies operated the Navigation Scheme by means of the surplus from the past few years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3682)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the operation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the expenditure incurred by ICCMWs and the staffing establishment of each notional team in the past 3 years and the coming year;
2. list the population of each service district, and the number of new cases and the number of members of each ICCMW in the past 3 years;
3. the number of ICCMWs with a total floor area above, equal to or below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) at present; what measures the Government have taken to help those ICCMWs with a total floor area below the standard SoA increase the total floor area;
4. the number of ICCMWs currently operating in permanent premises, those having identified permanent premises but yet to move in for operation, and those lacking permanent premises; the amount of rent allowance given or to be given to those ICCMWs not operating in permanent premises in the past 3 years and the coming year;
5. The median waiting time in connection with psychiatric routine new cases of the Hospital Authority has shown no significant decrease since the ICCMWs came into operation. When assessing the effectiveness of the ICCMWs, is the effectiveness of ICCMWs in alleviating the burden of the public healthcare system one of the factors considered? If no, what are the other factors considered by the Government?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The amount of subventions for the 24 ICCMWs granted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years and 2020-21 are set out in Annex 1.

   Notional staffing establishment (NSE) is used by SWD for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has uploaded the samples of NSE of the subvented services to its webpage in February 2017 in order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations. The NSE of ICCMWs is set out in Annex 2.

2. The number of new cases served by the 24 ICCMWs and the number of members of these centres by service district in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 2 of Annex 3. SWD does not have information in respect of the population of the service districts.

3. In order to cope with the service development and operational need, SWD has revised the standard SoA of ICCMWs, which was approved by the Government Property Agency in March 2018. According to the revised SoA, currently 4 out of the 24 ICCMWs have a total floor area equal to or above the standard SoA, while the other 20 ICCMWs have a total floor area below the standard, including 3 ICCMWs to be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of renovation/construction/conversion works. Apart from taking the standard SoA as a planning parameter for ICCMWs, SWD will also consider other factors in determining whether certain premises are suitable for ICCMW purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will keep in view the overall service demand and the service situation of individual ICCMWs.

4. Among the 24 ICCMWs, 17 are currently operating in permanent premises. Suitable sites for permanent premises have been identified for 5 other ICCMWs, and fitting-out/building works are being/will be carried out. For the 2 remaining ICCMWs, sites have been preliminarily reserved in new development or redevelopment projects under planning, which have yet to be confirmed at this stage. SWD will continue to maintain close liaison with the relevant departments, with a view to finalising on the location of permanent premises as soon as possible. To tie in with operational and service need, SWD provide full subsidy to the 7 ICCMWs without permanent premises or having a total floor area below the standard SoA for renting 1 or more than 1 commercial premises for temporary service point or office purposes.

5. The ICCMWs mainly provide one-stop district-based community mental health support services for ex-mentally ill persons and persons with suspected mental health problem living in the serving districts. The core services of ICCMWs are not limited to casework counselling, day training, outreaching services, occupational therapy, therapeutic and supportive groups and public education, but also include referring cases with medical needs to the HA for clinical assessment or psychiatric treatment. In the meantime, ICCMWs will enhance the public's awareness of mental wellness through the organisation of public educational programmes, and encourage members of the public with mental health needs to seek early help or medical consultation. In each year, the ICCMWs need to assess the service outcomes using indicators such as the satisfaction of service users and whether the services have enhanced the service users' problem coping and solving capability. The implication on the healthcare system by the centres is not within the scope of the outcome assessment.

Annex 1

Amount of subventions for the 24 ICCMWs granted by SWD in the past 3 years and 2020-21

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	330.9
2018-19 (Actual)	381.2
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	455.9
2020-21 (Estimate)	490.9

Annex 2

NSE of ICCMWs

ICCMW Scale: 1 Notional Team (as at October 2019)	
Rank/Post	**Number of staff**
Social Work Officer	1.56
Assistant Social Work Officer	10.08
Social Work Assistant	9.20
Registered Nurse (Psychiatric)	2.00
Occupational Therapist I	1.13
Occupational Therapist II	1.00
Occupational Therapist Assistant	2.00
Welfare Worker	6.13
Clerical Assistant	1.00
Workman II	1.00

Annex 3

Table 1: Number of new cases served by 24 ICCMWs by service district

District	Number of new cases		
	2016-17	**2017-18**	**2018-19**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	661	700	651
Eastern & Wan Chai	789	807	851
Kwun Tong	798	727	714
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	902	936	902
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	686	737	736
Sham Shui Po	384	378	372
Sha Tin	695	749	706
Tai Po & North	599	601	566
Yuen Long	698	772	703
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	896	969	995
Tuen Mun	533	606	526
Total	**7 641**	**7 982**	**7 722**

Table 2: Number of members of 24 ICCMWs by service district

District	Number of members		
	2016-17	**2017-18**	**2018-19**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2 807	2 950	3 187
Eastern &Wan Chai	2 738	2 519	2 903
Kwun Tong	2 614	2 725	2 769
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	3 359	3 358	3 351
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	2 453	2 628	2 618
Sham Shui Po	1 203	1 264	1 246
Sha Tin	2 227	2 322	2 311
Tai Po & North	2 691	2 761	2 624
Yuen Long	1 938	2 030	1 966
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	3 044	2 979	3 271
Tuen Mun	1 945	2 115	2 066
Total	**27 019**	**27 651**	**28 312**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3683)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In view of an ageing population and a shrinking workforce, the elderly service of Hong Kong is facing a serious challenge. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. i. the number of service units, ii. the number of service places, iii. the number of persons waitlisted, iv. the average waiting time and v. the expenditure involved in various types of elderly services over the past 3 years;
2. the details, effectiveness and the expenditure involved in the Government's measures to increase residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) places and enhance their service quality over the past 3 years;
3. the latest progress and the expenditure involved in the Training Subsidy Scheme for Staff of Residential Care Homes; and
4. the measures rolled out by the Government to improve the overall remuneration of practitioners, strengthen relevant training and attract more people to join the industry over the past year, and whether there will be new measures in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Information on the number of units and number of places of various subsidised residential care services (RCS) and community care services (CCS) for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is at Annexes 1 to 2.

   Information on the average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for various subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is at Annexes 3 to 5.

   Information on the expenditure involved in various subsidised RCS and CCS for the elderly from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is at Annex 6.

2. Apart from setting up the Licensing and Regulation Branch on 2 May 2017 to strengthen the monitoring of RCHEs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a two-year Quality Improvement Project for RCHEs (the Project) from November 2016 to October 2018 with a funding allocation of around $20 million from the Lotteries Fund. The Project enhances the management system of RCHEs, with over 600 participating RCHEs. Starting from October 2018, SWD has provided visiting medical practitioner service to residents of all RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in Hong Kong, so as to improve their general health. SWD has also increased the subsidies for subvented RCHEs and RCHDs to enhance the visiting medical practitioner service. The measure involves an additional annual expenditure of about $238 million.

   Starting from April 2016, SWD has extended the Pilot Scheme on Service Quality Group for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (the SQG Scheme) to the whole territory and all types of RCHEs, and has launched the two-year 2018-20 SQG Scheme in October 2018, with a total of 263 participating RCHEs. Its implementation has been undertaken by additional staff since 2018-19, involving a full-year recurrent expenditure of about $6.3 million.

   With a view to enhancing service quality of RCHEs, SWD has progressively launched a four-year Pilot Scheme of Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) in mid-February 2019 by setting up district-based professional teams comprising social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists to provide outreach services for residents of private RCHEs to meet their social and rehabilitation needs. Apart from residents of private RCHEs, outreach speech therapy services will also be provided for elderly residents with swallowing difficulties or speech impairment in contract homes (including the Day Care Units attached to contract homes) and self-financing RCHEs/nursing homes (NHs). The total expenditure involved in the entire Pilot Scheme is about $873 million.

   Moreover, SWD launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining the approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service, with an expenditure of about $52 million. The scheme aims at encouraging private RCHEs to improve their service quality on a continuous basis and join independent accreditation schemes for an objective assessment of their services by certification bodies. Over 500 private RCHEs across the territory can join this scheme. As at end-February 2020, 57 private RCHEs have already registered to join the approved accreditation schemes under the subsidy scheme of SWD.

3. SWD has launched a five-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs in Hong Kong to enrol in Qualifications Framework (QF)-based training courses. The entire scheme covers employees in over 1 000 RCHEs and RCHDs. The course expenditure involved is $69.4 million in total. SWD will also provide training subsidies for RCHEs and RCHDs so that proper manpower arrangements can be made to maintain the operation while the health workers and care workers are taking the courses and when the RCHEs and RCHDs are providing on-site training support and assessment for trainees. The expenditure involved is $61.4 million in

total. As at end-December 2019, 11 training providers offered 19 courses under this scheme.

4. The elderly service sector has adopted the Recognition of Prior Learning mechanism under the QF so as to enable employees to obtain QF-recognised qualifications through the experience, knowledge and skills accumulated at work. This may be conducive to improving the career prospects of workers in the elderly service sector and building a career ladder for workers at various levels.

SWD has provided additional resources for subsidised elderly service units since 2018-19 to increase the salaries of personal care workers and home helpers (i.e. the salaries of personal care workers and home helpers will be increased by 2 salary points based on the current calculation of the subsidy for salaries), thereby enabling these service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively.

SWD has commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 920 training places, including Enrolled Nurse (EN) (General) and EN(Psychiatric) for 4 consecutive years starting from 2017-18. The first 3 classes commenced in September of 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively. The training programme is fully subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector continuously for 2 years upon graduation. Moreover, SWD also plans to provide a total of 800 additional training places under the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the Welfare Sector for 4 consecutive years beginning from 2020-21.

SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees have been recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 445 trainees graduated. The Government will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020.

Annex 1

Number of units of various elderly services
(2017-18 to 2019-20)

Service type	No. of units		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Subvented homes [Note 1]	123	122	122
Subvented NHs and self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS)	11	11	11
Contract homes [Note 2]	30	31	32
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	139	140	147
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	76	76	79
Enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS)	34	34	34
Integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC))	60	60	60
Integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC))	60	60	60

[Note 1] Including home for the aged (H/A) places, care-and-attention (C&A) places, C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC), and C&A places with a CoC provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

Annex 2

Number of places of various subsidised elderly services (2017-18 to 2019-20)

Service type	No. of places		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Subvented homes [Note 1]	15 288	15 360	15 413
Subvented NHs and self-financing homes participating in the NHPPS	1 868	1 863	1 862
Contract homes [Note 2]	2 324	2 390	2 471
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	8 009	7 991	8 859
DEs/DCUs	3 202	3 240	3 383
EHCCS	7 245	7 245	9 245
IHCS(FC)	1 120	1 120	1 120
IHCS(OC) [Note 3]	18 463	17 937	17 587

[Note 1] Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing a CoC, and C&A places with a CoC provided under the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 2] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

[Note 3] Individual IHCS(OC) service providers set their own service capacity.

Annex 3

Average waiting time and number of persons on the waiting lists for various subsidised residential care places and CCS for the elderly (2017-18)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting lists
C&A places		
- Subvented/contract RCHEs	36	
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	11	31 358 [Note 2]
Overall	24	
NH places [Note 3]	24	6 553 [Note 4]
DEs/DCUs	10	3 568 [Note 5]
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 6]	15	5 819 [Note 5]
IHCS(OC)	N.A. [Note 7]	4 323

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the central waiting list (CWL).

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 480 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme).

[Note 6] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 7] The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the service. SWD does not keep the average waiting time for IHCS(OC).

Annex 4

Average waiting time and number of persons on the waiting lists for various subsidised residential care places and CCS for the elderly 2018-19

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting lists
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 40 10 24	33 716 [Note 2]
NH places [Note 3]	25	7 062 [Note 4]
DEs/DCUs	12	4 370 [Note 5]
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 6]	18	7 930 [Note 5]
IHCS(OC)	N.A. [Note 7]	3 261

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 510 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

[Note 6] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 7] The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs operating the service. SWD does not keep the average waiting time for IHCS(OC).

Annex 5

Average waiting time and number of persons on the waiting lists for various subsidised residential care places and CCS for the elderly 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons on the waiting lists
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	41 8 20	33 843 [Note 2]
NH places [Note 3]	22	7 168 [Note 4]
DEs/DCUs	14	4 612 [Note 5]
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 6]	15	5 961 [Note 5]
IHCS(OC)	N.A. [Note 7]	3 188

N.A. - Not Applicable

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to service in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 4] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 5] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

[Note 6] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

[Note 7] The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs operating the service. SWD does not keep the average waiting time for IHCS(OC).

Annex 6

Expenditure of various elderly services
(2017-18 to 2019-20)

Service type	**2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)**
RCS for the elderly	4,793.9	5,422.2	6,507.0
DEs/DCUs	330.1	375.8	420.1
EHCCS	398.1	419.0	680.0
IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC)	635.8	696.6	736.6

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3684)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that the Government expects to provide more than 500 additional residential care places and 300 subsidised day care places for the elderly in the next 2 years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

(1) the number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years;

(2) the respective numbers of elderly persons having passed away while waiting for subsidised nursing home (NH) places and care-and-attention (C&A) places in the past 3 years;

(3) the respective numbers of subsidised and private residential care places for the elderly in the past 3 years;

(4) the number of subsidised residential places for persons with disabilities in the past 3 years; and

(5) the number of elderly users of subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1), (3) & (5) The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the number of admissions from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are tabulated as follows:

Year	No. of residential care places	No. of admissions
2017-18	27 489	26 462
2018-19	27 604	26 846
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	28 605	27 375

The number of private residential care places for the elderly within the same period was 42 079, 42 352 and 42 242 respectively.

The expenditures on subsidised residential care services for the elderly in 2017-18 (Actual), 2018-19 (Actual) and 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) are $4.7939 billion, $5.4222 billion and $6.5070 billion respectively.

(2) The number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places having passed away from 2017 to 2019 is provided as follows:

2017	2018	2019
4 388	4 878	4 963

The number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised NH places having passed away from 2017 to 2019 is provided as follows:

2017	2018	2019
1 871	1 988	2 082

(4) The number of various types of subsidised residential places for persons with disabilities in the past 3 years is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of various types of subsidised residential places for persons with disabilities

Service type	No. of places		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	2 505	2 558	2 658
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	3 611	3 879	3 929
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	573	582	682
C&A home for severely disabled persons	991	991	1 042
C&A home for the aged blind	826	828	828
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children	56	104	104
Supported hostel	708	708	708
Halfway house	1 509	1 509	1 534
Long stay care home	1 587	1 587	1 587

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6719)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

For each of the past 3 years, what was the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention having to refund to the Government the amount above the cap of accumulated reserve under the LSG Subvention System (LSGSS) in the following financial year, the number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by the Director of Social Welfare (DSW) upon application with justifications, and the amount of funding for Other Charges required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve had exceeded the cap under the LSGSS? (Please complete the following table)

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of NGOs under LSG subvention having to refund to the Government in the following financial year the amount above the cap of accumulated reserve under the LSGSS			
Number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by the DSW upon application with justifications			
Amount of funding for Other Charges required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the accumulated reserve had exceeded the cap under the LSGSS			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 521)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 [Note 2]
Number of NGOs having to refund to the Government in the following financial year due to the cap of cumulative LSG Reserve under the LSGSS being exceeded [Note 1]	26	31	Information not yet available
Number of NGOs with their cap of accumulated reserve raised by the DSW upon application with justifications from the NGOs	-	-	Information not yet available
Amount of reserve required to be refunded to the Government in the following financial year as the cumulative LSG Reserve had exceeded the cap under the LSGSS [Note 1] ($ million)	21.9	33.8	Information not yet available

[Note 1] The number of NGOs and the amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government are calculated on the basis of the Social Welfare Department's examination of the Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] The information for 2019-20 is not available because NGOs are not yet required to submit their AFRs for 2019-20 (submission period being between the end of the financial year and 31 October 2020).

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LWB(WW)638

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6720)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

What was the amount of subvention received for Provident Fund (PF) by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the past 3 years? (Please complete the following table)

Subvention received for PF by NGOs	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Snapshot Staff			
6.8% and other posts			
Total amount			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 522)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

Subvention received for PF by NGOs	2016-17 (Actual) ($ million)	2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)	2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)
Snapshot Staff	417.9	399.6	390.2
6.8% and other posts	585.4	620.9	714.8
Total amount	1,003.3	1,020.5	1,105.0

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LWB(WW)639

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6721)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, the number and name of NGOs newly operating under the LSG Subvention System (LSGSS), and the number and name of NGOs having left the LSGSS, in each of the last 3 years.

Year	Number of organisations under the LSGSS	Number of organisations newly operating under the LSGSS	Number of organisations having left the LSGSS
2016-17			
2017-18			
2018-19			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 523)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

Year	Number of organisations under the LSGSS	Number of organisations newly operating under the LSGSS	Number of organisations having left the LSGSS
2016-17	165	-	-
2017-18	165	-	-
2018-19	164	-	1 (First Assembly of God Church)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6722)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 3.11 of Chapter 3 to the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Manual that "the Annual Financial Report (AFR) (Annex 5) must be an integral part of the non-governmental organisation's (NGO's) Annual Report. If any NGO chooses not to provide the AFR in its Annual Report, it has to upload the full set of the latest AFR onto its website and specify the website address linking to the AFR in its Annual Report. For NGOs not publishing Annual Report, they have to follow paragraphs 4.14 and 4.15 in respect of public disclosure of the AFR". It is also stated in paragraph 4.15 of Chapter 4 that "where the NGOs publish Annual Report of their organisation, they must follow the requirements as specified in paragraph 3.11 to disclose their AFRs. For NGOs not publishing Annual Report, they have to disclose the AFRs in one or more of the following ways: (a) posting up a copy of the latest AFR prominently on the notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/Head Office at all times; (b) uploading the latest AFR to the NGO's website; or (c) publishing the latest AFR through special circular(s), newsletter(s) or whatever means".

In this connection, please advise this Committee:

the number of NGOs under LSG subvention that provided the AFRs in their Annual Reports in each of the past 5 years;

the number of NGOs under LSG subvention that uploaded the full set of the latest AFRs onto their website and specified the website address linking to the AFRs in their Annual Reports in each of the past 5 years;

the number of NGOs under LSG subvention that disclosed their AFRs by the 3 methods stated in paragraph 4.15 of Chapter 4 to the LSG Manual in each of the past 5 years; and

the number of enquiries and complaints of different types received by the Government regarding the implementation of public disclosure of the AFRs by NGOs under LSG subvention in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 524)

Reply:

NGOs under LSG subvention have been required to report to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on an annual basis how they disclosed their AFRs to the public since 2014-15. Statistics on NGOs disclosing their AFRs in the past 5 years through the 4 methods of "posting up a copy of the AFR on the notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/Head Office of the NGO", "uploading the AFR to the NGO's website", "providing the AFR in the NGO's Annual Report" and "publishing the AFR through special circular(s), newsletter(s) or other means" are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have separate figures on NGOs that uploaded the full set of the latest AFRs onto their websites and specified the website addresses linking to the AFRs in their Annual Reports.

Moreover, SWD has uploaded the AFRs of subvented NGOs onto SWD's website or set up hyperlinks to the NGOs' websites for their AFRs since June 2017, so as to facilitate public access to the AFRs and enhance NGOs' transparency. The website is as follows:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_AFRandRR/

Over the past 5 years, SWD received 1 complaint each in 2015-16 and 2016-17 in respect of disclosure of AFRs to the public by NGOs under LSG subvention. SWD does not have information on the number of different types of enquiries regarding the disclosure of AFRs to the public by NGOs.

Annex

Disclosure of AFRs to the public as reported by NGOs receiving LSG subvention

Channel of disclosure	Number of NGOs [Note]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Posting up a copy of the AFR on the notice board(s) at the Central Administration Unit/Head Office of the NGO	131	131	128	118	111
Uploading the AFR to the NGO's website	59	76	123	128	130
Placing the AFR in the NGO's Annual Report (NGO may provide the AFR in their Annual Report or specify the website address linking to the AFR in their Annual Report)	33	31	36	50	68
Providing the content of the AFR through special circular(s), newsletter(s) or other means	13	12	5	5	9
Number of NGOs involved	164	164	165	165	164

[Note] Some of the NGOs disclosed their AFRs through more than 1 channel.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6724)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

In each of the past 5 years, how many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) received Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention, how many of them submitted Annual Financial Report (AFR) on LSG to the Social Welfare Department (SWD), how many of them submitted AFR on LSG to SWD later than October of the year concerned, and how many of them failed to submit AFR on LSG to SWD? If NGOs receiving LSG subvention fail to submit AFR on LSG to SWD, what action will the Government take?

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention					
Number of NGOs having submitted AFR on LSG to SWD					
Number of NGOs having submitted AFR on LSG to SWD later than October of the year concerned					
Number of NGOs having failed to submit AFR on LSG to SWD					

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 526)

Reply:

Information about the submission of AFR by NGOs receiving LSG subvention in the past 5 years is provided as follows:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention	164	165	165	165	165
Number of NGOs having submitted AFR on LSG to SWD	164	165	165	165	165
Number of NGOs having submitted AFR on LSG to SWD later than October of the year concerned	56	60	25	28	23
Number of NGOs having failed to	-	-	-	-	-

submit AFR on LSG to SWD					

For NGOs having failed to submit AFR in time, SWD will urge them in writing to strictly comply with the requirements in the Lump Sum Grant Manual and submit their AFRs to SWD by end-October each year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6725)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

What was the number of Snapshot Staff in subvented organisations on 1 September in each of the past 5 years?

	Number of Snapshot Staff
1 September 2015	
1 September 2016	
1 September 2017	
1 September 2018	
1 September 2019	

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 527)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

	Number of Snapshot Staff [Note]
1 September 2015	6 959
1 September 2016	6 395
1 September 2017	5 865
1 September 2018	5 293
1 September 2019	4 738

[Note] Figures are subject to updates based on information submitted by non-governmental organisations.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6727)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Please list in the following table the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention by the amount of cumulative reserve and by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention in 2018-19.

Cumulative reserve\ Proportion of the cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention for that NGO for the year	Above 50%	46% to 50%	41% to 45%	36% to 40%	31% to 35%	26% to 30%	21% to 25%	16% to 20%	11% to 15%	6% to 10%	1% to 5%	0%
Above HK$100,000,000												
HK$90,000,001 to 100,000,000												
HK$80,000,001 to 90,000,000												
HK$70,000,001 to 80,000,000												
HK$60,000,001 to 70,000,000												
HK$50,000,001 to 60,000,000												
HK$40,000,001 to 50,000,000												
HK$30,000,001 to 40,000,000												
HK$20,000,001 to 30,000,000												
HK$10,000,001 to 20,000,000												
HK$5,000,001 to 10,000,000												
HK$1,000,001 to 5,000,000												
HK$500,001 to 1,000,000												
HK$1 to 500,000												
HK$0												

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 532)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the Annex.

Annex

Number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative LSG Reserve and by the proportion of their cumulative reserve to the amount of LSG subvention in 2018-19

Cumulative LSG Reserve ($)/ proportion of such reserve to the LSG subvention [Note 1] [Note 2]/ number of NGOs	**51% or above**	**46% to 50%**	**41% to 45%**	**36% to 40%**	**31% to 35%**	**26% to 30%**	**21% to 25%**	**16% to 20%**	**11% to 15%**	**6% to 10%**	**1% to 5%**	**0%**	**Total**
Above 100,000,000	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	**8**
90,000,001 to 100,000,000	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	**3**
80,000,001 to 90,000,000	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4**
70,000,001 to 80,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	**3**
60,000,001 to 70,000,000	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	**4**
50,000,001 to 60,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**
40,000,001 to 50,000,000	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	**5**
30,000,001 to 40,000,000	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	**5**
20,000,001 to 30,000,000	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	**7**
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	-	1	3	1	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	-	**21**
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	4	-	1	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	-	-	**19**
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	6	2	6	3	7	9	10	10	1	1	2	-	**57**
500,001 to 1,000,000	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	2	3	2	-	-	**12**
1 to 500,000	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	3	2	-	**9**
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	**8**
Total	**13**	**4**	**13**	**9**	**16**	**32**	**21**	**23**	**11**	**10**	**5**	**8**	**165**

[Note 1] LSG subvention includes LSG (including subvention on Provident Fund) and other subventions such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.

[Note 2] Percentage figures have been rounded to the nearest %.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6728)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

A) please set out the number of elderly persons discharged from public hospitals after treatment in the following table:

	2018-19	2019-20
No. of existing elderly participants in the Pilot Scheme		
Cumulative number of elderly participants in the Pilot Scheme		
No. of past elderly participants in the Pilot Scheme		

B) the average time taken for an elderly person to receive the service, counting from the time of being admitted by the Pilot Scheme.

C) the cumulative number of elderly persons who have left the Pilot Scheme broken down by reasons for leaving.

D) the number of elderly persons under the Pilot Scheme broken down by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1068)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund, the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with SWD being responsible for its implementation.

In 2018-19, a cumulative total of 585 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 351 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 234 of them receiving services. In 2019-20, a cumulative total of 1 102 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 830 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 272 of them receiving services. SWD does not have the average time taken

for an elderly person to receive the service. The number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by reason for leaving is provided as follows:

Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Independent living or being taken care of by family members	217	505
Allocated with subsidised community care and support services	40	69
Allocated with subsidised/ private residential care service	54	165
Others (including deceased, hospitalised, out of town, etc.)	40	91
Total	351	830

The number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by co-payment level is provided as follows:

Co-payment level (Co-payment percentage)	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
I (5%)	79	155
II (8%)	301	549
III (12%)	67	120
IV (16%)	83	164
V (25%)	13	27
VI (40%)	42	87
Total	585	1 102

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6729)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please advise:

1. the number of places, number of users, headcount of users, average waiting time for the services, the overall annual expenditure and the average expenditure per service user for each service in each unit or district centre in each of the past 5 years.
2. the number of places, number of users and headcount of users broken down by service type over each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1069)

Reply:

In 2019-20, there were 3 550 and 900 places under HCS and ISS respectively. As DSCs and ICCMWs are operated on a membership system, there is no information on the number of places. The number of service users under DSCs, HCS, ISS and ICCMWs by unit/district each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Table 1 to Table 4 of Annex. The expenditure on these services is set out in Table 5 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the waiting time for the services and the average cost per service user.

Annex

Table 1: Number of DSC service users from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

Service unit	Number of service users (members)				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central Western, Southern and Islands	626	627	676	622	524
Eastern and Wan Chai	326	379	305	273	247
Kwun Tong	614	665	752	755	796
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	815	912	890	1 045	1 025
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	226	216	242	238	239
Sham Shui Po	414	476	351	349	313
Sha Tin	352	369	381	362	376
Tai Po and North	592	656	732	559	528
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	659	782	860	969	977
Tuen Mun	220	235	267	273	300
Yuen Long	614	670	692	744	651
Total	**5 458**	**5 987**	**6 148**	**6 189**	**5 976**

Table 2: Number of HCS users from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by unit

Service unit	Number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	504	668	809	801	709
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	544	788	828	886	809
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	478	595	649	637	613
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	571	742	899	994	913
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai	430	587	706	753	697
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	415	549	616	659	601
Total	**2942**	**3929**	**4507**	**4 730**	**4 342**

Table 3: Number of ISS users from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by unit

Service unit	Number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	345	500	566	554	522
New Territories	376	482	582	639	606
Total	**721**	**982**	**1148**	**1 193**	**1 128**

Table 4: Number of ICCMW service users (members) from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by district

Service unit	Number of service users (members)				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2 715	2 807	2 950	3 187	3 079
Eastern and Wan Chai	2 707	2 738	2 519	2 903	2 418
Kwun Tong	2 435	2 614	2 725	2 769	2 673
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	3 149	3 359	3 358	3 351	3 000
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2 497	2 453	2 628	2 618	2 064
Sham Shui Po	1 285	1 203	1 264	1 246	1 029
Sha Tin	2 204	2 227	2 322	2 311	2 118
Tai Po and North	2 569	2 691	2 761	2 624	2 459
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	3 038	3 044	2 979	3 271	3 224
Tuen Mun	1 900	1 945	2 115	2 066	1 844
Yuen Long	2 025	1 938	2 030	1 966	1 769
Total	**26 524**	**27 019**	**27 651**	**28 312**	**25 677**

Table 5: The expenditure on DSCs, HCS, ISS and ICCMWs from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Service type	**2015-16 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2016-17 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2017-18 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2018-19 (Actual) ($ million)**	**2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($ million)**
DSCs	156.5	172.3	179.6	200.3	209.5
HCS	201.0	254.1	262.8	287.0	304.7
ISS	61.6	61.9	61.6	64.9	68.7
ICCMWs	283.2	310.0	330.9	381.2	455.9

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6730)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the age distribution of users of various services for persons with disabilities with a breakdown by age group of 0 to 18, 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 64, 70 or above.
2. Please set out the waiting situation and the situation of service provision of various community support services, care services and training services for persons with disabilities, including the number of waitlisted persons, the average, the longest and the shortest waiting time, geographical distribution, unit cost and number of service places over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1070)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The age distribution of users of various services for persons with disabilities is set out in Annex 1.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), through non-governmental organisations, provides persons with disabilities and their carers/families with various community support services including integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) and community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), so as to help persons with disabilities living in the community integrate into society and receive the care services they need. In 2019-20, there were 900 and 3 550 places under ISS and HCS respectively; as for the other services, the number of designated places had not been set. The geographical distribution of the above services is set out in Table 1 to Table 4 of Annex 2. As community support services may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have information on the age distribution of service users and their waiting situation. As the services required by individual service users vary, SWD does not have information on the unit cost per case of the above services. The number of persons waitlisted, average waiting time, number of service places and average cost per place per month regarding pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD are set out in Table 5 to Table 9 of Annex 2. On-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) has been regularised since October 2018, with service places increased from 5 187 to 7 074 as at

31 December 2019. OPRS is allocated on an agency basis and hence SWD does not have information on the geographical distribution of OPRS places.

Annex 1

Table 1: Age distribution of users of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	14	354	984	977	906	515	89	8
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	12	150	514	670	779	385	64	-
Supported hostel	6	66	152	202	204	62	4	-
Halfway house	3	209	360	409	361	87	2	-
Long stay care home	-	3	26	121	401	648	278	88
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons	-	32	135	167	149	91	12	-
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons	-	237	209	160	177	163	52	13
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	62	110	625

N.A. - Not applicable

Table 2: Age distribution of users of day rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Day Activity Centre	52	1 049	1 457	1 162	1 017	583	102	8
Sheltered Workshop	35	755	1 111	1 306	1 371	672	87	1
Supported Employment	18	395	644	557	400	76	2	-
Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre	53	979	1 231	1 089	1 139	537	62	-
On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities [Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities [Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Day) [Note]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[Note] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the age distribution of service users.

Table 3: Age distribution of users of pre-school rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users		
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6
Early education and training centre (EETC)	452	1 330	1 692
Special child care centre (SCCC)	83	832	1 049
Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP)	74	806	1 022
OPRS	92	2 944	2 734

Table 4: Age distribution of users of Small Group Homes for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

Type of service	Number of service users			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children [Note]	8	28	68	20

[Note] Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children includes integrated small group home.

Annex 2

Table 1: The geographical distribution of HCS and ISS (as at 31 December 2019)

Service district		Number of HCS service units	Number of ISS service units
Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Central/Western/Southern & Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	1	1
	Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	1	
	Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin	1	
New Territories	Sha Tin, Tai Po & North and Sai Kung	1	1
	Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	1	
	Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tuen Mun	1	
Total		**6**	**2**

Table 2: The geographical distribution of DSC (as at 31 December 2019)

Service district	Number of service units
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1
Eastern	1
Kwun Tong East	1
Kwun Tong West	1
Wong Tai Sin	1
Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1
Sham Shui Po	1
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po	1
North	1
Tsuen Wan/Tsing Yi	1
Kwai Chung	1
Tuen Mun	1
Yuen Long	1
Tin Shui Wai	1
Total	**16**

Table 3: The geographical distribution of subvented PRC (as at 31 December 2019)

Service district	Number of service units
Central & Western	1
Eastern	1
Wan Chai	1
Kowloon City	1
Yau Tsim Mong	1
Wong Tai Sin	1
Kwun Tong	1
Sai Kung	1
Tsuen Wan	1
Tuen Mun	1
Northern	1
Hong Kong as a whole	1
Total	**12**

Table 4: The geographical distribution of CRDC (as at 31 December 2019)

Service district	Number of service units
Hong Kong Island	1
Kowloon	1
New Territories East	1
New Territories West	1
Total	**4**

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for pre-school rehabilitation services

Type of service	Number of waitlisted persons				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
EETC	4 455	5 217	5 533	2 867 [Note 3]	1 402 [Note 3]
IP	1 965	2 048	1 855	870 [Note 3]	477 [Note 3]
SCCC	1 690	1 790	2 007	1 550 [Note 3]	1 294 [Note 3]
OPRS	N.A. [Note 1]	N.A. [Note 1]	N.A. [Note 1]	1 096 [Note 3]	1 771 [Note 3]
Occasional child care service (OCCS) [Note 2]	-	-	-	-	-

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of persons waitlisted.

[Note 3] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 6: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
EETC	19.6	17.9	16.8	16.2	16.6
IP	13.0	12.3	13.5	13.1	12.6
SCCC	17.3	18.8	18.2	19.6	18.4
OPRS [Note 2]	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
OCCS [Note 3]	-	-	-	-	-

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2019-20 is not yet available.

[Note 2] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 3] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

Table 7a: Number of service places of EETC

District	Number of service places of EETCs				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	205	205	385	385	385
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	401	401	401	401
Kwun Tong	262	262	262	328	390
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	416	416	416	416
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	231	231	231	231	231
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	274	400
Sha Tin	291	291	291	291	291
Tai Po/North	237	237	387	387	387
Yuen Long	172	172	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	384	406	406	406	406
Tuen Mun	229	229	229	229	229
Total	**3 102**	**3 124**	**3 454**	**3 520**	**3 708**

Table 7b: Number of service places of IP

District	Number of service places of IP				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	132	132	132	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	186	186	186	186	186
Kwun Tong	228	228	228	228	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	240	240	240	240	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	210	210	210	210	210
Sham Shui Po	108	108	108	108	108
Sha Tin	168	168	168	168	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	198	198	198	198	198
Tuen Mun	156	156	156	156	156
Total	**1 980**	**1 980**	**1 980**	**1 980**	**1 980**

Table 7c: Number of service places of SCCC

District	Number of service places of SCCCs				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	199	199	199	253	253
Eastern/Wan Chai	216	216	216	216	216
Kwun Tong	66	66	66	66	126
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	333	333	333	333	333
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	30	30	30	30
Sham Shui Po	205	205	205	205	205
Sha Tin	138	138	138	138	138
Tai Po/North	192	227	227	299	299
Yuen Long	108	108	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	168	168	168	168	168
Tuen Mun	144	144	144	144	144
Total	**1 799**	**1 834**	**1 834**	**1 960**	**2 020**

Table 7d: Number of places of OCCS for children with disabilities

District	Number of places of OCCS for children with disabilities				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	4	4	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	6	6	6	8	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	13	13	13	13
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	10	10	10	10	10
Sha Tin	12	12	12	11	11
Tai Po/North	8	13	15	15	15
Yuen Long	10	10	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	10	10	10	10	10
Total	**89**	**94**	**96**	**97**	**97**

Table 8a: Number of persons waitlisted for EETC

District	Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	349	468	344	216	116
Eastern/Wan Chai	485	494	526	259	110
Kwun Tong	376	518	646	356	149
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	593	681	748	381	146
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	499	535	584	336	195
Sham Shui Po	278	309	303	174	124
Sha Tin	477	614	664	298	152
Tai Po/North	396	425	387	180	87
Yuen Long	262	329	406	246	135
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	519	597	584	251	125
Tuen Mun	221	247	341	170	63
Total	**4 455**	**5 217**	**5 533**	**2 867** [Note]	**1 402** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8b: Number of persons waitlisted for IP

District	Number of persons waitlisted for IP				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	99	119	105	43	27
Eastern/Wan Chai	102	132	121	55	44
Kwun Tong	205	179	166	87	55
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	235	229	172	91	44
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	183	200	160	108	64
Sham Shui Po	86	129	139	67	58
Sha Tin	244	248	231	98	50
Tai Po/North	273	285	244	97	46
Yuen Long	238	237	199	91	46
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	160	181	201	75	30
Tuen Mun	140	109	117	58	13
Total	**1 965**	**2 048**	**1 855**	**870** [Note]	**477** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8c: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCC

District	Number of persons waitlisted for SCCCs				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	120	127	138	82	104
Eastern/Wan Chai	120	140	137	108	92
Kwun Tong	168	197	201	143	125
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	183	223	295	219	146
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	162	168	190	159	125
Sham Shui Po	122	115	142	91	69
Sha Tin	179	189	252	172	122
Tai Po/North	165	153	150	117	105
Yuen Long	154	149	170	174	179
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	203	234	236	190	140
Tuen Mun	114	95	96	95	87
Total	**1 690**	**1 790**	**2 007**	**1 550** [Note]	**1 294** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8d: Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS [Note 1]

District	Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS	
	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	90	154
Eastern/Wan Chai	106	139
Kwun Tong	122	197
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	159	215
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	107	179
Sham Shui Po	58	121
Sha Tin	88	204
Tai Po/North	118	165
Yuen Long	75	145
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	107	137
Tuen Mun	66	115
Total	**1 096** [Note 2]	**1 771** [Note 2]

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETC, or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 9: Cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services

Type of service	Cost per place per month				
	2015-16 (Actual) ($)	2016-17 (Actual) ($)	2017-18 (Actual) ($)	2018-19 (Actual) ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	7,787	8,298	8,893	8,811	9,010

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6731)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding various subsidised residential care places and community care services for the elderly, please advise:

1. the average waiting time for various subsidised residential care places and community care services for the elderly, the number of waitlisted persons and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away over the past 5 years:

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)	No. of waitlisted persons	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away
Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) with care-and-attention (C&A) places			
Private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) with C&A places			
Overall C&A places			
Subvented/contract RCHEs with nursing home (NH) places			
Private RCHEs with NH places			
Overall NH places			

2. please tabulate, by type of residential care homes, the number of persons having left residential care services for the elderly in the past 5 years and their reasons for leaving;

3. the Government's plan in setting up additional homes, the estimated expenditure and the schedule.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1071)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of persons waitlisted for places of various subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, the average waiting time and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 to 5.

2. The number of elderly persons having left the services of subsidised C&A homes and the reasons for leaving from 2015 to 2019 are provided as follows:

Reason for leaving the services of subsidised C&A homes	Number of elderly persons				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Admission to other residential care homes/ services [Note]	467	330	498	350	120
Withdrawing from the services of their own accord	196	218	179	269	309
Health improved without need for services	4	1	1	2	13
Deceased	3 660	3 587	3 503	3 538	3 659
Total	4 327	4 136	4 181	4 159	4 101

[Note] Including residential care services and community care and support services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

The number of elderly persons having left the services of subsidised NHs and the reasons for leaving from 2015 to 2019 are provided as follows:

Reason for leaving the services of subsidised NHs	Number of elderly persons				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Admission to other residential care homes/ services [Note]	7	18	17	3	19
Withdrawing from the services of their own accord	15	20	19	19	19
Health improved without need for services	-	-	-	-	1
Deceased	870	890	879	973	1 019
Total	892	928	915	995	1 058

[Note] Including residential care services and community care and support services. SWD does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

3. The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase elderly service places (including residential care places for the elderly). SWD has reserved sites in 51 development projects to build new contract homes and day care centres/units for the elderly, with about 7 100 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 1 830 day care places for the elderly expected to come on stream starting from 2019-20.

In addition, SWD will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20 (1 000 additional places each year) to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. The recurrent expenditure involved in purchasing the additional 5 000 EA1 places is around $810 million. SWD has already started the work in relation to the purchase of around 2 000 places in total for 2019-20 and 2020-21. Among the first batch of additional EA1 places, around 320 places commenced service at the end of 2019 and the remainder of around 1 600 additional places will commence service in 2020-21.

Apart from the aforesaid measures, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) with a view to encouraging non-governmental organisations to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services in particular to increase the provision of elderly, rehabilitation and child care service places. According to the latest proposals from applicant organisations in Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services, a total of about 9 000 additional elderly service places could be provided, including about 7 500 residential care places and about 1 500 day care service places. To further increase welfare facilities in keen demand, including

elderly services, the Government launched a new phase of the Special Sites Scheme in April 2019.

Annex 1

Average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2015-16

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 36 9 22	27 365 [Note 3]	3 881
NH places [Note 4]	27	6 003 [Note 5]	1 893
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)	9	2 885 [Note 6]	30
Integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC))/Enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) [Note 7]	7	2 839 [Note 6]	44

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from home for the aged (H/A) places to the converted C&A places providing a continuum of care (CoC) in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2016.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 670 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 450 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 6] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (the CCSV Pilot Scheme).

[Note 7] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

Annex 2

Average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2016-17

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 36 11 24	29 672 [Note 3]	4 261
NH places [Note 4]	25	6 259 [Note 5]	1 766
DEs/DCUs	11	3 338 [Note 6]	23
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 7]	11	4 504 [Note 6]	37

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2017.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 760 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 490 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 6] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

[Note 7] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the SCNAMES could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

Annex 3

Average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2017-18

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 36 11 24	31 358 [Note 3]	4 684
NH places [Note 4]	24	6 553 [Note 5]	1 927
DEs/DCUs	10	3 568 [Note 6]	21
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 7]	15	5 819 [Note 6]	36

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2018.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 880 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 480 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 6] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

[Note 7] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the SCNAMES could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

Annex 4

Average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2018-19

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 40 10 24	33 716 [Note 3]	4 799
NH places [Note 4]	25	7 062 [Note 5]	1 974
DEs/DCUs	12	4 370 [Note 6]	19
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 7]	18	7 930 [Note 6]	45

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-March 2019.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 510 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 6] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

[Note 7] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the SCNAMES could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

Annex 5

Average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential and community care services for the elderly, number of persons waitlisted and number of those having passed away in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1]	No. of persons waitlisted	No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2]
C&A places - Subvented/contract RCHEs - Private homes participating in the EBPS Overall	 41 8 20	33 843 [Note 3]	3 651
NH places [Note 4]	22	7 168 [Note 5]	1 561
DEs/DCUs	14	4 612 [Note 6]	22
IHCS(FC)/EHCCS [Note 7]	15	5 961 [Note 6]	29

[Note 1] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHE places in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at end-December 2019.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 3 220 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases on the CWL.

[Note 6] The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as "inactive" cases because of their participation in the CCSV Pilot Scheme.

[Note 7] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the SCNAMES could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6732)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the subsidised residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), please advise:

1. The average waiting time, the number of persons on waiting list and the number of persons on waiting list having passed away, with a breakdown by type of RCHDs:

Type of service	Average waiting time (in months)	No. of persons on waiting list	No. of persons on waiting list having passed away
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)			
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)			
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)			
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)			
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)			
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC))			
Supported hostel (SHOS)			
Private RCHD participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS)			

2. The number of persons who have left RCHD services in the past 10 years and their reasons for leaving, setting out by type of RCHDs;

3. What is the Government's future plan for additional residential care homes to be set up, the estimated expenditure and the implementation timetable?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1072)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of persons on waiting list, the average waiting time and the number of those having passed away while waiting for various residential rehabilitation services are set out in Annex 1.

2. The number of persons having left various RCHD services in the past 5 years and their reasons for leaving are set out in Annex 2.

3. There will be a planned additional 2 014 service places in total under the relevant residential rehabilitation services from 2020-21 to 2021-22. The relevant information is set out in Annex 3.

Annex 1

The number of persons on waiting list, the average waiting time and the number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services

Service Type	2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)		2018-19 (As at 31 March 2019)
	No. of persons on waiting list	No. of persons on waiting list having passed away	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 3]
HMMH	2 522	6	114.1
HSMH	2 425	25	185.6
HSPH	576	22	168.0
C&A/SD	602	30	68.1
C&A/AB	171	14	10.0
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	43	-	15.0
SHOS	2 187	8	39.0
Private RCHD participating in BPS [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 2]

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGH(MMHC) includes integrated small group home (ISGH).

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting situation under the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants waitlisted for long stay care homes and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services who have indicated acceptance of BPS, the Social Welfare Department will allocate BPS places to them according to their preference.

[Note 3] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, the figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Annex 2

Table 1: Number of persons having left RCHD services in 2015-16 and their reasons for leaving

Reasons for leaving the home	Number of persons leaving RCHD services							
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH(MMHC)** [Note]	**Private RCHD participating in BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	16	8	2	5	10	7	6	12
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	5
Family reunion	3	3	1	-	9	4	2	3
Emigration	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death	10	27	6	34	125	2	-	9
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	7	-
Non-compliance with the rules of the home or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	**32**	**38**	**9**	**39**	**144**	**24**	**15**	**35**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 2: Number of persons having left RCHD services in 2016-17 and their reasons for leaving

Reasons for leaving the home	Number of persons leaving RCHD services							
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH(MMHC)** [Note]	**Private RCHD participating in BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	12	8	4	4	24	13	-	11
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	4
Family reunion	3	-	-	3	2	6	3	3
Emigration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death	16	34	6	29	100	4	-	6
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	-
Non-compliance with the rules of the home or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Total	**32**	**42**	**11**	**36**	**127**	**31**	**6**	**35**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 3: Number of persons having left RCHD services in 2017-18 and their reasons for leaving

Reasons for leaving the home	Number of persons leaving RCHD services							
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH(MMHC)** [Note]	**Private RCHD participating in BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	16	7	4	8	17	8	1	16
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	8
Family reunion	4	-	-	-	10	3	1	6
Emigration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death	19	36	5	37	112	2	-	4
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	-
Non-compliance with the rules of the home or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**40**	**44**	**9**	**45**	**140**	**18**	**7**	**48**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 4: Number of persons having left RCHD services in 2018-19 and their reasons for leaving

Reasons for leaving the home	Number of persons leaving RCHD services							
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH(MMHC)** [Note]	**Private RCHD participating in BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	28	21	-	1	17	21	2	18
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	14
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	2
Family reunion	6	1	1	1	8	2	5	10
Emigration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death	14	34	8	25	121	3	-	17
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	4	-
Non-compliance with the rules of the home or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Total	**52**	**65**	**9**	**27**	**146**	**33**	**11**	**69**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 5: Number of persons having left RCHD services in 2019-20 and their reasons for leaving (As at 31 December 2019)

Reasons for leaving the home	Number of persons leaving RCHD services							
	HMMH	**HSMH**	**HSPH**	**C&A/SD**	**C&A/AB**	**SHOS**	**SGH(MMHC)** [Note]	**Private RCHD participating in BPS**
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	30	16	2	4	24	6	-	18
Admission to hospital for treatment of no less than 3 months	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	-	6	-	2	-	2	1	1
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
Family reunion	3	2	1	-	2	11	6	5
Emigration	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death	17	22	8	34	84	3	-	6
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	-
Non-compliance with the rules of the home or other reasons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Total	**50**	**53**	**11**	**40**	**110**	**29**	**10**	**37**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Annex 3

Number of planned additional service places under the relevant residential rehabilitation services

Service type	Number of planned additional service places	
	2020-21	**2021-22**
HMMH	212	75
HSMH	181	411
HSPH	50	75
C&A/SD	90	200
SHOS	120	-
Private RCHD participating in BPS	300	300
Total	**953**	**1 061**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6733)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the day care service for persons with disabilities, please advise:

1. the number of service places, quarterly number of users, number of waitlisted persons, service utilisation rate, number of persons having left the service and reasons for their leaving of each service unit in the past 5 years (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only).
2. by type of disability, the number of service places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of participants having left and reasons for their leaving.
3. by District Council (DC) district, the number of service places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of participants having left, number of users of different age groups and reasons for their leaving.
4. by age group, the number of places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of users of different age groups and reasons for their leaving of each type of service.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1073)

Reply:

The current day care services for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are attached to 10 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of day care service users per quarter, waitlisted persons and persons who have left service and their reasons for leaving. SWD also does not have information on the number of day care service places, cases, served persons and waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of users of different age groups and reasons for leaving broken down by type of disabilities, DC district and age group.

Annex

Number of service places and the utilisation rate of day care services for persons with severe disabilities in each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	Number of service places [Note]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	5	5	5	5
Eastern & Wan Chai	15	15	15	15	15
Kwun Tong	20	20	25	25	30
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	15	15	25	30	30
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	10	10	10
Sham Shui Po	12	12	17	17	17
Sha Tin	10	10	15	15	15
Tai Po & North	15	20	30	30	30
Yuen Long	15	15	25	25	25
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	17	17	37	37	37
Tuen Mun	15	15	20	20	20
Total	**144**	**149**	**224**	**229**	**234**
Utilisation rate %	89.1%	88.8%	81.8%	81.8%	85.1%

[Note] The number of service places is broken down by districts in which service units are set up. The service targets of some units are not limited to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6734)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Long-term carers of the elderly with various life stresses can hardly have any social life. Although the Social Welfare Department (SWD) offers Residential Respite Service for Elders, the places are said to be seriously insufficient and cannot support needy elders and their carers. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of designated places for respite service (designated places), the number of cases, the number of persons served, the number of persons waitlisted and their utilisation rate since the commencement of residential respite service with a breakdown by the 18 District Council districts in Hong Kong;
2. the number of casual vacancies of the subsidised places for respite service (casual vacancy places) in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), subvented nursing homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the number of cases, the number of persons served, the number of persons waitlisted and their utilisation rate since 2014 with a breakdown by the 18 districts in Hong Kong;
3. the number of designated places, the number of cases, the number of persons served, the number of persons waitlisted and their utilisation rate in each of the 18 district in Hong Kong with a breakdown by age group.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1074)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Currently, some subvented RCHEs and contract RCHEs provide designated residential respite places (designated places). In addition, since February 2018, SWD has introduced a special measure to purchase additional residential places from private RCHEs participating in the EBPS to provide designated residential respite service for the elderly, and the special measure has been regularised since October 2019. The number of designated places by district, the overall service volume and the overall average utilisation rate of designated places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annexes 1 and 2. As service users do not have to wait for residential respite service through the Central Referral System (CRS), SWD does not have information on the number of persons waiting for the service.

2. The overall service volume of casual vacancies of subsidised places for respite service from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in the table below. SWD does not have the information by district.

	Number of cases/service users				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Subvented/ Contract RCHEs	257	262	250	237	164
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	568	528	584	448	326

As service users do not have to wait for residential respite service (including casual vacancies of subsidised residential places) through the CRS, and that casual vacancy places are not regularly available, SWD does not have information on the respective numbers of service places and persons waiting for the service, and the utilisation rate.

3. As service users do not have to wait for residential respite service through the CRS, SWD does not have information of various districts by age group.

Annex 1

Number of designated places by district
2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Subvented/ contract RCHEs	Subvented/ contract RCHEs	Subvented/ contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Subvented/ contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	Subvented/ contract RCHEs	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS
Central & Western	-	1	1	22	3	22	3	22
Southern	2	2	4	12	4	14	4	14
Islands	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
Eastern	1	2	2	17	3	20	3	20
Wan Chai	-	1	1	2	1	4	1	6
Kwun Tong	1	2	4	13	4	13	5	14
Wong Tai Sin	3	3	5	6	5	6	5	8
Sai Kung	2	2	3	-	3	-	3	-
Kowloon City	1	1	2	40	2	40	2	40
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	2	24	3	24	3	22
Sham Shui Po	1	3	4	16	5	16	6	18
Sha Tin	2	2	4	-	4	-	5	-
Tai Po	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	10
North	2	2	2	12	2	12	2	12
Yuen Long	2	2	3	32	3	32	3	32
Tsuen Wan	2	2	4	16	4	18	4	18
Kwai Tsing	2	3	3	26	4	26	4	26
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	14	1	14	1	22
Total	**23**	**32**	**48**	**256**	**54**	**265**	**57**	**284**

Annex 2

Overall service volume and the utilisation rate of designated places
2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Subvented/ contract RCHEs		Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	
	No. of cases	Utilisation rate	No. of cases	Utilisation rate
2015-16	271	68%	-	-
2016-17	363	67%	-	-
2017-18	507	69%	238 [Note]	44% [Note]
2018-19	636	67%	1 576	52%
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	516	71%	1 586	63%

[Note] Provision of designated places for respite service by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS commenced in February 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6735)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Special Subsidy for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment (RSME programme) and the Special Subsidy for Purchasing Medical Consumables (Consumables programme) provided under the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), please advise, since the regularisation of ISS:

1. the number of places, applicants, recipients, waitlisted persons and utilisation rate of each subsidy;
2. the units, manpower, total number of applicants and resources involved;
3. the number of persons having withdrawn or having been rejected application for each subsidy and their respective reasons.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1075)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of applicants and recipients of the 2 programmes from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the respective numbers of applicants, waitlisted persons and the utilisation rate of the 2 programmes.
2. As applications for the 2 programmes are handled together by 2 units operating ISS, SWD does not have information on the manpower involved in handling the relevant applications. The actual expenditure on these 2 programmes each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Table 2 of Annex.
3. In 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), there were 8, 12, 36, 21 and 10 applicants for the 2 programmes having withdrawn from service respectively, and there were 11, 2, 10, 8 and 7 applicants having failed the means test in the corresponding years. SWD does not have information on reasons for the applicants' withdrawal from service.

Annex

Table 1: Number of applicants and recipients of RSME programme and Consumables programme

Year / Type of Subsidies	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	No. of applicants [Note 1]	No. of recipients	No. of applicants [Note 1]	No. of recipients	No. of applicants [Note 1]	No. of recipients	No. of applicants [Note 1]	No. of recipients	No. of applicants [Note 1]	No. of recipients
RSME programme	81	282	102	300	111	326	83	281	72	250
Consumables programme		296		319		344		302		274
Total	**81**	**312** [Note 2]	**102**	**325** [Note 2]	**111**	**349** [Note 2]	**83**	**304** [Note 2]	**72**	**274** [Note 2]

[Note 1] SWD does not have the respective numbers of applicants for the 2 programmes.

[Note 2] The total number includes recipients under RSME programme only, recipients under Consumables programme only, and recipients under both programmes.

Table 2: The annual actual expenditure on RSME programme and Consumables programme

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Annual actual expenditure ($ million)	5.13	5.77	6.36	6.58	5.38

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6736)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of applicants, places, users, waitlisted persons, persons being refused service of various services and subsidies provided under ISS, broken down by age group;
2. the number of applicants, places, users, waitlisted persons, persons being refused service of various services and subsidies provided under ISS, broken down by District Council (DC) district.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1076)

Reply:

There are about 900 service places under ISS each year. The utilisation situation of integrated home-based support services, Special Subsidy for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment (RSME programme) and the Special Subsidy for Purchasing Medical Consumables (Consumables programme) under ISS from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of applicants for integrated home-based support services, places of its various services, service users, persons waitlisted and persons having been refused service allocation broken down by age group or DC district.

Annex

Table 1: Volume of various services utilised by ISS users

Service	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)**
Nursing care (number of sessions/hours [Note])	5 758 sessions	17 603 sessions	16 637 hours	20 672 hours	12 662 hours
Rehabilitation training (number of sessions/hours [Note])	7 691 sessions	15 309 sessions	20 810 hours	26 338 hours	19 482 hours
Personal care service (number of hours)	12 539	28 625	37 786	42 168	33 236
Escort service (number of hours)	1 438	4 705	6 456	8 143	5 700
Carer support programme (number of programmes)	42	43	54	51	49
Home respite service (headcount of users)	869	1 581	4 941	7 995	6 370
Social work service (number of users)	721	982	1 148	1 193	1 128
Meal support service (number of users)	1	10	18	13	13
Household cleaning service (number of users)	32	62	59	55	49

[Note] In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standard for nursing care service to be provided by nurses/health care staff and rehabilitation training service to be provided by physiotherapists/occupational therapists has been changed from sessions to hours. For statistical purposes, the full-year service output of these nursing care and rehabilitation services in 2017-18 has been standardised into hours.

Table 2: Number of applicants and recipients of RSME programme and Consumables programme

Type of subsidies	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	No. of applicants [Note 1]	**No. of recipients**	**No. of applicants** [Note 1]	**No. of recipients**	**No. of applicants** [Note 1]	**No. of recipients**	**No. of applicants** [Note 1]	**No. of recipients**	**No. of applicants** [Note 1]	**No. of recipients**
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[Note 1] SWD does not have the respective numbers of applicants of the 2 programmes.

[Note 2] The total number includes recipients under RSME programme only, recipients under Consumables programme only, and recipients under both programmes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3741)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) inform this Committee of the following:

a. for the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, the number of participating elderly persons, the expenditure, and the number of participating service providers;

b. the type of services used by elderly persons and the relevant breakdown figures in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme;

c. the type and the total number of service vouchers of different values issued in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, the number of elderly persons procuring residential respite service with service vouchers; and

d. the estimated expenditure and programme plan(s) for the Government's plan to provide additional vouchers under the Pilot Scheme in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a. The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016. As at end-December 2019, a total of 10 714 elderly persons had participated in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, with 153 recognised service providers in total. The Revised Estimate for the Pilot Scheme for 2019-20 is about $226 million.

b. As at end-December 2019, among the 5 935 CCSV holders under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, 4 166 were receiving services. The service type used and the breakdown are provided as follows:

Service type	No. of users
Day care service	1 785
Home care service	1 324
Day care and home care services	1 057
Total	4 166

c. The second phase of the Pilot Scheme offers 5 service package values of CCSVs to CCSV holders, who may choose the suitable CCSV values according to their needs every month. As at end-December 2019, the number of users for different CCSV values is provided as follows:

CCSV values ($)	No. of users
4,020	1 587
5,810	917
7,260	396
8,150	266
9,600	1 000
Total	4 166

Besides, as at end-December 2019, the cumulative number of elderly persons who had procured residential respite service with CCSVs was 212.

d. In 2020-21, the Government will issue 1 000 additional CCSVs under the Pilot Scheme, with an estimated total annual expenditure of $62 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3742)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) purchased residential care places from elderly homes run by 2 Hong Kong non-governmental organisations in the Mainland. Would SWD please advise the following:

a. the number of elderly persons on the central waiting list (CWL) for subsidised residential care places;

b. the number of elderly persons admitted into the 2 said elderly homes since the implementation of the scheme;

c. the actual number of residential care places purchased and the expenditure on pursuing the scheme in 2019-20;

d. the estimated expenditure on pursuing this pilot scheme in 2020-21;

e. the existing publicity channels employed by SWD to promote this scheme; and

f. ways to assess the effectiveness of the scheme?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a. As at end-December 2019, there were 41 011 elderly persons [Note] on the CWL for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places.

b. to f. SWD launched the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong in June 2014. It has completed a review of the Pilot Scheme, which has on the whole been running smoothly since its implementation with a steady growth in the number of elderly persons admitted to the homes. The Pilot Scheme has been regularised since January 2020 to continue to subsidise existing participants and provide an alternative for elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places. As at end-December 2019, 219 elderly persons chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 32 chose to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. While the Government has

earmarked the funding for providing a total of 400 places under the Scheme, the actual number of places purchased and the expenditure for each year will depend on the number of participants. As at end-December 2019, 162 elderly persons participating in the Scheme were residing in the 2 residential care homes. The revised estimate for the Scheme was about $19 million in 2019-20. In 2020-21, the estimated expenditure is about $22 million.

SWD will continue to introduce the Scheme on its website, and the 2 homes will also step up their efforts to promote the Scheme to Hong Kong people residing in Hong Kong and the Mainland through posters, leaflets, webpages, etc.

[Note] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented homes for the aged since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care services for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and nursing home places. The figure does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3743)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise as to:

a. the number of places and persons waitlisted for rehabilitation services for pre-school children provided under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) including special child care centre (SCCC), early education and training centre (EETC) and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) in 2019-20 (with a breakdown by 18 districts);

b. the average waiting time for the above services in 2018-19 and 2019-20;

c. whether the plan as stated by SWD in 2015-16 that "the Government will provide in Tai Po, Sham Shui Po and through in-situ expansion 196 additional EETC places, 114 additional SCCC places and 240 additional IP places" has been completed in 2019-20 and if no, the implementation timetable;

d. the number of places and actual expenditure on on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) for the 2019/20 school year following the Government's announcement in early 2018 that the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services would be regularised.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

a. The number of service places of SCCC, EETC and IP in 2019-20 by administrative district of SWD is set out in Table 1 of the Annex, and the number of persons waitlisted for the relevant services is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

b. The average waiting time for SCCC, EETC and IP in 2018-19 was 18.4, 16.6 and 12.6 months respectively. The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

c. The planned additional EETC and SCCC places for 2015-16 have been substantially completed with services commenced. For the 30 SCCC places among them which are planned for Sham Shui Po, the service units are now going through the registration of child care centres, and the places are expected to commence service in 2020. Over the 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019), SWD has provided a total of 717 additional EETC places and 245 additional SCCC places in various districts.

In September 2014, SWD invited subvented non-governmental organisations running non-profit-making kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) to apply for provision of IP service. SWD received applications to operate a total of 126 IP places. The approval process was completed in December 2014 with all applications approved. In line with the admission and programme commencement arrangements of KG-cum-CCCs in the new school year, the additional IP places commenced service in September 2015. In the same year, 1 KG-cum-CCC, which provided 6 IP places, applied for withdrawal from service provision. As a result, the additional IP places in 2015-16 was 120.

d. OPRS were regularised by the Government in October 2018. As at 31 December 2019, there were 7 074 service places, and the 2019-20 Revised Estimate is about $628 million.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service places of EETC, SCCC and IP
(as at 31 December 2019)

District	EETCs	SCCCs	IP
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	385	253	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	216	186
Kwun Tong	390	126	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	333	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	231	30	210
Sham Shui Po	400	205	108
Sha Tin	291	138	168
Tai Po/North	387	299	168
Yuen Long	172	108	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	406	168	198
Tuen Mun	229	144	156
Total	**3 708**	**2 020**	**1 980**

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for EETC, SCCC and IP [Note]
(as at 31 December 2019)

District	EETCs	SCCCs	IP
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	116	104	27
Eastern/Wan Chai	110	92	44
Kwun Tong	149	125	55
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	146	146	44
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	195	125	64
Sham Shui Po	124	69	58
Sha Tin	152	122	50
Tai Po/North	87	105	46
Yuen Long	135	179	46
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	125	140	30
Tuen Mun	63	87	13
Total	**1 402** [Note]	**1 294** [Note]	**477** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6090)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

a. Please set out the quantity, value and stock of surgical masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSI masks) that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) obtained from the Government Logistics Department (GLD) each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of CSI masks obtained	Value of CSI masks obtained	Stock of CSI masks

b. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of surgical masks that SWD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of surgical masks obtained from GLD (value)	No. of surgical masks procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

c. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of N95 masks that SWD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of N95 masks obtained from GLD (value)	No. of N95 masks procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

d. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of gowns that SWD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of gowns obtained from GLD (value)	No. of gowns procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

e. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of protective coverall suits that SWD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of protective coverall suits obtained from GLD (value)	No. of protective coverall suits procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

f. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of face shields that SWD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of face shields procured	Value of face shields procured	Stock of face shields	Consumption

g. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of goggles that SWD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of goggles procured	Value of goggles procured	Stock of goggles	Consumption

h. Did SWD supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations in the past 3 years? If yes, please provide the relevant information, including the quantity, consumption and stock, in the following table:

Month/Year	Name of organisations	Manner of provision (e.g. sold or supplied for free)	Surgical masks	N95 masks	Face shields	Goggles	Gowns	Protective coverall suits

i. If SWD is to supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations, what are the departments and the ranks of the officers responsible for making such decisions? Please provide the ranks of the officers involved in each decision, the date they made the decision and other relevant information.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 179)

Reply:

SWD has both received masks produced by CSD from GLD and procured masks on the market on its own for distribution to staff for use. SWD has not compiled records on the distribution of masks from different sources to individual staff.

With an upsurge in demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) around the globe, the Government is facing fierce competition in the procurement efforts. The Government considers it inappropriate at this stage to disclose further information on PPE of individual departments, such as the stock in the past few years and in recent months, consumption and moneys involved, etc. so as not to undermine the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of PPE.

Further to providing 1 million masks for the staff of subvented, contract, self-financing and private residential service units, including residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities licensed by SWD in end-February and early March 2020, the Government has pledged to provide 2 million masks each month for the staff of the above service units to assist their continued provision of services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4094)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Based on the "Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines" (HKPSG), the Government has to provide about 46 200 subvented places in 2026, but a shortage of 11 567 subvented places is anticipated by then. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. whether the Government will consider providing additional bought places on top of increasing 5 000 bought places in the coming 5 years. If yes, what are the details; if no, the reasons?

2. in the face of the long-standing shortage of subsidised places, whether the Government will review and address the inadequacies of current measures by adopting new options, or carry on with the original ones by a phased approach. If yes, what are the details; if no, the reasons?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.:72)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) for 5 consecutive years (1 000 places each year) from 2019-20 onwards to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). SWD has commenced the work to purchase a total of about 2 000 additional places in 2019-20 and 2020-21. About 320 additional EA1 places in the first batch have commenced service at the end of 2019, while about 1 600 remaining additional places are expected to commence service in 2020-21. SWD will keep in view the demand for places under the EBPS.

2. The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase residential care places for the elderly. Apart from the aforesaid additional EA1 places, the Government has implemented 51 development projects since 2019-20 to build new contract homes (and day care centres/units for the elderly), with about 7 100 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places

and about 1 800 day care places for the elderly) expected to come on stream progressively. The Government will continue to proactively identify suitable sites for construction of elderly service facilities to meet the keen demand, especially in securing the incorporation of more elderly service facilities in Government's multi-storey developments on "Government, Institution or Community" sites through the "single site, multiple use" model.

In addition, the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly has been implemented since March 2017. A total of 3 000 RCSVs have been issued in batches, offering elderly persons in need of residential care service with an additional choice.

Apart from the aforesaid measures, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) with a view to encouraging non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services in particular to increase the provision of elderly, rehabilitation and child care service places. According to the latest proposals from applicant NGOs under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services, a total of about 7 500 residential care places for the elderly could be provided. To further increase welfare facilities in keen demand, including elderly services, the Government launched a new phase of the Special Sites Scheme in April 2019.

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LWB(WW)658

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6166)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of Physiotherapists I working in subsidised day welfare service units, non-subsidised day welfare service units, subsidised residential care homes and non-subsidised residential care homes, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

Regarding the service of Physiotherapists I in subvented homes or day welfare service units, service operators under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, including physiotherapists, to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subsidies for subsidised services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower arrangement for subsidised services. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought. Regarding the number of Physiotherapists I working in non-subsidised homes or day welfare service units, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, SWD does not have the relevant information.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)659

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6167)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

the number of Enrolled Nurses (ENs) working in subsidised day welfare services;

the number of ENs working in non-subsidised day welfare services;

the number of ENs working in subsidised homes;

the number of ENs working in non-subsidised homes; and

the average cost per person or the monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

Regarding the service of ENs in subvented homes or day welfare service units, service operators under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, including ENs, to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subsidies for subsidised services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower arrangement for subsidised services. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought. Regarding the number of ENs working in non-subsidised homes or day welfare service units, the per capita cost or monthly expenditure, SWD does not have the relevant information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6168)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of persons served by integrated family service centres (IFSCs) in each of the 18 District Council (DC) districts in the past 3 years? Please set out the details of the top 5 most utilised services, the number, gender and age distribution of the service users and the per capita cost.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The population of the districts within the service boundary of IFSCs/Integrated Services Centres (ISCs) is set out at Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the service details, the number, gender and age distribution of service users and the service cost per person.

Annex

Population Served by IFSCs/ISCs

District [Note 1]	Name of Centre	Population in 2016 [Note 2]
Central Western, Southern and Islands	Central and Islands IFSC	675 100
	Caritas IFSC - Aberdeen (Tin Wan/Pokfulam)	
	Aberdeen IFSC	
	Grace and Joy IFSC	
	High Street IFSC	
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - Tung Chung ISC	
	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung ISC	
Eastern and Wan Chai	Chai Wan (West) IFSC	735 200
	Caritas IFSC - Shau Kei Wan	
	Chai Wan (East) IFSC	
	North Point IFSC	
	St. James' Settlement Wanchai IFSC	
	Causeway Bay IFSC	
	Quarry Bay IFSC	
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	To Kwa Wan IFSC	761 700
	Family Networks: Yau Tsim IFSC	
	Mongkok IFSC	
	Yau Ma Tei IFSC	
	Hung Hom IFSC	
	Ma Tau Wai IFSC	
	Kai Tak IFSC	
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung IFSC	405 900
	Shamshuipo (West) IFSC	
	Cheung Sha Wan IFSC	
	Family Ties IFSC	
	Sham Shui Po (South) IFSC	
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	Tseung Kwan O (North) IFSC	887 100
	Sai Kung IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Tung Tau (Wong Tai Sin South West)	
	Tseung Kwan O (East) IFSC	
	Tseung Kwan O (South) IFSC	
	Wong Tai Sin IFSC	
	Tsz Wan Shan IFSC	
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok IFSC	648 500
	Sau Po IFSC	
	Yau Tong IFSC	
	Family Energizer (Integrated Family Service)	
	Kai Ping IFSC	
	Lam Tin IFSC	
	Shun Lee IFSC	
Sha Tin	Shatin (North) IFSC	659 800
	Ma On Shan (North) IFSC	
	Caritas Dr. & Mrs. Olinto de Sousa IFSC	
	Shatin (South) IFSC	
	Ma On Shan (South) IFSC	

District [Note 1]	Name of Centre	Population in 2016 [Note 2]
Tai Po and North	Sheung Shui IFSC	619 200
	Tai Po (North) IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Fanling	
	Tai Po (South) IFSC	
	Fanling IFSC	
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai (North) IFSC	614 200
	Tin Shui Wai IFSC	
	Yuen Long (Central) IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Tin Shui Wai	
	Yuen Long (East) IFSC	
	Long Love IFSC	
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi (North) IFSC	839 500
	Tsuen Wan (West) IFSC	
	Kwai Chung (West) IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Tsuen Wan (East)	
	Kwai Chung (East) IFSC	
	Tsing Yi (South) IFSC	
	Kwai Chung (South) IFSC	
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun (West) IFSC	489 300
	Caritas IFSC - Tuen Mun	
	Tuen Mun (East) IFSC	
	Tuen Mun (South) IFSC	

[Note 1] According to the administrative district of SWD

[Note 2] Data from the by-census conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2016

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6170)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With the completion of the "Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services", the Government has proposed a number of enhancement measures. However, residential child care centres (CCCs) have not been covered in the study. As the children served by residential CCCs are mainly from families with problems, they need more support than those served by day CCCs. Would the Government advise this Committee on:

1. the child care worker-to-child ratios of residential CCCs (day and night) and of day CCCs in the past 3 years;
2. the number of children with chronic diseases and special needs in residential CCCs in the past 3 years; and
3. whether residential CCCs will be included in the scope of the On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services? If no, please give an account of the reasons and other alternative measures.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A), the manning ratios for qualified child care workers (CCWs) serving in day CCCs are 1 to 8 (for children aged 0 to under 2) and 1 to 14 (for children aged 2 to under 3). For residential CCCs serving children aged under 6, the manning ratios for qualified CCWs are 1 to 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 1 to 12 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. As more knowledge and skills are required for taking care of young children, and parents' expectations of quality service provided by CCCs (including the care and training for children) have been rising, the Government has enhanced the existing manning ratios for qualified CCWs serving in day CCCs in the 2019/2020 school year on top of meeting the minimum statutory requirements. The manning ratios are 1 to 6 for children aged 0 to under 2 and 1 to 11 for children

aged 2 to under 3. With reference to the manning ratio for day CCCs, that for residential CCCs has been adjusted accordingly in September 2019.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the ratio of qualified CCWs to children of day CCCs and residential CCCs during the day and at night respectively in the past 3 years.

2. SWD does not have statistics on the number of children confirmed as having chronic diseases and special needs out of those admitted to residential CCCs in the past 3 years. The number of service users with disabilities at residential CCCs for the past 3 years is set out below:

Service type	Number of service users		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Residential CCCs	2	-	-

Moreover, SWD provides residential special child care centres (RSCCCs) service for severely disabled pre-school children with needs for residential child care services. The number of service users of RSCCCs for the past 3 years is set out below:

Service type	Number of service users		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December2019)
RSCCCs	101	97	96

3. Service users of residential CCCs who are assessed to have special needs can apply for SWD's pre-school rehabilitation services, including on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, early education and training centres service, integrated programme in Kindergarten-cum-CCCs and special CCC service.

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LWB(WW)662

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6171)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of persons receiving Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) in various districts (with a breakdown by the 18 District Council districts), their age distribution (in ten-year bands), the number of recipients living in the community (percentage of the overall number), the number of recipients living in non-subsidised homes (percentage of the overall number), and the number of recipients living in subsidised homes (percentage of the overall number) in the past 3 years; the number of persons receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in various districts, their age distribution (in ten-year bands), the number of recipients living in the community (percentage of the overall number) and the number of recipients living in non-subsidised homes (percentage of the overall number) in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by district is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has information on the number of recipients with a breakdown by NDA and HDA (set out in Table 2 of the Annex) but does not have the statistics with a breakdown by age group.

The number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by type of accommodation is set out in Tables 3 and 4 of the Annex respectively.

Annex

Table 1: Number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by district

District	2017-18	
	NDA	**HDA**
Central & Western	3 200	740
Eastern	10 836	2 084
Islands	2 119	221
Kowloon City	5 987	1 168
Kwai Tsing	9 982	1 392
Kwun Tong	10 953	2 476
North	5 903	931
Sai Kung	6 217	1 145
Sha Tin	12 904	2 521
Sham Shui Po	6 693	1 304
Southern	5 973	955
Tai Po	5 968	964
Tsuen Wan	4 357	772
Tuen Mun	9 667	1 062
Wan Chai	1 727	587
Wong Tai Sin	7 757	1 404
Yau Tsim Mong	4 080	779
Yuen Long	10 198	1 264
Total	**124 521**	**21 769**

District	2018-19	
	NDA	**HDA**
Central & Western	3 228	631
Eastern	10 975	1 694
Islands	2 341	188
Kowloon City	6 006	986
Kwai Tsing	10 259	1 080
Kwun Tong	11 365	1 688
North	6 193	780
Sai Kung	6 500	931
Sha Tin	13 293	1 913
Sham Shui Po	6 949	977
Southern	6 098	738
Tai Po	6 282	756
Tsuen Wan	4 363	603
Tuen Mun	10 030	904
Wan Chai	1 762	493
Wong Tai Sin	7 994	999
Yau Tsim Mong	4 163	667
Yuen Long	10 801	1 091
Total	**128 602**	**17 119**

District	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	NDA	HDA
Central & Western	3 357	648
Eastern	11 271	1 729
Islands	2 574	212
Kowloon City	6 195	979
Kwai Tsing	10 478	1 074
Kwun Tong	11 910	1 660
North	6 409	807
Sai Kung	6 796	951
Sha Tin	13 661	1 948
Sham Shui Po	7 310	990
Southern	6 338	745
Tai Po	6 560	735
Tsuen Wan	4 520	637
Tuen Mun	10 374	989
Wan Chai	1 855	482
Wong Tai Sin	8 173	1 022
Yau Tsim Mong	4 250	676
Yuen Long	11 352	1 206
Total	**133 383**	**17 490**

Table 2: Number of NDA and HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
NDA	125 611	129 495	134 253
HDA	21 854	17 210	17 603

Table 3: Number of NDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by type of accommodation

Year	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note]	Non-subsidised home [Note]
2017-18	56 382	55 618	5 942	2 454
2018-19	58 711	57 604	5 675	2 116
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	60 721	59 686	5 777	2 237

[Note] The above figures include recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

Table 4: Number of HDA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by type of accommodation

Year	Number of recipients			
	Public housing estate	Private housing	Subsidised home [Note]	Non-subsidised home [Note]
2017-18	7 302	9 553	78	4 336
2018-19	5 406	8 057	52	3 114
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	5 495	8 438	60	2 991

[Note] The above figures include recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

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LWB(WW)663

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6172)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of cases seeking assistance from the Suicide Crisis Intervention Centre (SCIC) in the past 3 years? Please set out the gender and age distribution of the service users, the reasons for seeking assistance, the number of cases with follow-up services for more than or less than 6 months, unit cost per person or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong receives subvention from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to operate SCIC, which mainly provides services for emotionally disturbed persons, persons with suicide attempts, and relatives and friends of persons who committed suicide. The number of cases having requested for assistance from SCIC, and the gender and age distribution of service users from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019) are set out at Annex. As the case nature, services needed and time required for follow-up vary from case to case, SWD does not have the statistical breakdown by the duration of cases receiving follow-up services and information on the unit cost per person. Allocations to SCIC from SWD in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) [Note]
Total allocations ($ million)	9.5	12.4	14.2

[Note] Including the one-off additional allocation disbursed by SWD in response to the social incidents in 2019.

Annex

Number of cases having requested for assistance from the SCIC of the Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong, and gender and age distribution of service users

Year	**2017-18**		**2018-19**		**2019-20 (as at December 2019)**	
Gender distribution / **Age distribution**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
Aged 0 to 9	-	2	2	2	6	-
Aged 10 to 19	40	100	41	82	41	84
Aged 20 to 29	84	166	96	168	64	124
Aged 30 to 39	106	208	108	203	70	143
Aged 40 to 49	115	199	91	214	72	138
Aged 50 to 59	92	163	83	136	55	129
Aged 60 to 69	47	60	49	61	35	53
Aged 70 to 79	16	17	14	18	12	19
Aged 80 to 89	6	12	6	10	11	5
Aged 90 or above	1	2	1	-	-	-
Unknown	7	10	5	19	27	35
Total	**514**	**939**	**496**	**913**	**393**	**730**
	1 453		**1 409**		**1 123**	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6173)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of cases of adult abuse in the past 3 years? Please set out the gender and age distribution (in six-year bands from age 18 to 60) of the victims, their relationship with the batterers, the form of abuse; the number of persons under emergency residential care service, the average waiting time and unit cost; the number of persons under residential care service, the average waiting time, reasons for leaving the service and per capita cost or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The number of newly reported cases on spouse/cohabitant battering and sexual violence as collected by the "Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases" of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years with a breakdown by the age group of victims is set out in the Annex.

Regarding the types of abuse, gender of victims and perpetrator's relationship with the victims, the information has been uploaded to SWD's webpage on Support for Victims of Child Abuse, Spouse/Cohabitant Battering and Sexual Violence. The website is as below:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/vs/index.html

At present, 5 Refuge Centres for Women (Refuge Centres) across the territory provide temporary accommodation for women and their children affected by domestic violence or family crisis while the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) also provide temporary or short-term accommodation for individuals/families in crisis or distress. The Refuge Centres have exercised flexibility in admission and established a mutual referral mechanism to meet service demand. The centres above therefore do not have a waiting list. SWD does not have the reasons of users of the above residential care services leaving the service.

The number of persons receiving the emergency residential care services above from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is provided below:

Type of centres	Year		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Refuge Centres [Note 1]	1 175	1 007	698
MCISC [Note 1]	430	390	299
FCSC [Note 2]	Information not available		

[Note 1] As the service users of Refuge Centres and MCISC may have multiple admissions in a year, the number of admissions in each financial year is on a headcount basis.

[Note 2] SWD does not have statistics on victims of domestic violence or battered adults admitted to FCSC.

SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres, FCSC, MCISC, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. The expenditure incurred in the past 3 years is set out below:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	3,124.0
2018-19 (Actual)	3,308.5
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	3,687.8

SWD does not have a breakdown of funding allocated for victims of domestic violence cases or battered adults in terms of average service cost per person or monthly expenditure.

Annex

Table 1: Newly reported cases on spouse/cohabitant battering

Age	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Above16 to18	18	16	5
Above 18 to 20	45	27	21
Above 20 to 25	195	139	134
Above 25 to 30	360	311	292
Above 30 to 35	533	497	492
Above 35 to 40	549	529	532
Above 40 to 45	460	462	471
Above 45 to 50	326	340	335
Above 50 to 55	233	206	217
Above 55 to 59	106	125	124
Above 60 to 64	116	120	121
Above 64 to 69	85	86	79
Above 69 to 74	43	28	42
Above 74 to 79	26	27	25
Above 79 to 84	17	13	22
85 or above	16	11	8
Total	**3 128**	**2 937**	**2 920**

Table 2: Newly reported sexual violence cases

Age	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Above 18 to 20	126	138	110
Above 20 to 25	242	269	251
Above 25 to 30	207	231	199
Above 30 to 35	130	138	161
Above 35 to 40	95	91	90
Above 40 to 45	61	57	64
Above 45 to 50	52	34	47
Above 50 to 55	31	29	26
Above 55 to 59	14	14	14
Above 60 to 64	4	10	10
Above 64 to 69	2	3	5
Above 69 to 74	1	2	1
Above 74 to 79	1	1	-
Above 79 to 84	-	-	1
85 or above	1	3	-
Total	**967**	**1 020**	**979**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6174)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of cases of child and youth abuse in the past 3 years? Please set out the gender and age distribution (in three-year bands from age 0 to 18) of the victims, their relationship with the perpetrators, the form of abuse; the number of persons under emergency residential care service, the average waiting time, unit cost or monthly expenditure; the number of persons under residential care service, the average waiting time, reasons for leaving the service, unit cost or monthly expenditure.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

Based on the statistics captured by the Child Protection Registry of the Social Welfare Department, the number of newly reported child abuse cases in the last 3 years, the gender and age of the abused children, case types, and the victims' relationship with the perpetrators are set out in the tables of the Annex.

The number of child abuse or suspected child abuse victims admitted to residential child care services (RCCS) (including foster care, small group home and residential home for children) and their average waiting time for these services in the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

Year / Item	2017	2018	2019
Number of children admitted to emergency placement of RCCS [Note 1]	126	149	147
Number of children admitted to placement of RCCS [Note 1]	155	167	198
Average waiting time for admission (in months) [Note 2]	2.9	3.8	3.1

[Note 1] Child abuse/suspected child abuse victims may be admitted to emergency placement and/or placement of RCCS.

[Note 2] For children with urgent needs, the referring social worker may arrange emergency residential child care placement for the child on the same day or within a few days, depending on the circumstances of each case.

The unit cost per place per month of RCCS (including emergency placement of RCCS) from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in the table below:

Year	Unit cost per place per month ($)		
	Foster care	Small group home	Residential home for children
2017-18 (Actual)	15,239	22,037	18,623
2018-19 (Actual)	19,072	23,165	20,291
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	18,735	27,294	22,172

Annex

Table 1: Number of child abuse cases

Item	2017	2018	2019
Number of newly reported child abuse cases	947	1 064	1 006

Table 2: Gender of the abused children

Year / Gender	2017	2018	2019
Female	543	565	565
Male	404	499	441
Total	**947**	**1 064**	**1 006**

Table 3: Age profile of the abused children

Year / Age	2017	2018	2019
0 to 2	222	185	170
3 to 5	91	99	98
6 to 8	157	177	180
9 to 11	127	227	181
12 to 14	212	237	239
15 to 17	138	139	138
Total	**947**	**1 064**	**1 006**

Table 4: Types of newly reported child abuse cases

Year / Type	2017	2018	2019
Physical abuse	374	493	430
Neglect	229	237	237
Sexual abuse	315	297	305
Psychological abuse	5	11	8
Multiple abuse	24	26	26
Total	**947**	**1 064**	**1 006**

Table 5: Perpetrators' relationship with the victim

Year / Relationship with the victim	Number of perpetrator		
	2017	2018	2019
Parent/Sibling/Step-parent/ Grandparent/ Relative	655	776	739
Friend/Family friend	89	94	120
Caregiver/Teacher/School personnel/ Tutor/Coach/Religious personnel [Note 1]	54	60	56
Co-tenant/Neighbour	21	11	10
Unrelated person	107	79	75
Unidentified person/Others	31	40	25
Total [Note 2]	**957**	**1 060**	**1 025**

[Note 1] School and religious personnel are new items included in the data input form revised in July 2018.

[Note 2] The number of perpetrators and the number of child victims do not tally because a perpetrator may abuse more than 1 child and a child may be abused by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6175)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of children under foster care service (emergency) in the past 3 years? Please set out the gender and age distribution of the service users, their reasons for receiving foster care service (emergency) and the unit cost per place per month; the number of children under foster care service, the gender and age distribution of the existing users, reasons for receiving and leaving the service, and the unit cost per place per month.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The number of persons served, the gender and age distribution of service users under foster care service and foster care service (emergency) in the past 3 years are as follows:

Foster care service	Year		
	2017	2018	2019
1. No. of persons served	1 032	959	974
2. Gender (Male/Female)	540/492	492/467	499/475
3. Age distribution of children being served on 31 December of the year			
Newborn to 6	314	334	323
Above 6 to 12	326	319	327
Above 12 to 18	136	149	158
Above 18 [Note]	4	-	4

[Note] Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving foster care service may extend their stay until after 18 years of age.

Foster care (emergency)	Year		
	2017	2018	2019
1. No. of persons served	317	318	327
2. Gender (Male/Female)	176/141	160/158	188/139
3. Age distribution of children being served on 31 December of the year			
Newborn to 6	85	75	86
Above 6 to 12	15	13	16
Above 12 to 18	1	2	2

Foster care service (emergency) provides immediate and short-term residential family care to children under 18 years of age, whose parents cannot care for them because of an emergency or crisis, while foster care service provides residential family care to children whose parents cannot adequately take care of them due to various reasons. The caseworkers will regularly follow up on the children and their family situation, to assess their welfare needs, so as to review and revise their welfare plans, and at a suitable time arrange them for family reunion, adoption or independent living, etc.

The unit cost per place per month for foster care service (including foster care (emergency)) in the past 3 financial years is set out in the following table:

Financial year	Unit cost per place per month ($)
	Foster care service
2017-18 (Actual)	15,239
2018-19 (Actual)	19,072
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	18,735

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6176)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of children/youths served by boys'/girls' hostels in the past 3 years? Please set out the number of places in various districts, the gender and age distribution of the service users, the average waiting time, the reasons for admission, the average length of stay, the reasons for leaving the service and the unit cost per place per month.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

Boys'/girls' hostels are not district-based service and the number of places by district is not available. The number of children/youths served by boys'/girls' hostels, their gender and age distribution in the past 3 years are as follows:

Children/youths served	Year		
	2017	2018	2019
1. Number	141	136	143
2. Gender(Male/Female)	22/119	25/111	27/116
3. Age distribution of children/youths being served on 31 December of the year			
Newborn to 6	-	-	-
Above 6 to 12	-	-	-
Above 12 to 18	41	57	44
Above 18 to 21	42	30	42

Generally speaking, children and youths who cannot be adequately cared for by their families due to various reasons, or those who have to stay away from their families temporarily because of their behavioural or emotional problems, receive residential child care services. Among the reasons are also abuse/suspected abuse, family problems or crisis (like parents with chronic illness, imprisoned, found missing, etc.). The caseworkers will regularly follow up on the conditions of the children/youths and their families to assess their welfare needs, so as to review and revise their welfare plans, and at a suitable time arrange them for family reunion, adoption or independent living, etc.

The average waiting time and average length of stay for boys'/girls' hostels in the past 3 financial years are as follows:

Subject	Year		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Average waiting time (in days)	62	79	69
Average length of stay (in days)	559	543	623

The unit cost per place per month for residential homes for children (RHCs) (including residential creche/nursery, children's reception centre, children's home, boys'/girls' home and boys'/girls' hostel) in the past 3 financial years is set out as follows:

Year	Cost per place per month for RHCs ($)
2017-18 (Actual)	18,623
2018-19 (Actual)	20,291
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	22,172

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6177)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of elder abuse cases in the past 3 years;
2. the distribution of age, the nature of abuse and the usual place of occurrence for elder abuse cases;
3. the relationship between the abusers and the abused elderly persons in general known to the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
4. SWD's ways of handling cases of elder abuse, and the distribution of expenditure used in preventing and handling elder abuse each year.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Based on the information collected by SWD, the number of reported cases of elder abuse in the past 3 years is as follows:

Year	2017	2018	2019
No. of cases	569	496	488

2. The number of cases in the past 3 years by distribution of age of elderly victims and nature of abuse is set out in Annex 1. SWD does not have information on the usual place of occurrence for cases of elder abuse.
3. The relationship between the abuser and the elderly victim in the past 3 years is set out in Annex 2.
4. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of cases of elder abuse. These services include community education, crisis intervention, counselling hotline, financial and accommodation assistance as well as referral of the victims to emergency residential care or respite services. Services for the prevention and handling of elder abuse cases are provided through District Elderly Community Centres, Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Support

Teams for the Elderly, Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre and the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, etc. SWD has earmarked $4 million in 2020-21 for organising publicity and public education programmes on "Strengthening Families and Combating Violence" (including prevention of elder abuse). SWD does not have a separate breakdown of the provision by handling elder abuse.

Annex 1

Reported cases of elder abuse

Year	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Age of victim			
60-64	193	182	174
65-69	151	143	129
70-74	76	59	66
75-79	54	45	40
80-84	51	28	44
85 or above	44	39	35
Total	**569**	**496**	**488**
Nature of abuse			
Physical abuse	355	340	331
Psychological abuse	74	43	41
Neglect	2	2	5
Financial abuse	109	68	71
Abandonment	-	-	-
Sexual abuse	5	15	6
Multiple abuse	24	28	34
Total	**569**	**496**	**488**

Annex 2

Reported cases of elder abuse

Relationship between the abuser and the victim	**Year**		
	2017	**2018**	**2019**
Son	70	56	50
Daughter	13	17	18
Son-in-law	6	1	8
Daughter-in-law	15	11	8
Spouse	303	285	297
Grandchild	13	5	4
Relative	16	15	20
Friend/neighbour	46	40	18
Unrelated person living with the victim	5	1	6
Domestic helper	54	39	41
Agency staff	13	14	8
Others	15	12	10
Total	**569**	**496**	**488**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6178)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the service of special child care centre (SCCC), please advise this Committee:

1. the number of users of SCCC in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by moderate or severe mental handicap; moderate or severe physical handicap; deafness or severe to profound hearing impairment; blindness or severe to profound visual impairment; or autism), their age distribution and the number of those waiting for admission to primary school;
2. the number of existing service places and the average waiting time;
3. the per capita service cost; and
4. the number of planned additional service places in each year and the number of actual additional places.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of SCCC users and their age distribution in the past 3 years are as follows:

Age group	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Aged 0 to 2	55	53	83
Aged 3 to 4	574	671	832
Aged 5 to 6	1 182	1 196	1 049
Total	1 811	1 920	1 964

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of SCCC users and those waiting for admission to primary schools broken down by type of special needs.

2. As at 31 December 2019, the number of service places under SCCC was 2 020. The average waiting time for SCCC in 2018-19 was 18.4 months. The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

3. The Revised Estimate of the average cost per place per month under pre-school rehabilitation services was $9,010 in 2019-20.

4. An additional 210 SCCC service places was planned to be provided in 2019-20. As at 31 December 2019, the actual number of additional service places provided was 60.

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LWB(WW)670

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6179)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the service of residential special child care centre (RSCCC), please advise this Committee:

1. the number of users of RSCCC in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by moderate or severe mental handicap; moderate or severe physical handicap; deafness or severe to profound hearing impairment; blindness or severe to profound visual impairment; or autism), their age distribution and the number of those waiting for admission to primary school;
2. the number of existing service places and the average waiting time;
3. the per capita service cost; and
4. the number of planned additional service places in each year and the number of actual additional places.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of RSCCC users and their age distribution in the past 3 years are as follows:

Age group	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Aged 0 to 2	15	10	10
Aged 3 to 4	39	48	42
Aged 5 to 6	47	39	44
Total	101	97	96

The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of RSCCC users and those waiting for admission to primary schools broken down by type of special needs.

2. As at 31 December 2019, the number of service places under RSCCC was 122. The average waiting time for RSCCC in 2018-19 was 10.5 months. The figure for 2019-20 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

3. The Revised Estimate of the average cost per place per month under pre-school rehabilitation services was $9,010 in 2019-20.

4. There was no planned additional RSCCC service place in 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6180)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of applicants for the Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (the Programme) in each of the 18 District Council (DC) districts, the amounts involved and the age distribution (with all figures on higher level subsidy and normal level subsidy) over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The number of children beneficiaries of the Programme over the past 3 years broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), level of subsidy and age group is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 1. The annual expenditure involved is set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of children beneficiaries under the Programme by SWD administrative district, level of subsidy and age group in 2017-18

District	Level of subsidy	Number of children beneficiaries			
		Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 or above	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	Normal level	15	61	31	**107**
	Higher level	18	46	8	**72**
Eastern/Wan Chai	Normal level	18	63	41	**122**
	Higher level	25	45	9	**79**
Kwun Tong	Normal level	19	115	74	**208**
	Higher level	34	85	23	**142**
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Normal level	23	73	90	**186**
	Higher level	42	95	23	**160**
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Normal level	22	83	70	**175**
	Higher level	29	69	14	**112**
Sham Shui Po	Normal level	15	67	48	**130**
	Higher level	11	55	11	**77**
Sha Tin	Normal level	16	101	61	**178**
	Higher level	32	111	22	**165**
Tai Po/North	Normal level	14	83	61	**158**
	Higher level	29	64	15	**108**
Yuen Long	Normal level	14	91	42	**147**
	Higher level	23	54	20	**97**
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Normal level	19	94	65	**178**
	Higher level	40	71	15	**126**
Tuen Mun	Normal level	12	57	24	**93**
	Higher level	14	35	7	**56**
Total		**484**	**1 618**	**774**	**2 876**

Table 2: Number of children beneficiaries under the Programme by SWD administrative district, level of subsidy and age group in 2018-19

District	Level of subsidy	Number of children beneficiaries			
		Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 or above	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	Normal level	24	76	35	**135**
	Higher level	43	70	19	**132**
Eastern/Wan Chai	Normal level	25	75	45	**145**
	Higher level	28	95	12	**135**
Kwun Tong	Normal level	51	155	92	**298**
	Higher level	38	136	28	**202**
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Normal level	45	92	80	**217**
	Higher level	46	186	53	**285**
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Normal level	29	107	78	**214**
	Higher level	43	104	35	**182**
Sham Shui Po	Normal level	16	89	48	**153**
	Higher level	13	90	14	**117**
Sha Tin	Normal level	41	104	96	**241**
	Higher level	38	182	43	**263**
Tai Po/North	Normal level	28	94	64	**186**
	Higher level	46	121	19	**186**
Yuen Long	Normal level	23	104	59	**186**
	Higher level	51	105	34	**190**
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Normal level	31	106	60	**197**
	Higher level	61	123	23	**207**
Tuen Mun	Normal level	10	80	29	**119**
	Higher level	25	63	11	**99**
Total		**755**	**2 357**	**977**	**4 089**

Table 3: Number of children beneficiaries under the Programme by SWD administrative district, level of subsidy and age group in 2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)

District	Level of subsidy	Number of children beneficiaries			
		Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 or above	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	Normal level	26	85	41	**152**
	Higher level	37	70	21	**128**
Eastern/Wan Chai	Normal level	24	65	36	**125**
	Higher level	31	79	18	**128**
Kwun Tong	Normal level	32	133	88	**253**
	Higher level	36	98	30	**164**
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	Normal level	29	99	68	**196**
	Higher level	57	154	49	**260**
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	Normal level	20	113	62	**195**
	Higher level	33	101	43	**177**
Sham Shui Po	Normal level	19	102	55	**176**
	Higher level	16	67	17	**100**
Sha Tin	Normal level	36	116	78	**230**
	Higher level	34	128	54	**216**
Tai Po/North	Normal level	21	102	56	**179**
	Higher level	37	90	19	**146**
Yuen Long	Normal level	19	91	68	**178**
	Higher level	51	134	37	**222**
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	Normal level	19	96	64	**179**
	Higher level	43	141	36	**220**
Tuen Mun	Normal level	6	57	30	**93**
	Higher level	24	63	14	**101**
Total		**650**	**2 184**	**984**	**3 818**

Annex 2

Annual Expenditure on the Programme

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2017-18 (Actual)	56.8
2018-19 (Actual)	86.7
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	114.3

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LWB(WW)672

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6181)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of users of the on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) in each of the 18 District Council (DC) districts, the age distribution, the type of special needs and the per capita service cost over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The Government launched a two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) in November 2015. As non-governmental organisations operating the services admitted service users directly, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of service users of the Pilot Scheme broken down by district. OPRS was regularised in October 2018 and the number of service users broken down by administrative district of SWD in 2018-19 and 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The number of service users of OPRS and their age distribution over the past 3 years are set out in Table 2 of Annex. The average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services is set out in Table 3 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of service users by type of special needs or the per capita cost on individual service.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service users of OPRS in 2018-19 and 2019-20

District	Number of service users	
	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	344	423
Eastern/Wan Chai	385	481
Kwun Tong	532	629
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	657	770
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	417	535
Sham Shui Po	263	302
Sha Tin	506	574
Tai Po/North	445	541
Yuen Long	357	452
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	551	679
Tuen Mun	369	384
Total	**4 826**	**5 770**

Table 2: Number of service users of OPRS and their age distribution

Year	Number of persons			
	Aged 0 to 2 [Note]	Aged 3 to 4 [Note]	Aged 5 to 6 [Note]	Total
2017-18	29	1 744	2 872	**4 645**
2018-19	64	2 482	2 280	**4 826**
2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)	92	2 944	2 734	**5 770**

[Note] The age shown being the age of children on the last day of the said period in the year.

Table 3: Average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services

Service Type	2017-18 (Actual) ($)	2018-19 (Actual) ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	8,893	8,811	9,010

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6182)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of users of the occasional child care service (OCCS) for children with disabilities in each of the 18 District Council districts, the number of existing service places, the type of special needs, the age distribution, the per capita service cost, the number of planned additional service places and the number of actual additional places over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The number of service places of OCCS for children with disabilities broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services and the planned and actual number of additional service places in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex. As OCCS for children with disabilities may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have information on the number of service users, their type of special needs and distribution of age.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service places of OCCS for children with disabilities

District	Number of service places		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	6	8	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	13	13
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	10	10	10
Sha Tin	12	11	11
Tai Po/North	15	15	15
Yuen Long	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	10	10	10
Total	**96**	**97**	**97**

Table 2: Average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services

Average cost per place per month ($)		
2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate)
8,893	8,811	9,010

Table 3: Planned and actual number of additional service places under OCCS for children with disabilities

Year	Planned number of additional service places	Actual number of additional service places
2017-18	2	2
2018-19	-	1
2019-20	7	- [Note]

[Note] As at 31 December 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6183)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care centre (CCC) services, please advise:

1. the number of places provided by day CCCs in each of the 18 District Council (DC) districts over the past 3 years;
2. the number and headcount of service users and utilisation rate in respective districts;
3. the unit cost of service; and
4. the planned and actual number of additional places each year.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. Day CCCs include standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs). The number of places and the average utilisation rate of day CCCs by DC district in the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex.

3. Standalone CCCs include aided standalone CCCs, non-profit-making standalone CCCs and private standalone CCCs. Service fees of these 3 types of centres are charged on a monthly basis, and the levels of service fees are set individually by centres having regard to various factors (including whether they are receiving subsidies from the Government). Thus, SWD does not have statistics on the unit cost for CCC services. Service fees of CCCs attached to KGs, regulated by the Education Bureau, are also charged on a monthly basis. SWD does not have information on the unit cost per place.

4. To further enhance day child care services, SWD plans to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone CCCs in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long. Given that the schedule for completion of construction works and fitting-out works, processing of licensing approval etc. of various centres differ, the additional number of about 400 aided standalone CCC places will have to be provided in phases. Among them, Wah Ming Estate at Fanling in North District, Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong, Shek Mun Estate in Sha Tin and Tin Shui Estate in Yuen Long will see the provision of 56, 88, 105 and 88 places respectively, with services expected to commence in 2020-21. The additional places for Kwai Fong Estate, Kwai Tsing together with the implementation timetable have yet to be finalised.

Annex

Number of places and average utilisation rate of day child care centres [Note] by district

District	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	2 302	35	2 447	36	2 408	32
Southern	1 241	54	1 190	62	1 270	56
Islands	920	42	1 079	39	1 087	38
Eastern	3 957	67	4 213	62	3 944	60
Wan Chai	916	81	940	78	908	76
Kwun Tong	1 895	86	1 641	85	1 725	83
Wong Tai Sin	828	80	813	78	737	77
Sai Kung	3 058	42	3 841	38	2 934	47
Kowloon City	5 712	61	6 234	56	5 717	58
Yau Tsim Mong	1 360	94	1 327	95	1 567	85
Sham Shui Po	1 035	76	1 270	70	1 372	70
Sha Tin	2 259	88	2 204	85	2 135	81
Tai Po	777	80	874	76	966	66
North	826	73	1 109	63	985	63
Yuen Long	1 227	98	1 526	89	1 562	85
Tsuen Wan	1 581	75	1 607	73	1 640	68
Kwai Tsing	1 263	86	1 228	82	1 448	64
Tuen Mun	1 834	71	1 937	71	1 978	68
Total	**32 991**	**68**	**35 480**	**64**	**34 383**	**63**

[Note] Including aided and non-aided CCCs

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6184)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding occasional child care service (OCCS), please advise:

1. the number of places provided in each of the 18 District Council (DC) districts over the past 3 years;
2. the number and headcount of service users and utilisation rate in respective districts;
3. the unit cost of service; and
4. the planned and actual number of additional places each year.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of places and the average utilisation rate of OCCC by DC district in the past 3 financial years are set out at the Annex.

3. As OCCS is an ancillary service provided at aided standalone child care centres or kindergarten-cum-child care centres, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the unit cost of each OCCS place.

4. After reviewing the service and consulting the service operators, SWD has suitably re-distributed the places for OCCS among the service units since April 2017 with reference to the service utilisation in the districts, and provided additional places in response to district demand. SWD will keep in view the demand for various child care services and take relevant measures in a timely manner accordingly.

Annex

Number of places and average utilisation rate of occasional child care service

District	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at December 2019)	
	Number of places	**Average utilisation rate (%)**	**Number of places**	**Average utilisation rate (%)**	**Number of places**	**Average utilisation rate (%)**
Central & Western	13	41	13	42	13	42
Southern	17	69	17	63	17	70
Islands	12	67	12	50	12	51
Eastern	21	35	24	37	24	46
Wan Chai	11	56	17	70	17	62
Kwun Tong	52	63	52	59	52	64
Wong Tai Sin	33	58	36	58	36	59
Sai Kung	21	57	21	48	21	40
Kowloon City	22	49	22	52	22	57
Yau Tsim Mong	22	53	22	55	22	61
Sham Shui Po	28	73	28	70	28	72
Sha Tin	29	49	29	53	29	46
Tai Po	17	60	17	54	17	62
North	16	46	16	41	16	40
Yuen Long	33	65	33	67	33	60
Tsuen Wan	16	63	16	60	19	59
Kwai Tsing	35	61	35	58	35	53
Tuen Mun	36	53	36	50	36	51
Total	**434**	**57**	**446**	**56**	**449**	**57**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6185)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential child care centre (RCCC) services, please advise:

1. the number of places provided in the past 3 years;
2. the number of service users and utilisation rate in the past 3 years;
3. the unit cost per place; and
4. the number of planned and actual additional places each year.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of places, number of service users and enrolment rate of RCCCs in the past 3 financial years is as follows:

	Financial Year		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Number of places [Note]	212	212	212
Number of users	274	261	263
Enrolment rate	91%	94%	93%

[Note] The figures include places for both ordinary service and emergency service.

3. The unit cost per place per month for residential homes for children (including RCCCs) in the past 3 financial years is as follows:

Year	Unit cost per place per month ($)
2017-18 (Actual)	18,623
2018-19 (Actual)	20,291
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	22,172

4. The Social Welfare Department has been closely monitoring the utilisation of various residential child care services through the Central Referral System for Residential Child Care Services, and will increase the number of places through service re-prioritisation or allocation of additional resources where necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6188)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), please advise:

1. the number of places and service users under NSCCP in each of the 18 District Council districts over the past 3 years;
2. the number of home-based child carers receiving training and actual number of home-based child carers providing services in each district of respective years;
3. the allocations made by the Department for each service operator under NSCCP in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of places, service users and home-based child carers under NSCCP in the past 3 financial years by 18 districts are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only keeps the number of home-based child carers provided by service operators as at December each year, the number of home-based child carers receiving training and actual number of home-based child carers providing services in each district of respective years is therefore not available.

3. The actual expenditure on NSCCP in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is $33.80 million and $34.30 million respectively, and the revised estimate for 2019-20 is $44.80 million. The average expenditure for each of its service operators in the 3 financial years are about $1.88 million, $1.91 million and $2.49 million (Revised Estimate) respectively.

Annex

Number of places, children served and home-based child carers under NSCCP by 18 districts (2017-18 to 2019-20)

District	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (as at December 2019)		
	Number of places provided [Note]	Number of children served	Number of home-based child carers (December 2017)	Number of places provided [Note]	Number of children served	Number of home-based child carers (December 2018)	Number of places provided [Note]	Number of children served	Number of home-based child carers (December 2019)
Central & Western	53	412	41	53	394	21	53	342	40
Eastern	53	495	191	53	456	124	53	362	176
Wan Chai	53	272	25	53	268	101	53	198	161
Southern	53	353	27	53	269	26	53	154	29
Islands	53	396	17	53	399	31	53	265	16
Kwun Tong	53	653	46	53	650	53	53	433	52
Wong Tai Sin	53	784	163	53	700	52	53	486	59
Sai Kung	53	849	92	53	853	108	53	650	114
Kowloon City	53	740	449	53	630	460	53	428	473
Sham Shui Po	53	1 143	101	53	1 135	106	53	610	74
Yau Tsim Mong	53	1 144	223	53	970	285	53	709	267
Sha Tin	53	882	81	53	849	95	53	760	87
Tai Po	53	869	49	53	861	56	53	543	64
North	53	438	64	53	382	79	53	232	58
Yuen Long	53	1 499	70	53	1 608	66	53	1 093	58
Tsuen Wan	53	700	70	53	675	60	53	591	56
Kwai Tsing	53	863	84	53	533	80	53	481	88
Tuen Mun	53	918	39	53	954	33	53	717	42
Total	**954**	**13 410**	**1 832**	**954**	**12 586**	**1 836**	**954**	**9 054**	**1 914**

[Note] Service operators are required to provide no less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be no less than 954). They can flexibly increase the number of home-based child care places on top of SWD's requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6189)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, please provide the following information to this Committee:

the number of places, number of persons waitlisted, waiting time and unit costs of various rehabilitation services for children from 2018-19 to 2019-20?

Table: the number of places, number of persons waitlisted, waiting time and unit costs of various rehabilitation services for children

	No. of service places	No. of waitlisted persons	The median waiting time	Unit costs
Early education and training centres (EETC)				
Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP)				
On-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS)				
Special child care centres (SCCC)				

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

The number of service places, number of persons waitlisted, average waiting time and average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services in 2018-19 and 2019-20 are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistical information on median waiting time and individual unit costs of pre-school rehabilitation services.

Annex

Table 1: Number of service places, number of persons waitlisted and average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services in 2018-19

Type of Service	Number of service places	Number of persons waitlisted	Average waiting time in 2018-19 (in months)
EETC	3 520	2 867 [Note 2]	16.6
IP	1 980	870 [Note 2]	12.6
OPRS [Note 1]	5 187	1 096 [Note 2]	N.A. [Note 3]
SCCC	1 960	1 550 [Note 2]	18.4

N.A. - Not Applicable

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 3] As the waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2018-19 is not available.

Table 2: Number of service places, number of persons waitlisted and average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services in 2019-20

Type of Service	Number of service places (as at 31 December 2019)	Number of persons waitlisted (as at 31 December 2019)	Average waiting time in 2019-20 (in months)
EETC	3 708	1 402 [Note 1]	Information not yet available [Note 2]
IP	1 980	477 [Note 1]	
OPRS	7 074	1 771 [Note 1]	
SCCC	2 020	1 294 [Note 1]	

[Note 1] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or those who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

[Note 2] As the waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2019-20 is not yet available.

Table 3: Average cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services

Type of Service	2018-19 (Actual) ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	8,811	9,010

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6190)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the number of residents receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), the amount of CSSA received, the duration of receiving CSSA, and the duration of residence by type of residential care places (1. subsidised places in subvented, self-financing and contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs); 2. subsidised places under Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS); 3. non-subsidised places in self-financing and contract RCHEs; and 4. places in private RCHEs) and age of residents over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. The number of CSSA recipients broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 of Annex. Among them, the number of CSSA recipients broken down by duration of receiving CSSA is set out in Table 2 of Annex. The average monthly amount of CSSA received by singleton CSSA recipients aged 60 or above by type of residential care homes from 2016 to 2020 is set out in Table 3 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the figures of CSSA recipients' duration of residence in residential care homes.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients residing in residential care homes broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients [Note]			
	Subsidised residential care homes		Non-subsidised residential care homes	
	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
2015-16	9 195	16 474	4 354	24 340
2016-17	9 251	16 716	4 401	24 434
2017-18	9 201	16 755	4 302	24 607
2018-19	9 081	16 697	4 209	24 209
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	9 245	16 896	3 998	23 782

[Note] SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients residing in different types of residential care homes. The above figures include the number of recipients residing in RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs).

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients broken down by age group, duration of receiving CSSA and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Age	Number of recipients [Note]									
		Duration of receiving CSSA									
		Subsidised residential care homes					Non-subsidised residential care homes				
		1 year or less	More than 1 year to 3 years	More than 3 years to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total	1 year or less	More than 1 year to 3 years	More than 3 years to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
2015-16	Aged below 60	795	1 158	915	6 327	**9 195**	566	864	618	2 306	**4 354**
	Aged 60 or above	758	1 836	2 078	11 802	**16 474**	3 337	5 201	3 040	12 762	**24 340**
2016-17	Aged below 60	924	1 144	833	6 350	**9 251**	595	829	655	2 322	**4 401**
	Aged 60 or above	951	1 899	1 923	11 943	**16 716**	3 825	5 143	3 036	12 430	**24 434**
2017-18	Aged below 60	821	1 161	827	6 392	**9 201**	514	833	619	2 336	**4 302**
	Aged 60 or above	863	1 974	1 957	11 961	**16 755**	3 985	5 364	2 962	12 296	**24 607**
2018-19	Aged below 60	770	1 125	751	6 435	**9 081**	511	798	581	2 319	**4 209**
	Aged 60 or above	620	2 061	1 961	12 055	**16 697**	3 608	5 742	2 893	11 966	**24 209**
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	Aged below 60	829	1 100	789	6 527	**9 245**	473	749	551	2 225	**3 998**
	Aged 60 or above	806	1 867	2 023	12 200	**16 896**	3 752	5 530	2 943	11 557	**23 782**

[Note] SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients residing in different types of residential care homes. The above figures include the number of recipients residing in RCHEs and RCHDs.

Table 3: Average monthly amount of CSSA received by singleton recipients aged 60 or above residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care homes from 2016 to 2020

Type of Residential care homes	1 February 2016 ($) [Note]	1 February 2017 ($) [Note]	1 February 2018 ($) [Note]	1 February 2019 ($) [Note]	1 February 2020 ($) [Note]
Subsidised residential care homes	5,156	5,410	5,657	5,977	6,300
Non-subsidised residential care homes	8,433	8,993	9,448	10,140	11,133

[Note] This refers to the average amount of payment received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6195)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

1. Please set out the number of various types of licensed non-subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in various districts in the past 5 years, and the number of places for the various services involved.
2. Please set out the current number of various types of non-subsidised RCHEs that have not yet been licensed, and the number of places for the various services involved.
3. Please set out the age group of various types of service users (in ten-year bands from the age of 60) currently residing in non-subsidised homes of various districts.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of various types of RCHEs providing non-subsidised residential care places with a breakdown by district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out at Annexes 1 to 5, and the number of non-subsidised places involved is set out at Annexes 6 to 10.
2. At present, all RCHEs in Hong Kong are licensed.
3. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the age group of the residents in non-subsidised RCHEs.

Annex 1

Number of residential care homes for the elderly providing non-subsidised places by the 18 districts in 2015-16

District	**Homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)** [Note 1]	**Contract homes** [Note 1]	**Private homes** [Note 2]
Central & Western	1	3	26
Eastern	-	2	59
Southern	4	-	22
Wan Chai	2	-	14
Islands	-	1	6
Wong Tai Sin	1	2	16
Kowloon City	4	1	63
Sham Shui Po	3	4	56
Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	38
Kwun Tong	5	3	24
Sai Kung	8	-	5
North	2	-	38
Tai Po	-	-	24
Sha Tin	6	1	21
Yuen Long	3	1	40
Tuen Mun	5	-	32
Tsuen Wan	1	1	20
Kwai Tsing	2	3	42
Total	**50**	**26**	**546**

[Note 1] Some subvented, self-financing and contract homes provide both subsidised and non-subsidised places. Moreover, homes operated by NGOs providing non-subsidised services include self-financing nursing homes (NHs) registered solely under the regime of the Department of Health (DH).

[Note 2] Including private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

Annex 2

Number of residential care homes for the elderly providing non-subsidised places by the 18 districts in 2016-17

District	**Homes operated by NGOs** [Note 1]	**Contract homes** [Note 1]	**Private homes** [Note 2]
Central & Western	1	3	25
Eastern	1	2	57
Southern	4	-	22
Wan Chai	2	1	13
Islands	-	1	6
Wong Tai Sin	1	2	17
Kowloon City	4	1	63
Sham Shui Po	3	5	56
Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	39
Kwun Tong	4	3	25
Sai Kung	7	-	5
North	2	-	38
Tai Po	-	-	24
Sha Tin	6	1	21
Yuen Long	3	1	40
Tuen Mun	5	-	32
Tsuen Wan	1	1	20
Kwai Tsing	2	3	42
Total	**49**	**28**	**545**

[Note 1] Some subvented, self-financing and contract homes provide both subsidised and non-subsidised places. Moreover, homes operated by NGOs providing non-subsidised services include self-financing NHs registered solely under the regime of DH.

[Note 2] Including private homes participating in EBPS.

Annex 3

Number of residential care homes for the elderly providing non-subsidised places by the 18 districts in 2017-18

District	**Homes operated by NGOs** [Note 1]	**Contract homes** [Note 1]	**Private homes** [Note 2]
Central & Western	1	3	25
Eastern	1	2	57
Southern	4	-	23
Wan Chai	2	1	14
Islands	-	1	6
Wong Tai Sin	1	2	17
Kowloon City	4	1	62
Sham Shui Po	3	5	58
Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	39
Kwun Tong	4	3	26
Sai Kung	7	-	5
North	2	-	38
Tai Po	-	-	23
Sha Tin	6	2	21
Yuen Long	3	1	40
Tuen Mun	5	-	33
Tsuen Wan	2	2	20
Kwai Tsing	2	3	41
Total	**50**	**30**	**548**

[Note 1] Some subvented, self-financing and contract homes provide both subsidised and non-subsidised places. Moreover, homes operated by NGOs providing non-subsidised services include self-financing NHs registered solely under the regime of DH.

[Note 2] Including private homes participating in EBPS.

Annex 4

Number of residential care homes for the elderly providing non-subsidised places by the 18 districts in 2018-19

District	**Homes operated by NGOs** [Note 1]	**Contract homes** [Note 1]	**Private homes** [Note 2]
Central & Western	1	3	25
Eastern	1	2	59
Southern	4	-	23
Wan Chai	2	1	14
Islands	-	1	6
Wong Tai Sin	1	2	17
Kowloon City	4	1	61
Sham Shui Po	3	6	57
Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	41
Kwun Tong	4	3	26
Sai Kung	7	-	5
North	2	-	38
Tai Po	-	-	23
Sha Tin	6	2	19
Yuen Long	3	1	41
Tuen Mun	5	-	33
Tsuen Wan	2	2	19
Kwai Tsing	2	3	42
Total	**50**	**31**	**549**

[Note 1] Some subvented, self-financing and contract homes provide both subsidised and non-subsidised places. Moreover, homes operated by NGOs providing non-subsidised services include self-financing NHs registered solely under the regime of DH.

[Note 2] Including private homes participating in EBPS.

Annex 5

Number of residential care homes for the elderly providing non-subsidised places by the 18 districts in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

District	Homes operated by NGOs [Note 1]	Contract homes [Note 1]	Private homes [Note 2]
Central & Western	1	3	25
Eastern	1	2	59
Southern	4	-	22
Wan Chai	2	1	15
Islands	-	1	6
Wong Tai Sin	1	2	17
Kowloon City	4	1	63
Sham Shui Po	3	6	59
Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	42
Kwun Tong	4	4	26
Sai Kung	7	-	5
North	2	-	38
Tai Po	-	-	23
Sha Tin	6	2	21
Yuen Long	3	1	41
Tuen Mun	5	-	33
Tsuen Wan	2	2	18
Kwai Tsing	2	3	41
Total	**50**	**32**	**554**

[Note 1] Some subvented, self-financing and contract homes provide both subsidised and non-subsidised places. Moreover, homes operated by NGOs providing non-subsidised services include self-financing NHs registered solely under the regime of DH.

[Note 2] Including private homes participating in EBPS.

Annex 6

Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2015-16

District	Home for the aged (H/A) places	Care-and-attention (C&A) places [Note]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	13	1 812	75	1 900
Eastern	-	3 787	83	3 870
Wan Chai	-	864	21	885
Southern	66	1 752	91	1 909
Islands	-	458	42	500
Kwun Tong	-	2 673	266	2 939
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 979	133	2 112
Sai Kung	67	927	102	1 096
Kowloon City	-	4 466	43	4 509
Sham Shui Po	-	3 868	194	4 062
Yau Tsim Mong	89	2 627	135	2 851
Sha Tin	50	2 372	36	2 458
Tai Po	-	2 244	-	2 244
North	90	2 277	-	2 367
Yuen Long	60	3 724	30	3 814
Tsuen Wan	-	2 146	41	2 187
Kwai Tsing	-	3 778	177	3 955
Tuen Mun	57	2 837	-	2 894
Total	**492**	**44 591**	**1 469**	**46 552**

[Note] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in EBPS.

Annex 7

Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2016-17

District	H/A places	C&A places [Note]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	21	1 735	107	1 863
Eastern	-	3 821	97	3 918
Wan Chai	-	781	97	878
Southern	78	1 849	91	2 018
Islands	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	2 700	152	2 852
Wong Tai Sin	-	2 093	133	2 226
Sai Kung	-	962	81	1 043
Kowloon City	-	4 631	43	4 674
Sham Shui Po	39	3 780	207	4 026
Yau Tsim Mong	57	2 628	179	2 864
Sha Tin	50	2 337	36	2 423
Tai Po	-	2 413	-	2 413
North	90	2 271	-	2 361
Yuen Long	60	3 714	30	3 804
Tsuen Wan	-	2 154	41	2 195
Kwai Tsing	-	3 781	177	3 958
Tuen Mun	50	2 803	-	2 853
Total	**445**	**44 910**	**1 509**	**46 864**

[Note] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in EBPS.

Annex 8

Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2017-18

District	H/A places	C&A places [Note]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	21	1 698	107	1 826
Eastern	-	3 826	97	3 923
Wan Chai	-	773	129	902
Southern	64	1 895	91	2 050
Islands	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	2 748	152	2 900
Wong Tai Sin	-	2 064	141	2 205
Sai Kung	-	910	83	993
Kowloon City	-	4 524	34	4 558
Sham Shui Po	39	3 945	207	4 191
Yau Tsim Mong	57	2 577	178	2 812
Sha Tin	50	2 171	72	2 293
Tai Po	-	2 370	-	2 370
North	90	2 259	-	2 349
Yuen Long	60	3 700	29	3 789
Tsuen Wan	-	2 125	59	2 184
Kwai Tsing	-	3 783	177	3 960
Tuen Mun	58	3 279	-	3 337
Total	**439**	**45 104**	**1 594**	**47 137**

[Note] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in EBPS.

Annex 9

Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2018-19

District	H/A places	C&A places [Note]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	21	1 722	105	1 848
Eastern	-	4 144	96	4 240
Wan Chai	-	744	148	892
Southern	74	1 885	91	2 050
Islands	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	2 758	152	2 910
Wong Tai Sin	-	2 064	141	2 205
Sai Kung	-	901	88	989
Kowloon City	-	4 512	34	4 546
Sham Shui Po	39	3 934	242	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	57	2 754	177	2 988
Sha Tin	70	1 952	72	2 094
Tai Po	-	2 370	-	2 370
North	90	2 259	-	2 349
Yuen Long	60	4 033	29	4 122
Tsuen Wan	-	1 841	59	1 900
Kwai Tsing	-	3 806	176	3 982
Tuen Mun	57	3 210	-	3 267
Total	**468**	**45 346**	**1 648**	**47 462**

[Note] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in EBPS.

Annex 10

Number of non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2019-20
(as at end-December 2019)

District	H/A places	C&A places [Note]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	21	1 646	105	1 772
Eastern	-	4 239	96	4 335
Wan Chai	-	866	148	1 014
Southern	74	1 788	91	1 953
Islands	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	2 746	170	2 916
Wong Tai Sin	-	2 018	141	2 159
Sai Kung	-	901	89	990
Kowloon City	-	4 496	34	4 530
Sham Shui Po	39	4 296	242	4 577
Yau Tsim Mong	57	2 785	177	3 019
Sha Tin	70	2 302	71	2 443
Tai Po	-	2 127	-	2 127
North	90	2 246	-	2 336
Yuen Long	60	3 981	29	4 070
Tsuen Wan	-	1 700	59	1 759
Kwai Tsing	-	3 624	176	3 800
Tuen Mun	57	3 009	-	3 066
Total	**468**	**45 227**	**1 666**	**47 361**

[Note] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in EBPS,

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6196)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

1) the number of residential places with elderly residents, the number of vacant residential places and the total number of residential places in the past 5 years, broken down by name, licence number and district of different types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs); and

2) the area of floor space of the homes per person, broken down by name, licence number and district of different types of RCHEs.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The number of various types of residential care places for the elderly from 2015-16 to 2019-20 broken down by district is set out in Annexes 1 to 5. RCHEs are not required to report the number of non-subsidised vacant places to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on a regular basis, while some RCHEs provide both subsidised and non-subsidised places. As a result, SWD does not have the number of residential places with elderly residents and number of vacant places broken down by name, licence number and district of RCHEs.

2) Under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation, the minimum area of floor space required for each resident in an RCHE shall be 6.5m^2. In determining the area of floor space, the area of any open space, podium, garden and any area inside the RCHE which the Director of Social Welfare considers unsuitable for the purposes of an RCHE shall be disregarded. The actual area of floor space per resident may vary among RCHEs under different operation and subvention modes, because of such factors as the design of the building in which the RCHE is located, the layout of common area and passage, service target and establishment of staff quarters, etc. At present, the requirement on the minimum area of floor space per person is complied with by all types of RCHEs. SWD does not have the figures broken down by name, licence number and district of different types of RCHEs.

Annex 1

Number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2015-16

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	Home for the aged (H/A) places	Care-and-attention (C&A) places [Note 1]	Nursing home (NH) places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places	C&A places [Note 3]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	788	188	976	13	1 812	75	1 900
Eastern	-	762	133	895	-	3 787	83	3 870
Wan Chai	-	516	-	516	-	864	21	885
Southern	-	1 917	-	1 917	66	1 752	91	1 909
Islands	67	322	63	452	-	458	42	500
Kwun Tong	-	1 759	434	2 193	-	2 673	266	2 939
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 241	464	1 705	-	1 979	133	2 112
Sai Kung	-	986	289	1 275	67	927	102	1 096
Kowloon City	-	2 087	90	2 177	-	4 466	43	4 509
Sham Shui Po	-	1 052	314	1 366	-	3 868	194	4 062
Yau Tsim Mong	-	871	239	1 110	89	2 627	135	2 851
Sha Tin	-	1 273	54	1 327	50	2 372	36	2 458
Tai Po	-	1 298	-	1 298	-	2 244	-	2 244
North	-	1 217	299	1 516	90	2 277	-	2 367
Yuen Long	-	1 614	66	1 680	60	3 724	30	3 814
Tsuen Wan	-	1 409	388	1 797	-	2 146	41	2 187
Kwai Tsing	-	2 619	345	2 964	-	3 778	177	3 955
Tuen Mun	-	1 413	243	1 656	57	2 837	-	2 894
Total	**67**	**23 144**	**3 609**	**26 820**	**492**	**44 591**	**1 469**	**46 552**

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

[Note 2] Subsidised NH places are provided in subvented NHs, contract homes and self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS).

[Note 3] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in the EBPS.

Annex 2

Number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2016-17

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places	C&A places [Note 3]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	788	189	977	21	1 735	107	1 863
Eastern	-	761	134	895	-	3 821	97	3 918
Wan Chai	-	522	50	572	-	781	97	878
Southern	-	1 933	-	1 933	78	1 849	91	2 018
Islands	67	323	67	457	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	1 793	421	2 214	-	2 700	152	2 852
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 248	464	1 712	-	2 093	133	2 226
Sai Kung	-	993	289	1 282	-	962	81	1 043
Kowloon City	-	2 110	90	2 200	-	4 631	43	4 674
Sham Shui Po	-	1 044	446	1 490	39	3 780	207	4 026
Yau Tsim Mong	-	871	239	1 110	57	2 628	179	2 864
Sha Tin	-	1 294	54	1 348	50	2 337	36	2 423
Tai Po	-	1 312	-	1 312	-	2 413	-	2 413
North	-	1 225	299	1 524	90	2 271	-	2 361
Yuen Long	-	1 616	66	1 682	60	3 714	30	3 804
Tsuen Wan	-	1 403	388	1 791	-	2 154	41	2 195
Kwai Tsing	-	2 614	346	2 960	-	3 781	177	3 958
Tuen Mun	-	1 413	264	1 677	50	2 803	-	2 853
Total	**67**	**23 263**	**3 806**	**27 136**	**445**	**44 910**	**1 509**	**46 864**

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

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

[Note 3] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in the EBPS.

Annex 3

Number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2017-18

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places	C&A places [Note 3]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	788	189	977	21	1 698	107	1 826
Eastern	-	759	134	893	-	3 826	97	3 923
Wan Chai	-	522	50	572	-	773	129	902
Southern	-	1 950	-	1 950	64	1 895	91	2 050
Islands	67	293	67	427	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	1 795	422	2 217	-	2 748	152	2 900
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 248	468	1 716	-	2 064	141	2 205
Sai Kung	-	997	287	1 284	-	910	83	993
Kowloon City	-	2 092	99	2 191	-	4 524	34	4 558
Sham Shui Po	-	1 054	446	1 500	39	3 945	207	4 191
Yau Tsim Mong	-	856	241	1 097	57	2 577	178	2 812
Sha Tin	-	1 326	108	1 434	50	2 171	72	2 293
Tai Po	-	1 312	-	1 312	-	2 370	-	2 370
North	-	1 226	299	1 525	90	2 259	-	2 349
Yuen Long	-	1 615	67	1 682	60	3 700	29	3 789
Tsuen Wan	-	1 578	475	2 053	-	2 125	59	2 184
Kwai Tsing	-	2 516	346	2 862	-	3 783	177	3 960
Tuen Mun	-	1 404	264	1 668	58	3 279	-	3 337
Total	**67**	**23 331**	**3 962**	**27 360**	**439**	**45 104**	**1 594**	**47 137**

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

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

[Note 3] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in the EBPS.

Annex 4

Number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2018-19

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places	C&A places [Note 3]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	788	191	979	21	1 722	105	1 848
Eastern	-	759	135	894	-	4 144	96	4240
Wan Chai	-	522	50	572	-	744	148	892
Southern	-	1 953	-	1 953	74	1 885	91	2 050
Islands	67	293	67	427	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	1 787	422	2 209	-	2 758	152	2 910
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 248	468	1 716	-	2 064	141	2 205
Sai Kung	-	1 000	282	1 282	-	901	88	989
Kowloon City	-	2 092	99	2 191	-	4 512	34	4 546
Sham Shui Po	-	1 068	501	1 569	39	3 934	242	4 215
Yau Tsim Mong	-	852	242	1 094	57	2 754	177	2 988
Sha Tin	-	1 343	108	1 451	70	1 952	72	2 094
Tai Po	-	1 322	-	1 322		2 370	-	2 370
North	-	1 229	299	1 528	90	2 259	-	2 349
Yuen Long	-	1 615	67	1 682	60	4 033	29	4 122
Tsuen Wan	-	1 559	474	2 033	-	1 841	59	1 900
Kwai Tsing	-	2 517	347	2 864	-	3 806	176	3 982
Tuen Mun	-	1 427	264	1 691	57	3 210	-	3 267
Total	**67**	**23 374**	**4 016**	**27 457**	**468**	**45 346**	**1 648**	**47 462**

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

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

[Note 3] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in the EBPS.

Annex 5

Number of subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly in the 18 districts in 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

District	Subsidised places				Non-subsidised places			
	H/A places	C&A places [Note 1]	NH places [Note 2]	District total	H/A places	C&A places [Note 3]	NH places	District total
Central & Western	-	864	191	1 055	21	1 646	105	1 772
Eastern	-	779	135	914	-	4 239	96	4 335
Wan Chai	-	563	50	613	-	866	148	1 014
Southern	-	1 980	-	1 980	74	1 788	91	1 953
Islands	67	293	67	427	-	457	38	495
Kwun Tong	-	1 818	494	2 312	-	2 746	170	2 916
Wong Tai Sin	-	1 283	468	1 751	-	2 018	141	2 159
Sai Kung	-	1 001	281	1 282	-	901	89	990
Kowloon City	-	2 234	99	2 333	-	4 496	34	4 530
Sham Shui Po	-	1 098	501	1 599	39	4 296	242	4 577
Yau Tsim Mong	-	898	242	1 140	57	2 785	177	3 019
Sha Tin	-	1 356	109	1 465	70	2 302	71	2 443
Tai Po	-	1 445	-	1 445	-	2 127	-	2 127
North	-	1 242	299	1 541	90	2 246	-	2 336
Yuen Long	-	1 668	67	1 735	60	3 981	29	4 070
Tsuen Wan	-	1 574	474	2 048	-	1 700	59	1 759
Kwai Tsing	-	2 613	347	2 960	-	3 624	176	3 800
Tuen Mun	-	1 579	264	1 843	57	3 009	-	3 066
Total	**67**	**24 288**	**4 088**	**28 443**	**468**	**45 227**	**1 666**	**47 361**

[Note 1] Subsidised C&A places are provided in subvented C&A homes, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

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

[Note 3] Non-subsidised C&A places include non-subsidised places provided by homes operated by NGOs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the EBPS, and the maximum number of places as permitted under licence provided by private RCHEs not participating in the EBPS.

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LWB(WW)682

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6197)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of vacant places and utilisation rate of non-subsidised residential care services for persons with disabilities, broken down by type of non-subsidised residential care places, in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

The number of non-subsidised places in residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) from 2015-16 to 2019-20, with a breakdown by care level of the residents is set out in Annex. As RCHDs are not required to report the number of vacant non-subsidised places to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on a regular basis, SWD is not able to provide the figures on the number of vacant places and utilisation rate.

Annex

Number of non-subsidised RCHD places broken down by care level of the residents from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of non-subsidised places [Note]					
	Self-financing homes			Private homes		
	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level
2015-16	10	248	166	399	3 008	18
2016-17	10	246	155	336	2 992	18
2017-18	48	251	148	336	3 086	18
2018-19	48	271	148	336	2 948	18
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	69	271	148	312	2 725	18

[Note] Excluding subsidised places provided under the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6199)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please advise as to:

1) the number of recipients aged 0 to 17 living in public housing, non-subsidised homes, subsidised homes and private housing in each of the 18 District Council (DC) districts and their percentages of the total;

2) the number of recipients aged 18 to 59 living in public housing, non-subsidised homes, subsidised homes, private housing and other types of accommodation in each of the 18 DC districts and their percentages of the total;

3) the number of recipients aged 60 to 64 living in public housing, non-subsidised homes, subsidised homes, private housing and other types of accommodation in each of the 18 DC districts and their percentages of the total; and

4) the number of recipients aged over 65 living in public housing, non-subsidised homes, subsidised homes, private housing and other types of accommodation in each of the 18 DC districts and their percentages of the total.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

As at end-December 2019, there were 127 550 and 32 889 CSSA cases living in public housing and private housing respectively. In addition, the number of CSSA recipients living in residential care homes with a breakdown by age group and type of homes is provided as follows:

Number of recipients [Note]			
Subsidised homes		Non-subsidised homes	
Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
9 245	16 896	3 998	23 782

[Note] The above figures include the number of recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6200)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As stipulated by the Government, children under the age of 18 cannot apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) on an individual basis. To be eligible for CSSA, they must be living with a guardian. Would the Government please provide the number of CSSA new applications and renewal cases in which children under the age of 18 with both parents being non-permanent residents of Hong Kong (HK) receive CSSA on such a basis, with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) acting as the appointee?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 5 years is provided in the table below:

Year (as at end-December of each year)	Number of recipients
2015	358
2016	331
2017	330
2018	298
2019	303

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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LWB(WW)685

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6202)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please advise:

1. the number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients in various districts (with a breakdown by the 18 District Council districts) and the age distribution (in ten-year bands) in each of the past 3 years;
2. the number of Normal OALA recipients living in the community, non-subsidised residential care homes and subsidised residential care homes, and their percentages of the total number of recipients;
3. the number of Higher OALA recipients living in the community, non-subsidised residential care homes and subsidised residential care homes, and their percentages of the total number of recipients.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by district is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. OALA applicants must be aged 65 or above. The number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients with a breakdown by age group is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

2. & 3. The number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients living in the community, non-subsidised residential care homes and subsidised residential care homes, and their percentages of the total number of recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of OALA [Note] recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by district

District	2017-18 OALA	2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
		Normal OALA	Higher OALA	Normal OALA	Higher OALA
Central & Western	7 940	1 234	7 745	1 126	7 929
Eastern	37 982	4 681	37 233	4 286	38 314
Islands	7 022	723	7 408	686	8 052
Kowloon City	23 257	2 618	22 968	2 376	23 846
Kwai Tsing	47 634	4 484	48 256	4 174	50 330
Kwun Tong	62 039	5 543	63 613	5 104	66 606
North	18 275	2 189	18 570	1 988	19 984
Sai Kung	25 214	2 829	25 463	2 673	26 898
Sha Tin	47 930	5 640	48 852	5 446	51 649
Sham Shui Po	27 019	2 689	27 482	2 566	29 115
Southern	18 832	2 017	18 740	1 867	19 267
Tai Po	18 515	2 193	18 991	2 027	20 394
Tsuen Wan	18 035	1 947	18 279	1 825	18 939
Tuen Mun	34 855	3 742	36 048	3 713	38 664
Wan Chai	3 933	651	3 887	580	3 947
Wong Tai Sin	41 447	4 073	41 448	3 716	42 819
Yau Tsim Mong	13 550	1 976	13 126	1 788	13 562
Yuen Long	30 121	3 148	31 368	2 971	33 572
Total	**483 600**	**52 377**	**489 477**	**48 912**	**513 887**

[Note] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon the implementation of the Higher OALA in June 2018.

Table 2: Number of OALA [Note] recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by age group

Age group	2017-18 OALA	2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
		Normal OALA	Higher OALA	Normal OALA	Higher OALA
65 to 74	258 204	29 946	260 923	28 928	275 552
75 to 84	154 357	15 358	150 892	13 500	156 572
85 to 94	66 067	6 696	71 420	6 184	74 786
95 or above	5 172	434	6 397	362	7 130
Total	**483 800**	**52 434**	**489 632**	**48 974**	**514 040**

[Note] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon the implementation of the Higher OALA in June 2018.

Table 3: Number of OALA [Note 1] recipients living in the community, non-subsidised residential care homes and subsidised residential care homes, and their percentages of the total number of recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients (Percentage (%) of the total number of recipients)		
	Living in the community	Living in non-subsidised residential care homes [Note 2]	Living in subsidised residential care homes [Note 2]
2017-18	474 102 (98.0%)	4 232 (0.9%)	5 466 (1.1%)

Year	Number of recipients (Percentage (%) of the total number of recipients)					
	Normal OALA			Higher OALA		
	Living in the community	Living in non-subsidised residential care homes [Note 2]	Living in subsidised residential care homes [Note 2]	Living in the community	Living in non-subsidised residential care homes [Note 2]	Living in subsidised residential care homes [Note 2]
2018-19	51 531 (98.3%)	506 (1.0%)	397 (0.8%)	477 949 (97.6%)	5 495 (1.1%)	6 188 (1.3%)
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	48 264 (98.6%)	363 (0.7%)	347 (0.7%)	501 851 (97.6%)	5 761 (1.1%)	6 428 (1.3%)

[Note 1] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon the implementation of the Higher OALA in June 2018.

[Note 2] The above figures include the number of recipients living in residential care homes for the elderly and those living in residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

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LWB(WW)686

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6203)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), please advise this Committee:

1) the number of able-bodied adult Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients aged 55 to 59 who were required to participate in the IEAPS in the past 5 years;

2) the number of able-bodied CSSA recipients (excluding family carers) aged 55 to 59 with a breakdown by the number of working hours (0 hours, above 0 hours to 120 hours, and above 120 hours) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) Under the CSSA Scheme, all able-bodied recipients aged 55 to 59 are required to participate in the IEAPS. As individual IEAPS participants may leave or re-join the programme owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), the Social Welfare Department does not maintain the number of IEAPS participants and a breakdown by age and financial year.

2) Based on information on CSSA, the number of able-bodied CSSA recipients (excluding family carers) aged 55 to 59 with a breakdown by the number of working hours from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is as follows:

Year	Number of able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 55 to 59		
	0 hours	Above 0 hours to below 120 hours	120 hours or above
2015-16	2 243	2 098	1 137
2016-17	1 980	1 901	967
2017-18	1 848	1 802	867
2018-19	1 651	1 723	739
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	1 613	1 646	671

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6204)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Among able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applicants/ recipients who are aged 15 to 59 and considered employable, what is the number of them having secured employment, sustained employment for half a year or above and those who have left the CSSA net after having secured employment, and their percentage in employable recipients of their age group in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age group?

Case nature	Number of recipients having secured employment (Percentage)				
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Aged 15 to 19					
Aged 20 to 29					
Aged 30 to 39					
Aged 40 to 49					
Aged 50 to 59					

Case nature	Number of recipients having sustained employment for half a year or above (Percentage)				
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Aged 15 to 19					
Aged 20 to 29					
Aged 30 to 39					
Aged 40 to 49					
Aged 50 to 59					

Case nature	Number of recipients who have left the CSSA net after having secured employment (Percentage)				
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Aged 15 to 19					
Aged 20 to 29					
Aged 30 to 39					
Aged 40 to 49					
Aged 50 to 59					

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of employable able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 with a breakdown by age group is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Annex

Number of employable able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59 from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by age

Age group	Year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Aged 15 to 19	796	673	538	533	508
Aged 20 to 29	2 107	1 893	1 555	1 365	1 390
Aged 30 to 39	3 014	2 553	2 266	1 979	1 855
Aged 40 to 49	8 353	7 347	6 616	6 009	5 661
Aged 50 to 59	10 643	9 428	8 422	7 625	7 260
Total	**24 913**	**21 894**	**19 397**	**17 511**	**16 674**

Employable recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent). Not all of them have received CSSA all along while being employable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6205)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the number of cases under the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers) and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers).

(A) Overall figures

Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Number of invitation letters issued			
Number of applications received			
Application results			
Number of eligible cases			
Cases in which carers are living with persons under care			
Cases in which carers are not living with persons under care			
Number of ineligible cases			
Cases having withdrawn from the pilot scheme			
Cases having received the allowance previously			
Current cases receiving the allowance			
Number of invitation letters issued			

(B)

Age and gender of carers previously eligible for the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers	Phase I		Phase II		Phase III	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below						
Aged 19 to 29						
Aged 30 to 39						
Aged 40 to 49						
Aged 50 to 59						
Aged 60 to 69						

Aged 70 or above						

(C)

Age and gender of carers currently eligible for the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers	Phase I		Phase II		Phase III	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below						
Aged 19 to 29						
Aged 30 to 39						
Aged 40 to 49						
Aged 50 to 59						
Aged 60 to 69						
Aged 70 or above						

(D)

The Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Number of invitation letters issued			
Number of applications received			
Application results			
Number of eligible cases			
Cases in which carers are living with persons under care			
Cases in which carers are not living with persons under care			
Number of ineligible cases			
Cases having withdrawn from the pilot scheme			
Cases having received allowance previously			
Current cases receiving allowance			
Number of invitation letters issued			

(E)

Age and gender of carers previously eligible for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers	Phase II		Phase III		Phase IV	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below						
Aged 19 to 29						
Aged 30 to 39						
Aged 40 to 49						
Aged 50 to 59						
Aged 60 to 69						
Aged 70 or above						

(F)

Age and gender of carers currently eligible for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers	Phase II		Phase III		Phase IV	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below						
Aged 19 to 29						
Aged 30 to 39						
Aged 40 to 49						
Aged 50 to 59						
Aged 60 to 69						
Aged 70 or above						

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 73)

Reply:

As at end-December 2019, the overall figures for the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers and the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the age and gender distribution of PwD carers/elderly carers are set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

Annex 1

(a) Overall figures for the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers as at end-December 2019

	Phase I	Phase II
Number of invitation letters issued	14 740	13 070
Number of applications received	1 934	1 069
Number of eligible cases having received the allowance	1 528	783
Cases in which carers are living with persons under care	1 504	762
Cases in which carers are not living with persons under care	24	21
Number of ineligible cases	329	226
Cases having withdrawn from the pilot scheme	366	80
Current cases receiving the allowance	1865	

(b) Age and gender of carers who are eligible for and have received the allowance under the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers as at end-December 2019

Age of carers	Phase I		Phase II	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below	1	1	-	-
Aged 19 to 29	7	33	12	42
Aged 30 to 39	41	298	35	183
Aged 40 to 49	66	294	47	131
Aged 50 to 59	77	339	48	152
Aged 60 to 69	68	244	40	78
Aged 70 or above	20	39	6	9

(c) Age and gender of carers who are eligible for the allowance under the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers as at end-December 2019

Age of carers	Phase I		Phase II	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below	1	-	-	-
Aged 19 to 29	5	21	10	41
Aged 30 to 39	35	249	26	173
Aged 40 to 49	52	250	45	124
Aged 50 to 59	53	268	41	134
Aged 60 to 69	33	150	34	64
Aged 70 or above	15	30	4	7

Annex 2

(a) Overall figures for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers as at end-December 2019

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Number of invitation letters issued	20 383	29 213	31 209
Number of applications received	2 928	2 917	2 330
Number of eligible cases having received the allowance	2 001	1 968	1 740
Cases in which carers are living with persons under care	1 712	1 705	1 445
Cases in which carers are not living with persons under care	289	263	295
Number of ineligible cases	803	662	409
Cases having withdrawn from the pilot scheme	1 594	1 266	399
Current cases receiving allowance	2 450		

(b) Age and gender of elderly carers who are eligible for and have received the allowance under the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers as at end-December 2019

Age of elderly carers	Phase I		Phase II		Phase III	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below	1	-	-	3	-	1
Aged 19 to 29	7	7	14	21	13	13
Aged 30 to 39	30	73	33	59	31	51
Aged 40 to 49	135	215	156	212	122	181
Aged 50 to 59	228	476	230	420	211	432
Aged 60 to 69	142	452	137	438	127	371
Aged 70 or above	73	162	96	149	62	125

(c) Age and gender of elderly carers who are eligible for the allowance under the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers as at end-December 2019

Age of elderly carers	Phase I		Phase II		Phase III	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Aged 18 or below	-	-	-	-	-	1
Aged 19 to 29	-	-	3	5	11	10
Aged 30 to 39	4	18	14	19	24	40
Aged 40 to 49	33	41	66	72	95	145
Aged 50 to 59	54	104	86	159	175	342
Aged 60 to 69	20	78	40	155	89	267
Aged 70 or above	17	38	33	50	45	97

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6215)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the district of residence and age group (in ten-year bands from age 60) of persons waiting for different types of subsidised residential care services for elderly persons, their number and gender, and the number of persons having refused the offered places (their waiting time in years and reasons for refusal included), with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district.

2. Please set out the age group (in ten-year bands from age 60) of the current service users in various district, their average waiting time and the cost per service user, with a breakdown by DC district.

3. Further to the above, please set out the costs of setting up new service units in the past 3 years (please set out spending on construction, fitting-out, procurement of supplies and other items respectively).

4. Please set out the number of persons who applied for a freeze on allocation to service and the detailed distribution of planned service places, with a breakdown by DC district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 83)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at end-December 2019, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care services for the elderly with a breakdown by age group and gender is set out in Annex 1.

   Elderly persons are not required to regularly update their personal particulars, including their residential addresses, while waiting for subsidised residential care services. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) could not provide the breakdown of the elderly persons concerned by district of residence.

   In 2019, there were 2 110 and 223 elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care services for the elderly who refused the service allocation of care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places. SWD does not have information on their waiting time in years and their reasons for refusal.

2. SWD does not have information on the average waiting time and the per capita cost of the current service users of subsidised residential care services for the elderly with a breakdown by district and age group.

3. The construction cost of the contract homes having commenced services from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in Annex 2.

4. To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be equally suitable for either residential care services (RCS) or community care services (CCS) (the so-called "dual option" cases) or those solely suitable for RCS will be given the choice of CCS if they wish to stay at home. Upon admission to CCS, their applications for RCS will be treated as "inactive" and will not be called for admission to service. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS when vacancies arise according to their original application dates subject to valid assessment results. As at end-December 2019, the number of elderly persons treated as "inactive" cases was 16 237. As SWD is not required to update the personal particulars of elderly persons of "inactive" cases, the breakdown of such elderly persons by their district of residence is unavailable.

   SWD has reserved sites in 38 development projects to build new contract homes, with about 7 100 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) expected to come on stream starting from 2019-20. The information of the projects concerned is set out in Annex 3.

Annex 1

Number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care services for the elderly by age group and gender

As at end-December 2019, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care services for the elderly by age group and gender is provided as follows:

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 772	1 296	**3 068**
70 to 79	3 649	3 622	**7 271**
80 to 89	6 451	10 167	**16 618**
90 or above	2 149	4 737	**6 886**
Total	**14 021**	**19 822**	**33 843**

As at end-December 2019, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised nursing home places by age group and gender is provided as follows:

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	445	345	**790**
70 to 79	674	699	**1 373**
80 to 89	1 025	2 096	**3 121**
90 or above	379	1 505	**1 884**
Total	**2 523**	**4 645**	**7 168**

Annex 2

Construction cost of contract homes having commenced services from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)

Year of service commencement	Name of contract home	Construction cost [Note 1] ($ million)
2017-18	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly [Note 2]	59.69
	Grand Residence	49.30
2018-19	Alpine Nursing Home	58.78
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	Evergreen (On Tai) Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre [Note 2]	96.97

[Note 1] Construction cost includes building cost, renovation cost and procurement cost for furniture and equipment. The amount will be subject to various factors such as the nature of individual development projects, the area of contract homes, and the number of subsidised residential care places.

[Note 2] The construction cost includes that of day care units for the elderly.

Annex 3

Sites reserved for construction of new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)

District	Sites reserved for construction of new contract homes	Estimated number of additional C&A places providing a continuum of care and NH places [Note]
Eastern	Joint User Complex at Lei King Road	200
	Joint User Complex at Siu Sai Wan Road, Siu Sai Wan	100
Islands	Public housing development at Tung Chung Area 56	100
Kwun Tong	On Tai Estate Ancillary Facilities Block, Kwun Tong	100
	Public housing development at Wang Chiu Road, Kwun Tong	100
	Public housing development at Hiu Ming Street, Kwun Tong	100
	Public housing development at Yan Wing Street (Lei Yue Mun Estate Phase 4), Kwun Tong	250
	Public housing development at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong	250
Sai Kung	Conversion of Ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School	100
	Public housing development at Pak Shing Kok Road, Tseung Kwan O (the site to the east of Hong Kong Movie City)	150
Kowloon City	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 1F Site 1, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects)	200 200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 1, Kowloon City	200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 2, Kowloon City	200
	Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4B Site 5, Kowloon City	200
	Private developments in land sale sites at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 4, Area 2A Site 5(B) & Area 2A Site 10, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects)	150 150
Sham Shui Po	Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 6	100
	Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 1	100
Sha Tin	Public housing development at Shek Mun Estate Phase II, Sha Tin	150
	Public housing development at Sha Tin Areas 16 & 58D, Fo Tan	100
	Public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan (Yan On Estate Extension)	100
Tai Po	Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School site, Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po	130
	Public housing development at Chung Nga Road East and Tai Po Area 9	100
	Private residential development in a land sale site at the junction of Yau King Lane and Pok Yin Road, Pak Shek Kok, Tai Po	100
	Private residential development at Sai Sha, Shap Sze Heung, Tai Po	100
North	Public housing development at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui	100
	Public housing development at Queen's Hill, Fanling	150
	Mixed housing development programme at Pak Wo Road,	150

District	Sites reserved for construction of new contract homes	Estimated number of additional C&A places providing a continuum of care and NH places [Note]
	Fanling	
	Kwu Tung North New Development Area 29 Multi-welfare Services Complex	1 750
	Public housing development at Site 1, Areas 4 & 30, Sheung Shui	100
	Subsidised housing development at Jockey Club Road, Fanling	100
Yuen Long	Private residential development at MTRCL West Rail (Long Ping North), Yuen Long	125
Tuen Mun	Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School site, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun	100
	Private residential development at ex-Kwong Choi Market, Tuen Mun	100
	Public housing development at Tuen Mun Area 29 West	100
	Public housing development at Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun	150
	Re-devlopment of Tuen Mun Clinic	200
Kwai Tsing	Public housing development at ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters	100
	Public housing development at Ching Hong Road North, Tsing Yi	150
Total	**38**	**7 105**

[Note] Including both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6216)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the number of places for various types of Emergency Placement for the elderly in various districts in the past 5 years, and the per capita cost.
2. Please set out the number of applicants and the headcount of service users in various districts in each quarter.
3. Please set out the district of residence, age group (in 10-year bands from the age of 60), number and gender distribution of the service users.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 85)

Reply:

At present, emergency placement for the elderly is provided in some subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and nursing homes (NHs). The number of places for emergency placement service by district and the overall service utilisation from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the per capita cost, the number of applicants by district in each quarter, or the number of service users by district of residence, age group and gender.

Annex

Number of places for emergency placement by district and the service utilisation from 2015-16 to 2019-20

District	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Subvented RCHEs [Note]	Subvented NHs [Note]	Subvented RCHEs [Note]	Subvented NHs [Note]	Subvented RCHEs [Note]	Subvented NHs [Note]	Subvented RCHEs [Note]	Subvented NHs [Note]	Subvented RCHEs [Note]	Subvented NHs [Note]
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern	8	-	8	-	8	-	8	-	8	-
Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wan Chai	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
Kwun Tong	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2
Wong Tai Sin	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2
Sai Kung	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Kowloon City	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
Sha Tin	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-
Tai Po	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
North	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Yuen Long	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-
Tsuen Wan	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Kwai Tsing	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	6	-
Tuen Mun	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2
Total	**53**	**12**	**53**	**12**	**53**	**12**	**53**	**12**	**53**	**12**

[Note] The number of cases/persons served under emergency placement in subvented RCHEs and NHs in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is 352, 313, 396, 285 and 244 respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of cases/persons served in various districts in each quarter.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6217)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of various residential respite services for the elderly in the past 3 years, please advise the following with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district:

1. number of service places;
2. per capita cost;
3. number of applicants in various districts in each quarter;
4. headcount of service users in various districts in each quarter;
5. number of persons on the waiting list in various districts in each quarter; and
6. district of residence, age group (in 10-year bands from the age of 60), number and gender of the service users.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 87)

Reply:

Currently, some subvented and contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) provide designated residential respite service. In addition, since February 2018, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has introduced a special measure to purchase additional residential places from private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) to provide designated residential respite service for the elderly, and the special measure has been regularised since October 2019. The number of designated residential respite places by district and the overall service volume from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) are set out in the Annex.

The overall service volume of casual vacancies of the subsidised places for respite service from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in the table below. SWD does not have the breakdown by district in each quarter.

	No. of cases/persons served		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Subvented/Contract RCHEs	250	237	164
Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS	584	448	326

SWD does not have information on the per capita cost, the number of applicants and persons waitlisted in various districts in each quarter, and the number of service users with a breakdown by district of residence, age group, and gender.

Annex

Number of designated residential respite places by district and service volume 2017-18 to 2019-20

District	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
	Subvented/ contract RCHEs [Note 1]	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS [Note 2]	Subvented/ contract RCHEs [Note 1]	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS [Note 2]	Subvented/ contract RCHEs [Note 1]	Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS [Note 2]
Central & Western	1	22	3	22	3	22
Southern	4	12	4	14	4	14
Islands	1	-	1	-	1	-
Eastern	2	17	3	20	3	20
Wan Chai	1	2	1	4	1	6
Kwun Tong	4	13	4	13	5	14
Wong Tai Sin	5	6	5	6	5	8
Sai Kung	3	-	3	-	3	-
Kowloon City	2	40	2	40	2	40
Yau Tsim Mong	2	24	3	24	3	22
Sham Shui Po	4	16	5	16	6	18
Sha Tin	4	-	4	-	5	-
Tai Po	2	4	2	4	2	10
North	2	12	2	12	2	12
Yuen Long	3	32	3	32	3	32
Tsuen Wan	4	16	4	18	4	18
Kwai Tsing	3	26	4	26	4	26
Tuen Mun	1	14	1	14	1	22
Total	**48**	**256**	**54**	**265**	**57**	**284**

[Note 1] The number of cases/service users of designated residential respite places in subvented RCHEs and contract RCHEs in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is 507, 636 and 516 respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of cases/service users in various districts in each quarter.

[Note 2] Provision of designated places for respite service by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS commenced in February 2018. The number of cases/service users in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is 238, 1 576 and 1 586 respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of cases/service users in various districts in each quarter.

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LWB(WW)692

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6218)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In respect of various day respite services for the elderly in the past 5 years, please advise the following with a breakdown by District Council district:

1. number of places;
2. per capita cost;
3. number of applicants in various districts in each quarter;
4. headcount of service users in various districts in each quarter;
5. number of persons on the waiting list in various districts in each quarter; and
6. district of residence, age group (in 10-year bands from the age of 60), number and gender of the service users.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 89)

Reply:

The number of designated day respite places provided in day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in various districts from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) is set out in the Annex. During the same period, the service admissions were 23 764, 26 414 and 21 463 respectively. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on service places and service admissions in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

SWD does not have information on the per capita cost for day respite service, and the number of applicants, the number of persons waitlisted, the district of residence, age and gender of service users by district in each quarter.

Annex

Number of designated day respite places in DEs/DCUs by district
2017-18 to 2019-20

District	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	13	13	13
Eastern	3	3	3
Wan Chai	3	3	3
Southern	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	26	26	26
Kwun Tong	33	33	36
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	6
Sai Kung	13	13	13
Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5
Sha Tin	20	20	20
Tai Po	2	2	2
Yuen Long	4	4	10
Tuen Mun	8	10	15
Tsuen Wan	18	18	18
Kwai Tsing	12	12	12
Kowloon City	-	-	-
North	-	-	-
Total	**170**	**172**	**186**

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LWB(WW)693

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6219)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the number of participants of the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Scheme) in the past 5 years, and the per capita cost.
2. Please set out the district of residence, age group (in 10-year bands from the age of 60), number and gender of the applicants in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 92)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Scheme was launched in June 2014, and has been regularised since January 2020 to continue to subsidise existing participants and provide an alternative for elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised care-and-attention places. As at end-December 2019, 219 elderly persons had chosen to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights in Shenzhen and 32 in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly in Zhaoqing. While the Government has earmarked funding to provide a total of 400 residential places under the Scheme, the actual number of places purchased and the expenditure involved each year will depend on the number of participants in the Scheme. As the basic charge, admission quota and the time of admission of the aforesaid homes may vary, the information on the per capita cost of the Scheme could not be provided.
2. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the district of residence of the applicants of the Scheme. The age group and the gender of the cumulative 251 elderly persons admitted to the aforesaid homes at the point of admission are provided as follows:

Age group of elderly persons	Gender	
	Male	Female
60 to 69	16	5
70 to 79	26	24
80 to 89	60	70
90 to 99	15	34
100 to 109	-	1
Total	117	134

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6220)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the number of service places in infirmary units in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in the past 5 years with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district; and the average waiting time and the cost per person.
2. Please set out with a breakdown by DC district and age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 60 onward), the number and gender of people already receiving service.
3. Please set out the number of persons refusing service, the length of their waiting time and reasons for refusal in the past 5 years with a breakdown by DC district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Attached to some subvented RCHEs, infirmary units aim at allowing frail elderly persons who are assessed to be chronically ill or disabled to remain in their existing homes for care services while waiting for infirmary service. The number of service places under infirmary units in subvented RCHEs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, applicants for infirmary units were not required to wait for the service if they had not made specific requests for admission to a designated home. As the number of places under infirmary units in each home and the time slots for residents to receive the service may vary, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the per capita cost.
2. The number of elderly persons admitted to infirmary units from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by gender is provided as follows:

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	
Gender	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
No. of persons	3	13	6	15	4	18	10	25	5	19

SWD does not have the number of elderly persons admitted to infirmary units and their age group with a breakdown by district.

3. As no applicants for infirmary units refused the service from 2015-16 to 2019-20, the information on the number of persons refusing the service, the waiting time (in years) and reasons for refusal are unavailable.

Annex

Number of service places under infirmary units (by DC district)

District	Service places				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Eastern	-	-	-	-	-
Wan Chai	40	40	40	40	40
Central & Western	-	-	-	-	-
Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Southern	140	140	140	131	131
Sham Shui Po	-	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City	40	40	40	40	40
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	80	80	80	80	80
Sai Kung	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	20	20	20	11	11
Sha Tin	20	20	20	20	20
Tai Po	60	60	60	57	57
North	40	40	40	40	40
Yuen Long	40	40	40	40	40
Tuen Mun	60	60	60	60	60
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	40	40	40	40	40
Total	**580**	**580**	**580**	**559**	**559**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6221)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number and age distribution of the participants of the Pilot Scheme on Training for Foreign Domestic Helpers (FDHs) on Elderly Care (Pilot Scheme) since its implementation, and the per capita cost.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the Department of Health (DH) and 6 District Elderly Community Centres, has implemented the eighteen-month Pilot Scheme since March 2018 with $1.78 million funding from the Lotteries Fund (LF) with a view to strengthening the training of FDHs in basic knowledge and skills in taking care of frail elderly persons, so as to support ageing in place. The Pilot Scheme targets hired FDHs who are/will be taking care of elderly persons and provides a total of 300 free training places. The training courses will be conducted by nurses, dietitians, physiotherapists and occupational therapists of DH. The co-ordination work in the implementation of the Pilot Scheme will be taken up by existing staff of SWD and DH.

The training courses under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme commenced in June 2018 and all courses were completed in May 2019. 344 trainees have completed all core courses under the Pilot Scheme. In view of the positive feedback, SWD received additional funding of about $5.44 million from the LF in July 2019 to extend the Pilot Scheme to December 2020, providing an additional 950 training places in total. As at end-December 2019, a total of 325 trainees had been recruited under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, among them, 207 FDHs had completed all core courses. The number of FDHs having completed all core courses under the two phases by their age distribution is provided as follows:

Age	No. of FDHs	
	Phase 1	Phase 2
24 or below	19	10
25 to 34	103	54
35 to 44	171	110
45 or above	51	33
Total	344	207

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6222)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. the estimated and actual number of additional places for day care centres for the elderly (DEs) by District Council (DC) district, and the cost per service user over the past 5 years;
2. the district of residence and the age group (in ten-year bands from age 60 onward) of waitlisted persons by DC district over the past 5 years;
3. the number of service users by DC district over the past 5 years; and
4. the number of new applicants by DC district over the past 5 years, and the distribution.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government has increased 402 day care places for the elderly as expected in the following districts from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019):

Year	District (additional places)
2015-16	Eastern (30 places) Wan Chai (28 places)
2016-17	Eastern (10 places) Wan Chai (10 places)
2017-18	Sha Tin (5 places) Tsuen Wan (70 places) Kwai Tsing (68 places)
2018-19	Tuen Mun (38 places)
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	Kwun Tong (20 places) Yuen Long (63 places) Tuen Mun (60 places)

The average cost per case per month for DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) is provided as follows:

Year	Average cost per case per month ($)
2015-16 (Actual)	8,380
2016-17 (Actual)	8,755
2017-18 (Actual)	9,109
2018-19 (Actual)	9,942
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	10,730

2. The number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	No. of persons waitlisted
2015-16	2 885
2016-17	3 338
2017-18	3 568
2018-19	4 370
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	4 612

The aforesaid number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the persons waitlisted by DC district, district of residence and age group.

3. The number of services users of DEs/DCUs in the whole year with a breakdown by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

4. The number of new applications for DEs/DCUs from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No. of new applicants	3 738	4 031	4 435	4 732	3 553

SWD does not have a breakdown by DC district.

Annex

Geographical distribution of number of service users of DEs/DCUs in the whole year

District/Year	No. of service users in the whole year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	286	281	306	292	278
Eastern	483	546	547	517	497
Wan Chai	164	185	211	196	187
Southern	197	206	216	198	186
Islands	70	79	86	79	76
Kwun Tong	755	773	795	801	790
Wong Tai Sin	553	527	525	551	498
Sai Kung	401	403	439	436	391
Kowloon City	300	287	303	301	286
Sham Shui Po	539	573	579	574	569
Yau Tsim Mong	336	350	303	314	303
Sha Tin	622	614	669	688	607
Tai Po	134	135	141	149	128
North	79	89	108	92	83
Yuen Long	249	235	229	250	289
Tsuen Wan	160	184	269	374	341
Kwai Tsing	371	385	396	487	445
Tuen Mun	248	254	256	265	337
Total	**5 947**	**6 106**	**6 378**	**6 564**	**6 291**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6225)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What was the number of places and service users of hostels for single persons and emergency shelters in the past 5 years, broken down by subvented and self-financing hostels/shelters?
2. What was the number of homeless persons or street sleepers who received support from social workers of the Government or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the past 5 years to help them give up street sleeping?
3. What is the additional number of subvented places in hostels for single persons and emergency shelters in the coming year? Is there any plan to enhance hostels for single persons and emergency shelters apart from increasing the number of places in order to reduce relapse to street sleeping?
4. What was the number of "homeless persons staying in 24-hour fast-food shops" in the past 5 years?
5. Given the greater number of "homeless persons staying in 24-hour fast-food shops" apart from street sleepers in recent years, will the Government provide additional outreach services and manpower to help such individuals? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 101)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places and admissions of emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/ short-term hostels operated with subventions from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or on a self-financing basis in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The places, however, do not include those under the Singleton Hostel Programme launched by the Home Affairs Department to tie in with the introduction of the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447).

2. SWD provides subventions to 3 NGOs for each to operate 1 Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers (IST). The number of cases receiving support from ISTs and that of cases having given up street sleeping after follow-up in the past 5 years are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of the Annex.

3. To address the emergency and short-term accommodation needs of street sleepers, 6 additional places will be provided in 2020-21 in a subvented short-term hostel which is operative in-situ. SWD will keep in view the service need and its supply and demand for service planning.

4. SWD has been maintaining information on street sleepers staying at 24-hour shops (including 24-hour fast food shops) since 2018-19. Relevant data of 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as at the end of December 2019) by district is set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

5. ISTs subvented by SWD provide suitable services for all street sleepers in Hong Kong, including "homeless persons staying in 24-hour fast-food shops". These services include day and late-night outreaching visits and other services such as emergency/short-term hostel placement, employment guidance, personal care, arrangement of long-term accommodation, aftercare service and service referrals, so as to assist them to be self-reliant and re-integrate into the community. To enhance welfare support services for street sleepers, in 2020-21, SWD will allocate additional resources to 3 subvented ISTs and Care and Support Networking Team so as to increase their manpower of social workers, nurses and drivers and the provision for related items.

Annex

Table 1: Number of places and admissions of emergency/ temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels operated with subventions from SWD or on a self-financing basis

Year	Subvented		Self-financing		Total number of places
	Number of places	Number of admissions [Note]	Number of places	Number of admissions [Note]	
2015-16	202	510	421	Not available	**623**
2016-17	222	516	408		**630**
2017-18	222	573	418		**640**
2018-19	222	576	414		**636**
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	222	475	413		**635**

[Note] Service users may have repeated admissions.

Table 2: Number of cases receiving support

Year	Number of cases
2015-16	566
2016-17	635
2017-18	641
2018-19	643
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	513

Table 3: Number of cases having given up street sleeping after follow-up

Year	Number of cases
2015-16	142
2016-17	201
2017-18	212
2018-19	204
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	182

Table 4: Number of street sleepers staying at 24-hour shops by district

District	Number of street sleepers	
	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Hong Kong & Islands	10	22
Kowloon	136	159
New Territories	6	16
Total	**152**	**197**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6230)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Department will "launch an enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) to encourage more young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services." Please provide the implementation date, the number of additional training places, the requirement for trainees to work in the elderly and rehabilitation care services upon graduation, and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide a total of 1 200 training places under the Navigation Scheme in the 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures so as to attract more young persons to enrol and join the Navigation Scheme. SWD will also promote to the public the positive image of working in care services through various channels with a view to encouraging young persons to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services upon graduation. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020, involving a total expenditure of about $266 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6231)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21" that the Department will "adopt an updated assessment tool under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism of Elderly Services for better matching of long-term care services". Please advise on the following:

1. Will the Department conduct public consultation on the update of the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism of Elderly Services in the 18 districts across Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Has the Department finalised the timetable for updating the Standardised Care Need Assessment Tool of Elderly Services. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. Regarding workshops previously organised by the Department for training assessors on the updated assessment tool, what were the number of participants, and the dates and expenditure of the workshops conducted respectively?
4. What are the details of training to be conducted by the Department for assessors on the updated assessment tool in the future?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.:107)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong (Sau Po Centre on Ageing) completed preliminary recommendations on the updating of the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) in early 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Sau Po Centre on Ageing have started consultation on the recommendations since February 2019. Extensive consultation with different stakeholders, including service operators of non-governmental organisations, accredited assessors, frontline social workers, carers organisations and concerned groups, have been carried out through various channels, along with sharing seminars and consultation sessions in different venues. Through the aforesaid consultation,

SWD and the Sau Po Centre on Ageing have collected concerns and views on the updating of the SCNAMES and long-term care services from various stakeholders. The recommendations are currently under review for further enhancement of the SCNAMES. SWD will make timely announcement on the relevant arrangement.

3. & 4. SWD commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing to update the existing assessment tool to interRAI-HC version 9.3. The Sau Po Centre on Ageing has designed a training course and the teaching materials for the new assessment tool, and it has provided bridging courses on the use of the updated assessment tool to serving accredited assessors since 2019. As at end-December 2019, about 1 000 serving accredited assessors had received training, while other untrained serving accredited assessors will receive training in 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6232)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Department will "continue to purchase EA1 places", please advise:

1. the number of additional EA1 places purchased and the expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years;
2. the number of additional EA1 places to be purchased, the schedule and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 109)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of subsidised places provided under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and the expenditure involved are provided in the Annex, while the total number of additional EA1 places was 1 939.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS for 5 consecutive years (1 000 places each year) from 2019-20 onwards to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. SWD has commenced the work to purchase a total of about 2 000 additional places in 2019-20 and 2020-21. About 320 in the first batch of the additional EA1 places bought have commenced service at the end of 2019, while about 1 600 remaining additional places are expected to commence service in 2020-21. The recurrent expenditure involved in the purchase of the additional 5 000 EA1 places is about $810 million.

Annex

Number of subsidised places under the EBPS and the expenditure (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Year	Number of EA1 subsidised places	Number of EA2 subsidised places	Actual expenditure ($ million) [Note 1]
2015-16	4 635	3 413	979.3
2016-17	4 709	3 378	1,019.3
2017-18	5 831	2 178	1,069.3
2018-19	5 814	2 177	1,161.7
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	6 574 [Note 2]	2 285	1,439.8 [Note 3]

[Note 1] Including the expenditure for EA1 and EA2 subsidised places.

[Note 2] There were a total of 1 939 additional EA1 places from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019).

[Note 3] The Revised Estimate for 2019-20.

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LWB(WW)701

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6233)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21", with regard to the pledge to "prepare for the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years", will the Department advise the Committee of the timetable for the purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities, the criteria for the purchase of premises, the officers responsible for the purchase and the owners/companies that hold the premises to be purchased?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 110)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible. A steering committee and subcommittees, comprising representatives from relevant departments, will be set up to conduct pre-purchase study on areas such as exploring the supply of the property market and formulate purchase strategies. Consultation will be made with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Independent Commission Against Corruption in respect of the purchase arrangements and procedures, so as to ensure the proper use of public funds.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6234)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Department will "set up additional day care units for the elderly (DCUs) at selected private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)". Please advise:

1. the schedule and the number of additional service places to be provided at selected private and self-financing RCHEs, and the number of additional service places in various districts;
2. the criteria for selecting eligible private and self-financing RCHEs as DCUs.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

The Bought Place Scheme on Day Care Units for the Elderly aims to set up DCUs at eligible private and self-financing RCHEs through purchase of places from them. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) invited private and self-financing RCHEs to apply for the Scheme in July 2019. Upon vetting details of the RCHEs concerned, such as their operational records and usable floor areas, SWD has purchased places from 7 eligible RCHEs having regard to the supply of services in various districts and the operational needs of the services. A total of 120 day care places for the elderly were purchased, involving a full-year expenditure of about $14 million. The number of service places to be provided by RCHEs participating in the Scheme is set out at the Annex.

The Scheme was originally scheduled to commence in March 2020. In view of the epidemic of COVID-19, the implementation date of the Scheme will be postponed.

Annex

Number of service places provided under the Scheme

District	Name of RCHEs	Number of service places available
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement True Light Home for the Aged	20
Kwun Tong	Shui Jun Nursing Centre (Yau Tong) Company Limited	20
Sai Kung	Pine Villa	20
Tsuen Wan	Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch)	10
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited	10
Kwai Tsing	Shui On Nursing Centre (Kwai Shing E.) Co. Limited	20
Yuen Long	Pine Care Place	20

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LWB(WW)703

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6235)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please set out the average manpower in each rank and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) team by type of manpower and District Council (DC) district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 112)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility to deploy the subvention and arrange suitable staffing, subject to their ensuring service quality and achieving the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The Social Welfare Department does not have the average manpower in each rank and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each IHCS(OC) team operated by NGOs.

The number of cases handled by IHCS(OC) teams with a breakdown by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out at the Annex.

Annex

Number of cases handled by IHCS(OC) teams
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Number of cases handled				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	777	768	758	741	697
Eastern	2 012	2 019	2 016	2 047	1 852
Wan Chai	666	664	597	557	548
Southern	1 407	1 380	1 357	1 281	1 167
Islands	335	337	337	323	299
Kwun Tong	2 509	2 441	2 447	2 270	2 211
Wong Tai Sin	1 934	1 983	1 962	1 981	1 783
Sai Kung	551	560	551	547	554
Kowloon City	1 666	1 713	1 763	1 716	1 587
Yau Tsim Mong	1 228	1 289	1 241	1 220	1 176
Sham Shui Po	2 215	2 337	2 267	2 074	1 919
Sha Tin	1 835	1 859	1 728	1 737	1 650
Tai Po	950	938	892	801	731
North	1 563	1 515	1 637	1 643	1 484
Yuen Long	1 684	1 654	1 602	1 566	1 374
Tuen Mun	1 724	1 632	1 602	1 479	1 299
Tsuen Wan	565	602	593	595	550
Kwai Tsing	1 653	1 668	1 729	1 774	1 675
Total	**25 274**	**25 359**	**25 079**	**24 352**	**22 556**

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LWB(WW)704

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6243)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1) Please provide the number of registered street sleepers, their age (aged below 18, aged 19 to 35, aged 36 to 50, aged 54 to 65 and aged above 65) and the highest level of education they attained (never been in school, primary level, secondary level, undergraduate or tertiary level, post-graduate level) in the past 3 years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20), with a breakdown by 18 districts.

2) What was the number of registered street sleepers having work in the past 3 years?

3) What was the number of registered street sleepers receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the past 3 years?

4) What was the number of registered street sleepers who had been living in subvented hostels in the past 3 years?

5) What was the number of places, enrolments and the average period of stay in the 5 urban hostels for single persons and the 2 emergency shelters respectively in the past 3 years?

6) What was the number of street sleepers moving back to street sleeping in the territory in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 122)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The number of street sleepers approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) operated by non-governmental organisations with subventions from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and related service units in the past 3 financial years with a breakdown by district, age group and educational attainment is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

2) For 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019), among those approached by ISTs and SWD's related service units, there were 119, 135 and 139 street sleepers with employment respectively.

3) SWD does not have information on the number of street sleepers receiving CSSA in the past 5 years.

4) SWD does not have information on the number of street sleepers who had been living in emergency/temporary shelter/hostel/short-term hostel in the past 3 years.

5) The number of admissions to emergency/temporary shelter/hostel/short-term hostel provided by subvented organisations for street sleepers in the past 3 financial years is set out in Table 4 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the average duration of stay.

6) SWD does not have information on the number of street sleepers returning to street sleeping in the territory in the past 5 years.

Annex

Table 1: Number of Street Sleepers by District

District	No. of street sleepers		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Hong Kong & Islands	106	118	146
Kowloon	910	1 033	1 076
New Territories	111	146	126
Total	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 2: Number of Street Sleepers by Age Group

Age group	No. of street sleepers		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Unknown	20	13	11
29 or below	21	29	29
30 to 49	365	409	417
50 to 69	634	732	774
70 or above	87	114	117
Total	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 3: Number of Street Sleepers by Educational Attainment

Educational attainment	No. of street sleepers		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No schooling	19	23	26
Primary level	303	339	354
Secondary level	440	514	556
Tertiary level	22	27	39
Educational attainment unknown	343	394	373
Total	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 4: Number of Places of Emergency/Temporary Shelter/Hostel/ Short-term Hostel [Note 1] and Number of Admissions [Note 2]

Year	Emergency/temporary shelter/hostel/short-term hostel	
	Number of places	Number of admissions
2017-18	222	573
2018-19	222	576
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	222	475

[Note 1] The number of emergency/temporary shelters subvented by SWD and the number of places provided in these centres will vary in accordance with service needs. As at end-December 2019, there were 3 emergency/temporary shelters.

[Note 2] Service users may have repeated admissions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6255)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of cases where registered street sleepers were provided public rental housing under Compassionate Rehousing (CR) in the past 3 years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20)? Please list out how many of these cases were due to medical and social factors.

How many applications for CR by registered street sleepers were rejected in the past 3 years?

How many cases were registered street sleepers provided with transitional housing/social housing under assistance in the past 3 years?

How many applications for transitional housing/social housing by registered street sleepers were rejected in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 134)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6257)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Home Help Team (HHT), please inform this Committee of:

1. the expenditure involved in subsidising HHT over the past 5 years;
2. the number of service places, the number of service users in the whole year and the number of waitlisted persons for HHT over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 136)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have separate figures on the expenditure for HHT. The total annual expenditure for integrated home care services and HHT from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Total annual expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	592.9
2016-17 (Actual)	621.9
2017-18 (Actual)	635.8
2018-19 (Actual)	696.6
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	736.6

The number of service places, the number of service users in the whole year and the number of persons waitlisted for HHT from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are provided as follows:

Year	Service places [Note]	No. of service users in the whole year	No. of persons waitlisted
2015-16	82	106	-
2016-17	79	108	-
2017-18	81	99	80
2018-19	85	101	54
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	92	106	54

[Note] Individual HHT service providers set their own service capacity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6258)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Senior Citizen Card Scheme, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of Senior Citizen Cards issued over the past 5 years.
2. the number of persons issued with Senior Citizen Cards by age group (in five-year bands from age 65 onward) and gender over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 137)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The cumulative number of Senior Citizen Cards issued in each of the past 5 years is provided as follows:

Year	Cumulative no. of Senior Citizen Cards issued
2015-16	1 674 340
2016-17	1 769 316
2017-18	1 871 100
2018-19	1 982 115
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	2 062 566

2. The Social Welfare Department has only kept the number of current Senior Citizen Card holders [Note] by gender and age group. Its distribution as at end-December 2019 is provided as follows:

Age group	No. of elderly persons	
	Male	Female
65-70	183 500	208 340
71-79	225 558	235 151
80 or above	190 439	249 586
Total	599 497	693 077

[Note] Excluding deceased Senior Citizen Card holders.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6261)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. details and amount of funding for the Opportunities for the Elderly Project (OEP) over the past 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district;
2. the number of beneficiaries under each funding item over the past 5 years, broken down by DC district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 140)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The OEP includes projects on fostering intergenerational harmony and harmonious family, community education, services for elderly residents in residential care homes, promotion of mental and physical health, learning and training, and preservation and promotion of traditional cultures. Starting from 2016-17, projects on building and consolidating a mutual support network in the neighbourhood and an age-friendly community have been included under the OEP as well. The expenditure for the OEP in each of the past 5 years is provided as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	3.9
2016-17 (Actual)	6.7
2017-18 (Actual)	6.7
2018-19 (Actual)	7.4
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	9.1

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown by DC district.

2. The number of beneficiaries under 1-year projects and 2-year projects of the OEP in the past 5 years [Note] is provided as follows:

Year	No. of beneficiaries under 1-year projects	No. of beneficiaries under 2-year projects
2015-16	100 347	82 873
2016-17	124 362	190 803
2017-18	123 350	
2018-19	144 971	Information not yet available.
2019-20	Information not yet available.	

[Note] As the 2-year projects for 2018-20 and the 1-year projects for 2019-20 are still in progress, the relevant number of beneficiaries could not be provided.

SWD does not have a breakdown by DC district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6262)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the total funding allocated by the Government for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to implement sex education for youth in 2019-20? How much funding has been earmarked by the Government for NGOs to implement sex education for youth in 2020-21?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 141)

Reply:

NGOs are subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide young people with a range of preventive, developmental, supportive and remedial services, including Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres, School Social Work Service, Youth Outreaching Service, Community Support Service Scheme and Cyber Youth Support Teams etc., so as to help them deal with their academic, social and emotional difficulties. Young people will also be given knowledge on sex education and counselling on related issues where necessary. NGOs have the flexibility to deploy resources for service provision. SWD does not have information on the funding allocation for sex education for youth.

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LWB(WW)710

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6272)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. the number of users of the Holiday Centre for the Elderly (Holiday Centre) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by elderly person, person with disabilities and carer;
2. the annual funding cost for Holiday Centre over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 151)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Holiday Centre provides holiday facilities for elderly persons, persons with disabilities and carers for elderly persons. The Social Welfare Department does not have the breakdown on the number of users by elderly person, person with disabilities and carer for elderly person. The respective headcounts of users of its day places and overnight places in the past 5 years is provided as follows:

Year	Headcount of users of day places	Headcount of users of overnight places
2015-16	41 740	15 642
2016-17	37 157	14 833
2017-18	35 177	11 269
2018-19	37 098	16 971
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	27 808	10 288

2. The expenditure of the Holiday Centre (including 1 day care unit for the elderly attached) in the past 5 years is provided as follows:

Year	Expenditure ($ million)
2015-16 (Actual)	14.1
2016-17 (Actual)	15.0
2017-18 (Actual)	15.4
2018-19 (Actual)	16.2
2019-20 (Revised Estimate)	16.7

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6274)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. the number of service users of support services for carers for elderly persons in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
2. the expenditure items and the distribution for each of the support services for carers for elderly persons in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 153)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service users of support services for carers of elderly persons provided by elderly centres in the past 5 years with a breakdown by DC district is set out in the Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the expenditure items of support services for carers of the elderly and their allocation.

   The Government, as always, attaches importance to the contribution of the carers of the elderly, and enhances their capabilities in taking care of the elderly and relieves their stress through 210 subvented elderly centres, 94 Home Care Service Teams and 79 Day Care Centres/Units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) throughout the territory. At present, the Support Teams for the Elderly attached to the 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) across the territory also identify hidden or needy elderly persons and their carers through various outreach services and community networks.

   To ensure the provision of appropriate support to needy elderly carers, SWD has allocated additional resources to all subvented elderly centres and Integrated Home Care Service Teams across the territory since October 2018; and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services Teams have also been allocated with additional resources since March 2019 to enhance outreach services for supporting carers living in the community who are looking after frail elderly persons, including carers with disabilities or aged carers. The measures will incur a recurrent expenditure of about $238 million.

In addition, the Government purchased additional places from private residential care homes for the elderly under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme in 2019-20, and 284 designated residential respite places have been provided since the measure was regularised in October 2019.

Moreover, SWD launched the three-year "Support for Carers Project" in October 2018, inviting property management companies to join. The Project provides basic training to frontline property management personnel, so as to equip them with knowledge on how to identify and assist needy elderly persons and their carers. As at end-December 2019, 95 property management agencies joined the Project, covering some 4 000 residential buildings in the territory.

SWD, in collaboration with the Department of Health and 6 DECCs, rolled out the eighteen-month Pilot Scheme on Training for Foreign Domestic Helpers in Elderly Care (Pilot Scheme for FDHs) with a funding of around 1.78 million from the Lotteries Fund (LF) in March 2018. The Pilot Scheme for FDHs has been implemented in Wan Chai, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan, providing a total of 300 training places. In view of the positive feedback, SWD received additional funding of about $5.44 million from the LF to extend the Pilot Scheme for FDHs to cover 7 districts, including Eastern, Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun, in July 2019. The Pilot Scheme for FDHs is extended to December 2020, providing an additional 950 training places in total.

Through the Community Care Fund, the Government introduced the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers) in June 2014. As at end-December 2019, 5 709 carers have collected the allowance under the 3 phases of the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers.

Annex

Number of service users under support services for carers of elderly persons provided by elderly centres

District	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	1 938	1 967	1 759	1 709	1 498
Eastern	3 387	3 542	3 684	3 323	2 781
Wan Chai	981	989	1 013	975	892
Southern	2 371	2 232	2 045	1 824	1 381
Islands	888	743	674	746	730
Kwun Tong	4 674	4 777	4 745	4 530	4 548
Wong Tai Sin	3 301	3 368	3 630	3 418	2 909
Sai Kung	1 520	1 489	1 607	1 466	1 194
Kowloon City	2 499	2 469	2 420	2 323	1 767
Yau Tsim Mong	2 096	2 063	2 023	2 085	1 773
Sham Shui Po	2 934	3 040	3 042	2 981	2 027
Sha Tin	3 395	3 459	3 603	3 495	3 095
Tai Po	1 485	1 480	1 564	1 473	1 129
North	1 174	1 017	1 112	1 084	935
Yuen Long	1 629	1 735	1 738	1 698	1 414
Tuen Mun	2 015	1 836	1 987	1 782	1 586
Tsuen Wan	1 531	1 421	1 304	1 295	1 218
Kwai Tsing	3 034	3 273	3 008	2 973	2 236
Total	**40 852**	**40 900**	**40 958**	**39 180**	**33 113**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6281)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015. Please inform this Committee of:

the number of training places provided each year under the Navigation Scheme, the number of actual participants, the number of graduates, the number of trainees remaining in the Navigation Scheme and the number of trainees having left the Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 160)

Reply:

SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16. In 2019-20, operating agencies continued to provide additional training places. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 445 trainees have graduated, while 222 trainees are still under the Navigation Scheme. The number of participants, the number of graduates and the number of trainees having left the Navigation Scheme with a breakdown by year is provided as follows:

Year	No. of persons participating in the Navigation Scheme	No. of graduates	No. of trainees having left the Navigation Scheme
2015-16	180	107	73
2016-17	389	213	176
2017-18	288	125	157
2018-19	161	Trainees not having completed the Navigation Scheme were still under training	65
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	135	-Ditto-	15

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6286)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What was the number of places and service users of singleton hostels and emergency shelters respectively in the past 5 years, broken down by subvented and self-financing hostels/shelters?

2. What was the number of homeless persons or street sleepers who received support from social workers of the Government or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to help them give up street sleeping in the past 5 years?

3. What is the number of additional subvented places in singleton hostels and emergency shelters respectively in the coming year? Apart from increasing the number of places, does the Government have any plan to enhance singleton hostels and emergency shelters in order to reduce relapse to street sleeping?

4. In recent years, apart from street sleepers, there is a greater number of "homeless persons staying in 24-hour fast-food shops". Will the Government provide additional outreach services and manpower to help these people? If yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 165)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places and admissions of emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/ short-term hostels operated with subventions from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) or on a self-financing basis in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The places, however, do not include those under the Singleton Hostel Programme launched by the Home Affairs Department to tie in with the introduction of the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447).

2. SWD provides subventions to 3 NGOs for each to operate 1 Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers (IST). The number of cases receiving support from ISTs and that of cases having given up street sleeping after follow-up in the past 5 years are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of the Annex.

3. To address the emergency and short-term accommodation needs of street sleepers, 6 additional places will be provided in 2020-21 in a subvented short-term hostel which is operative in-situ. SWD will keep in view the service need and its supply and demand for service planning.

4. ISTs subvented by SWD provide suitable services for all street sleepers in Hong Kong, including "homeless persons staying in 24-hour fast-food shops". These services include day and late-night outreaching visits and other services such as emergency/ short-term hostel placement, employment guidance, personal care, arrangement of long-term accommodation, aftercare service and service referrals, so as to assist them to be self-reliant and re-integrate into the community. To enhance welfare support services for street sleepers, in 2020-21, SWD will allocate additional resources to 3 subvented ISTs and Care and Support Networking Team so as to increase their manpower of social workers, nurses and drivers and the provision for related items.

Annex

Table 1: Number of places and admissions of emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels operated with subventions from SWD or on a self-financing basis

Year	Subvented		Self-financing		Total number of places
	Number of places	Number of admissions [Note]	Number of places	Number of admissions [Note]	
2015-16	202	510	421	Not available	**623**
2016-17	222	516	408		**630**
2017-18	222	573	418		**640**
2018-19	222	576	414		**636**
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	222	475	413		**635**

[Note] Service users may have repeated admissions.

Table 2: Number of cases receiving support

Year	Number of cases
2015-16	566
2016-17	635
2017-18	641
2018-19	643
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	513

Table 3: Number of cases having given up street sleeping after follow-up

Year	Number of cases
2015-16	142
2016-17	201
2017-18	212
2018-19	204
2019-20 (as at December 2019)	182

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6287)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Suicide Crisis Intervention Centre (SCIC), would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. What was the number of cases requesting for assistance received by the SCIC in the past 3 years?
2. What were the gender and age distribution of service users and their reasons for requesting assistance?
3. How many cases were treated by SCIC as consultation cases? How many cases required continuous follow-up?
4. How much funding did the Social Welfare Department (SWD) allocate to SCIC?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.:166)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong receives subvention from SWD to operate SCIC, which mainly provides services for emotionally disturbed persons, persons with suicide attempts, and relatives and friends of persons who committed suicide. The number of cases having requested for assistance from SCIC, and gender and age distribution of service users from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at December 2019) are set out at Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of cases treated by SCIC as consultation cases.

4. Allocations to SCIC in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) [Note]
Total allocations ($ million)	9.5	12.4	14.2

[Note] Including the one-off additional allocation disbursed by SWD for social incidents in 2019.

Annex

Number of cases requesting for assistance received by SCIC of the Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong, and gender and age distribution of service users

Year	**2017-18**		**2018-19**		**2019-20 (as at December 2019)**	
Gender distribution / **Age distribution**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
Aged 0 to 9	-	2	2	2	6	-
Aged 10 to 19	40	100	41	82	41	84
Aged 20 to 29	84	166	96	168	64	124
Aged 30 to 39	106	208	108	203	70	143
Aged 40 to 49	115	199	91	214	72	138
Aged 50 to 59	92	163	83	136	55	129
Aged 60 to 69	47	60	49	61	35	53
Aged 70 to 79	16	17	14	18	12	19
Aged 80 to 89	6	12	6	10	11	5
Aged 90 or above	1	2	1	-	-	-
Unknown	7	10	5	19	27	35
Total	**514**	**939**	**496**	**913**	**393**	**730**
	1 453		**1 409**		**1 123**	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6288)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1) Please provide the number of registered street sleepers, their age profile (aged below 18, aged 19 to 35, aged 36 to 50, aged 54 to 65 and aged above 65) and the highest level of education they attained (no schooling, primary level, secondary level, undergraduate or tertiary level, post-graduate level) in the past 3 years (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19), with a breakdown by 18 districts.

2) What is the number of places, enrolments and the average duration of stay in the 5 urban singleton hostels and the 2 emergency shelters respectively in the past 3 years (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19)?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 167)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1) The number of street sleepers approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) operated by non-governmental organisations with subventions from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and related service units in the past 3 financial years with a breakdown by district, age group and educational attainment is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

2) The number of emergency/temporary shelter/hostel/short-term hostel places provided by subvented organisations for street sleepers and the number of admissions in the past 3 financial years are set out in Table 4 of the Annex. The places, however, do not include those under the Singleton Hostel Programme launched by the Home Affairs Department to tie in with the introduction of the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance (Cap. 447). SWD does not have information on the average duration of stay.

Annex

Table 1: Number of Street Sleepers by District

District	No. of street sleepers		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Hong Kong & Islands	106	118	146
Kowloon	910	1 033	1 076
New Territories	111	146	126
Total	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 2: Number of Street Sleepers by Age Group

Age group	No. of street sleepers		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Unknown	20	13	11
29 or below	21	29	29
30 to 49	365	409	417
50 to 69	634	732	774
70 or above	87	114	117
Total	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 3: Number of Street Sleepers by Educational Attainment

Educational attainment	No. of street sleepers		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
No schooling	19	23	26
Primary level	303	339	354
Secondary level	440	514	556
Tertiary level	22	27	39
Educational attainment unknown	343	394	373
Total	**1 127**	**1 297**	**1 348**

Table 4: Number of Places of Emergency/Temporary Shelter/Hostel/ Short-term Hostel [Note 1] and Number of Admissions [Note 2]

Year	Emergency/temporary shelter/hostel/short-term hostel	
	Number of places	Number of admissions
2017-18	222	573
2018-19	222	576
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	222	475

[Note 1] The number of emergency/temporary shelters subvented by SWD and the number of places provided in these centres will vary in accordance with service needs. As at end-December 2019, there were 3 emergency/temporary shelters.

[Note 2] Service users may have repeated admissions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6294)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the waiting situation and service provision, including the number of applicants on waiting list, average waiting time, geographical distribution, unit cost and number of service places for the past 4 years regarding various services for persons with disabilities (including the integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs), care-and-attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs), small group homes (SGHs), supported hostels (SHOSs), private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS), day activity centres (DACs), early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IPs), special child care centres (SCCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS), sheltered workshops (SWs), supported employment (SE), integrated vocational training centres (IVTCs), integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 173)

Reply:

The number of persons on waiting list and the average waiting time for various rehabilitation services for the past 4 years are set out in Annex 1. The number of service places and persons on waiting list for various rehabilitation services, broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), are set out in Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively. The average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services, pre-school rehabilitation services, DACs and SWs run by non-governmental organisations and private RCHDs participating in BPS is set out in Annex 4.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of persons on waiting list for various types of rehabilitation services

Service Type	Number of persons on waiting list			
	2016-17	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
HMMH	2 172	2 305	2 475	2 522
HSMH	2 384	2 521	2 609	2 425
HSPH	649	660	663	576
C&A/SD	505	543	602	602
C&A/AB	147	143	167	171
SGH(MMHC) [Note 1]	88	70	34	43
SHOS	1 830	1 938	2 126	2 187
Private RCHDs participating in BPS [Note 2]	-	-	-	-
DAC	1 292	1 381	1 405	1 270
SW	2 864	2 818	2 562	2 432
SE	53	38	33	27
IVRSC [Note 3]	-	-	-	-
IVTC [Note 4]	-	-	-	-
EETC	5 217	5 533	2 867 [Note 5]	1 402 [Note 5]
IP	2 048	1 855	870 [Note 5]	477 [Note 5]
SCCC	1 790	2 007	1 550 [Note 5]	1 294 [Note 5]
OCCS [Note 4]	-	-	-	-

[Note 1] Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children [SGH(MMHC)] includes integrated small group home (ISGH).

[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list (CWL) or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for Private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for long stay care homes (LSCHs) and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab) who have indicated acceptance of BPS, SWD will allocate BPS places to them according to their preference.

[Note 3] IVRSC does not have its own CWL and applicants are selected from the CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 4] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of persons on waiting list and the waiting time.

[Note 5] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 2: Average waiting time for various types of rehabilitation services

Service Type	Average waiting time (in months) [Note 1]			
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
HMMH	102.7	137.7	123.3	114.1
HSMH	126.0	93.3	178.0	185.6
HSPH	20.4	114.3	168.0	168.0
C&A/SD	52.7	59.2	60.4	68.1
C&A/AB	6.6	10.6	10.6	10.0
SGH(MMHC) [Note 2]	21.8	15.6	36.5	15.0
SHOS	26.1	42.2	56.4	39.0
Private RCHDs participating in BPS [Note 3]	-	-	-	-
DAC	51.8	51.2	65.6	57.5
SW	19.6	20.1	22.1	21.3
SE	3.0	1.9	2.8	3.8
IVRSC [Note 4]	-	-	-	-
IVTC [Note 5]	-	-	-	-
EETC	17.9	16.8	16.2	16.6
IP	12.3	13.5	13.1	12.6
SCCC	18.8	18.2	19.6	18.4
OCCS [Note 5]	-	-	-	-

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Besides, the figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

[Note 3] There is no separate CWL or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for Private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the CRSRehab who have indicated acceptance of BPS, SWD will allocate BPS places to them according to their preference.

[Note 4] IVRSC does not have its own CWL and applicants are selected from the CWLs for SWs and SE.

[Note 5] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of persons on waiting list and the waiting time.

Annex 2

Table 1a: Number of service places under various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	Private RCHDs participating in BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	8	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	17	76	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	1	62	-
Tai Po/North	180	104	-	100	-	32	101	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	86	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	181
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	240	-	20	54
Total	**2 505**	**3 611**	**573**	**991**	**825**	**64**	**677**	**600**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 1b: Number of service places under various types of day rehabilitation services in 2016-17 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC(Day)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	784	325	115	565	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	367	598	378	200	-
Kwun Tong	451	680	185	170	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	471	320	370	673	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	347	615	95	317	220
Sham Shui Po	372	535	120	210	-
Sha Tin	545	271	20	774	-
Tai Po/North	239	306	65	70	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	451	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	806	761	180	450	-
Tuen Mun	602	618	35	602	-
Total	**5 198**	**5 276**	**1 633**	**4 482**	**453**

Table 2a: Number of service places under various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	Private RCHDs participating in BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	333	622	100	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	173	58	100	-	8	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	17	76	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	65
Sha Tin	186	470	88	102	-	17	93	-
Tai Po/North	180	104	-	100	-	32	101	-
Yuen Long	187	158	50	100	80	-	86	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	181
Tuen Mun	436	431	67	67	241	-	20	54
Total	**2 505**	**3 611**	**573**	**991**	**826**	**80**	**708**	**600**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 2b: Number of service places under various types of day rehabilitation services in 2017-18 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC(Day)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	784	325	115	565	-
Eastern/ Wan Chai	367	598	378	200	-
Kwun Tong	451	680	185	170	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	471	320	370	673	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	347	615	95	317	220
Sham Shui Po	372	535	120	210	-
Sha Tin	545	271	20	774	-
Tai Po/North	239	306	65	95	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	451	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	806	761	180	450	-
Tuen Mun	602	618	35	602	-
Total	**5 198**	**5 276**	**1 633**	**4 507**	**453**

Table 3a: Number of service places under various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	Private RCHDs participating in BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	336	652	109	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	160	58	100	-	8	40	-
Kwun Tong	308	230	65	-	-	3	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	33	76	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	65
Sha Tin	186	520	88	102	-	17	93	-
Tai Po/North	180	304	-	100	-	64	101	160
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	-	86	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	67	67	243	-	20	154
Total	**2 558**	**3 879**	**582**	**991**	**828**	**128**	**708**	**860**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 3b: Number of service places under various types of day rehabilitation services in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC(Day)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	860	333	115	580	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	349	618	378	200	-
Kwun Tong	462	680	185	170	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	470	325	370	693	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	347	635	95	317	220
Sham Shui Po	377	545	120	210	-
Sha Tin	604	276	20	794	-
Tai Po/North	469	321	65	180	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	621	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	821	776	180	450	-
Tuen Mun	608	633	35	607	-
Total	**5 581**	**5 389**	**1 633**	**4 822**	**453**

Table 4a: Number of service places under various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) [Note]	SHOS	Private RCHDs participating in BPS
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	336	652	109	200	375	-	79	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	-	8	40	-
Kwun Tong	358	282	115	51	-	3	61	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	-	33	76	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	-	52	-	19	273
Sham Shui Po	80	206	-	32	78	-	50	65
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	-	17	93	-
Tai Po/North	180	304	-	100	-	64	101	160
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	-	86	27
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	-	3	83	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	67	67	243	-	20	154
Total	**2 658**	**3 929**	**682**	**1 042**	**828**	**128**	**708**	**860**

[Note] SGH(MMHC) includes ISGH.

Table 4b: Number of service places under various types of day rehabilitation services in 2018-19 (By administrative district of SWD) (As at 31 December 2019)

District	DAC	SW	SE	IVRSC	IVTC(Day)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	870	333	115	580	-
Eastern/Wan Chai	347	618	378	200	-
Kwun Tong	519	680	185	466	-
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	470	325	370	693	-
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	347	635	95	317	220
Sham Shui Po	377	545	120	210	-
Sha Tin	604	276	20	964	-
Tai Po/North	469	321	65	180	233
Yuen Long	214	247	70	621	-
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	821	786	180	450	-
Tuen Mun	608	633	35	607	-
Total	**5 646**	**5 399**	**1 633**	**5 288**	**453**

Table 5a: Number of EETC service places from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of EETC service places			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	205	385	385	385
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	401	401	401
Kwun Tong	262	262	328	390
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	416	416	416	416
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	231	231	231	231
Sham Shui Po	274	274	274	400
Sha Tin	291	291	291	291
Tai Po/North	237	387	387	387
Yuen Long	172	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	406	406	406	406
Tuen Mun	229	229	229	229
Total	**3 124**	**3 454**	**3 520**	**3 708**

Table 5b: Number of IP service places from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of IP service places			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	132	132	132	132
Eastern/Wan Chai	186	186	186	186
Kwun Tong	228	228	228	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	240	240	240	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	210	210	210	210
Sham Shui Po	108	108	108	108
Sha Tin	168	168	168	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	198	198	198	198
Tuen Mun	156	156	156	156
Total	**1 980**	**1 980**	**1 980**	**1 980**

Table 5c: Number of SCCC service places from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of SCCC service places			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	199	199	253	253
Eastern/Wan Chai	216	216	216	216
Kwun Tong	66	66	66	126
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	333	333	333	333
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	30	30	30
Sham Shui Po	205	205	205	205
Sha Tin	138	138	138	138
Tai Po/North	227	227	299	299
Yuen Long	108	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	168	168	168	168
Tuen Mun	144	144	144	144
Total	**1 834**	**1 834**	**1 960**	**2 020**

Table 6: Number of OCCS service places for children with disabilities from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of OCCS service places for children with disabilities			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	4	4	4
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	6	6	8	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	13	13	13	13
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	10	10	10	10
Sha Tin	12	12	11	11
Tai Po/North	13	15	15	15
Yuen Long	10	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	10	10	10	10
Total	**94**	**96**	**97**	**97**

Annex 3

Table 1: Number of persons on the waiting list for HMMHs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for HMMHs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	177	176	182	186
Eastern/Wan Chai	214	208	229	231
Kwun Tong	244	260	270	270
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	262	296	313	320
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	164	189	203	208
Sham Shui Po	151	165	178	178
Sha Tin	178	198	227	218
Tai Po/North	186	179	196	201
Yuen Long	163	170	193	210
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	265	270	278	286
Tuen Mun	168	194	206	214
Total	**2 172**	**2 305**	**2 475**	**2 522**

Table 2: Number of persons on the waiting list for HSMHs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for HSMHs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	145	164	181	176
Eastern/Wan Chai	196	218	219	227
Kwun Tong	234	265	273	245
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	298	303	317	296
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	206	217	226	221
Sham Shui Po	161	168	172	160
Sha Tin	193	198	202	170
Tai Po/North	228	232	228	186
Yuen Long	218	230	248	237
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	256	273	284	277
Tuen Mun	249	253	259	230
Total	**2 384**	**2 521**	**2 609**	**2 425**

Table 3: Number of persons on the waiting list for HSPHs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for HSPHs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	62	61	58	56
Eastern/Wan Chai	64	62	65	60
Kwun Tong	68	73	68	57
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	89	87	85	61
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	54	59	63	57
Sham Shui Po	40	42	41	37
Sha Tin	65	64	69	51
Tai Po/North	53	50	47	32
Yuen Long	45	47	42	37
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	63	68	74	73
Tuen Mun	46	47	51	55
Total	**649**	**660**	**663**	**576**

Table 4: Number of persons on the waiting list for C&A/SDs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for C&A/SDs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	52	55	57	62
Eastern/Wan Chai	43	42	48	50
Kwun Tong	30	35	43	40
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	62	66	71	68
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	49	52	56	61
Sham Shui Po	41	42	41	38
Sha Tin	40	43	49	49
Tai Po/North	50	58	70	73
Yuen Long	45	48	48	52
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	59	65	75	65
Tuen Mun	34	37	44	44
Total	**505**	**543**	**602**	**602**

Table 5: Number of persons on the waiting list for C&A/ABs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for C&A/ABs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	15	15	24	20
Eastern/Wan Chai	12	12	18	17
Kwun Tong	10	15	17	13
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	17	13	12	16
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	10	15	17
Sham Shui Po	18	17	15	14
Sha Tin	10	9	14	15
Tai Po/North	11	10	11	9
Yuen Long	17	12	14	17
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	18	16	19	22
Tuen Mun	10	14	8	11
Total	**147**	**143**	**167**	**171**

Table 6: Number of persons on the waiting list for SGHs(MMHC) [Note] from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for SGHs(MMHC)			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	3	-	2
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	6	4	6
Kwun Tong	12	10	8	8
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	12	8	5	4
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	2	1	-
Sham Shui Po	7	9	3	3
Sha Tin	6	6	3	4
Tai Po/North	8	8	4	6
Yuen Long	11	6	3	3
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	7	-	5
Tuen Mun	5	5	3	2
Total	**88**	**70**	**34**	**43**

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 7: Number of persons on the waiting list for SHOSs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for SHOSs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	137	141	160	158
Eastern/Wan Chai	128	144	158	156
Kwun Tong	196	207	224	229
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	292	317	335	344
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	100	95	107	104
Sham Shui Po	116	136	140	148
Sha Tin	154	164	184	188
Tai Po/North	184	174	202	214
Yuen Long	158	161	170	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	200	225	253	264
Tuen Mun	165	174	193	210
Total	**1 830**	**1 938**	**2 126**	**2 187**

Table 8: Number of persons on the waiting list for DACs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for DACs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	70	85	82	79
Eastern/Wan Chai	99	111	104	111
Kwun Tong	114	140	141	130
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	175	175	180	161
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	100	108	118	117
Sham Shui Po	88	85	87	90
Sha Tin	113	115	115	87
Tai Po/North	127	131	130	87
Yuen Long	138	141	147	139
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	122	137	143	130
Tuen Mun	146	153	158	139
Total	**1 292**	**1 381**	**1 405**	**1 270**

Table 9: Number of persons on the waiting list for SWs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for SWs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	195	215	191	201
Eastern/Wan Chai	201	192	198	189
Kwun Tong	346	328	320	282
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	389	377	363	351
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	192	196	192	184
Sham Shui Po	174	166	148	143
Sha Tin	291	291	258	204
Tai Po/North	383	337	260	233
Yuen Long	264	273	191	199
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	212	227	244	248
Tuen Mun	217	216	197	198
Total	**2 864**	**2 818**	**2 562**	**2 432**

Table 10: Number of persons on the waiting list for SE from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for SE			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/ Western/Southern & Islands	17	7	5	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	3	2	1
Kwun Tong	7	5	8	2
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	7	5	4
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	-	1	3
Sham Shui Po	1	3	2	1
Sha Tin	-	2	1	3
Tai Po/North	4	3	3	2
Yuen Long	1	1	1	2
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	7	5	2
Tuen Mun	2	-	-	1
Total	**53**	**38**	**33**	**27**

Table 11: Number of persons on the waiting list for EETCs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for EETCs			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	468	344	216	116
Eastern/Wan Chai	494	526	259	110
Kwun Tong	518	646	356	149
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	681	748	381	146
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	535	584	336	195
Sham Shui Po	309	303	174	124
Sha Tin	614	664	298	152
Tai Po/North	425	387	180	87
Yuen Long	329	406	246	135
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	597	584	251	125
Tuen Mun	247	341	170	63
Total	**5 217**	**5 533**	**2 867** [Note]	**1 402** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 12: Number of persons on the waiting list for IP from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for IP			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	119	105	43	27
Eastern/Wan Chai	132	121	55	44
Kwun Tong	179	166	87	55
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	229	172	91	44
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	200	160	108	64
Sham Shui Po	129	139	67	58
Sha Tin	248	231	98	50
Tai Po/North	285	244	97	46
Yuen Long	237	199	91	46
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	181	201	75	30
Tuen Mun	109	117	58	13
Total	**2 048**	**1 855**	**870** [Note]	**477** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 13: Number of persons on the waiting list for SCCCs from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (By administrative district of SWD)

District	Number of persons on the waiting list for SCCCs			
	2016-17	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	127	138	82	104
Eastern/Wan Chai	140	137	108	92
Kwun Tong	197	201	143	125
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	223	295	219	146
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	168	190	159	125
Sham Shui Po	115	142	91	69
Sha Tin	189	252	172	122
Tai Po/North	153	150	117	105
Yuen Long	149	170	174	179
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	234	236	190	140
Tuen Mun	95	96	95	87
Total	**1 790**	**2 007**	**1 550** [Note]	**1 294** [Note]

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Annex 4

Average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services, pre-school rehabilitation services, DACs, SWs and private RCHDs participating in the BPS from 2016-17 to 2019-20

Service Type	Average cost per place per month			
	2016-17 (Actual) ($)	2017-18 (Actual) ($)	2018-19 (Actual) ($)	2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Residential rehabilitation services	14,855	15,370	16,336	17,708
Pre-school rehabilitation services	8,298	8,893	8,811	9,010
DACs	9,897	9,996	11,164	11,524
SWs	5,402	5,432	5,625	5,780
Private RCHDs participating in BPS	8,331	8,236	8,910	12,002

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6295)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the dedicated outreaching teams for ethnic minorities (EM), for the next 3 financial years, what will be the staffing of those teams, their annual caseload, number of groups and activities, number of needy EM families to be reached, number of families to be referred to mainstream services and the estimated annual expenditure?

2. Has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) set aside provisions for mainstream services so as to serve EM? Examples are the hiring of EM colleagues, the procurement of interpretation and translation services, and the training for frontline colleagues. If yes, what will be the estimated expenditure and supporting services to be provided for the next 3 financial years?

3. How will SWD co-ordinate the liaison and referral between dedicated outreaching teams for EM and mainstream services?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 174)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up 3 outreaching teams with employment of EM staff on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories to proactively reach out to EM and connect those in need to mainstream welfare services. The outreaching teams will also provide case counselling, groups and activities for EM, so as to meet their social and welfare needs. The annual expenditure involved is about $20.37 million. The outreaching teams have just started their services in March 2020. As they have been set up for a short time, SWD does not have information on their caseload, the number of groups and activities, the number of needy EM families to be reached, as well as the number of families to be referred to mainstream services.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs are responsible for meeting service and manpower requirements, and have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Nevertheless, SWD has uploaded the samples of Notional Staffing Establishment (NSE) of service centres to its webpage in order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations. NSE is only used for calculating the subventions for subvented services and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services. For details of the outreaching teams' NSE, please visit the webpage of SWD:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/storage/asset/section/2913/en/Notional_Staffing_Establishments_OTEM_eng.pdf

2. Currently, leaflets of most mainstream welfare services provided by SWD are printed in Hindi, Bahasa Indonesia, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu, in addition to Chinese and English, to facilitate different EMs' understanding of the relevant services. SWD has created a shortcut icon of "Information for Ethnic Minorities" on its homepage to facilitate EMs/the public/social workers to have easy access to the relevant service information in different EM languages, including advice for them to seek welfare assistance and telephone interpretation arrangements, etc. from SWD service units as needed. Web-cam facilities have also been installed in 10 service units of SWD for conducting tripartite video conferencing among service users, staff of service units and interpreters when needed in order to help EM overcome language barriers and access the welfare services they need. SWD will keep in view the utilisation of the web-cam facilities and consider the need to install such facilities in more service units. Furthermore, for EM in need of interpretation service seeking assistance from mainstream service units, telephone interpretation services may be arranged on the spot, or on-site interpretation service may be arranged by appointment as necessary through the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents operated by the Hong Kong Christian Service with funding from the Home Affairs Department. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not have any designated funding for interpretation or translation services.

   SWD has set aside allocations for recurrent expenditure on providing EM-related training programmes on an ongoing basis for frontline staff to enhance their knowledge of and sensitivity to the culture, lifestyle and service needs of EM so that comprehensive assessments and suitable services can be provided having regard to the needs of EM. SWD will also continue to arrange all newly recruited social workers and social security staff to receive training on Race Discrimination Ordinance.

3. SWD will strengthen the liaison and referral between outreaching teams for EM and mainstream services through standing mechanism in districts such as co-ordinating committees on services and other cross-service platforms.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6296)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. An additional subsidy is provided for the special child care centres (SCCC) and early education and training centres (EETC) according to the number of pre-school ethnic minority (EM) children with special needs admitted. How much additional subsidy is estimated to be provided by the Department for the 2 aforementioned services respectively in the coming 3 financial years?
2. Further to the above, what is the number of the service places for pre-school EM children with special needs in each year?
3. Apart from the above services, will the Department provide extra subsidy for other services with pre-school EM children with special needs admitted, for example, the on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), in the coming 3 financial years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 175)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government has earmarked about $7.5 million full-year recurrent provision to provide additional subsidy for SCCC and EETC admitting pre-school EM children with special needs in 2019-20. The amount of subsidy for each of the centres depends on the number of pre-school EM children with special needs admitted.
2. The subvented pre-school rehabilitation services under the Social Welfare Department do not set a limit on the number of service places for pre-school EM children.
3. At present, pre-school EM children with special needs can choose and use any one of the subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, including OPRS, which meets their rehabilitation needs according to their assessment result. To enable pre-school children with special needs to receive support as soon as possible, the Government has planned to provide an additional service places of over 1 200 in total for SCCC and EETC from 2019-20 to 2021-22, and to provide 3 000 additional OPRS places altogether from the 2020/21 to 2022/23 school years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6297)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. There will be 5 specialised ethnic minorities (EM) units set up at parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs). In which districts will these centres be set up?

2. How much additional funding will these 5 PRCs with EM units get in each of the next 3 financial years? What will be their additional staffing compared with that of ordinary PRCs? What is the number of EM families to be reached, teams and activities in each year?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 176)

Reply:

In 2019-20, the Government made an additional full-year provision of about $6.2 million to set up 5 specialised EM units (specialised units) attached to the PRCs in Central and Western, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long respectively. The specialised units were put in service in March 2020. The staffing establishment of each specialised unit is 0.125 Social Work Officer, 1 Assistant Social Work Officer, 1 Welfare Worker and 0.33 Workman II. The notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department for calculating the amount of subvention for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs).

Any EM families with members with disabilities in need may choose and use the services of any one of the PRCs at present. The Government increased the number of PRCs from 6 to 19 in 2018-19 and 2019-20. Along with the 5 specialised units, it is estimated that the number of beneficiary families will increase to a total of about 4 700, including EM families with members with disabilities. The specialised units aim at strengthening support to EMs with disabilities and their parents/relatives in areas populated by more EMs and providing them with more suitable services in response to their language barriers and cultural differences. The service details include counselling, organising groups and large-scale activities, providing information and implementing community education activities, etc., to promote community inclusion. The output indicators of PRCs (with specialised EM unit) according to FSA are set out in Annex.

Annex

Output indicators of PRCs (with specialised EM unit)

Output indicator (per year)	**Agreed level**
Monthly average of registered family membership	410 (with at least 10% being EM family membership)
Average attendance per opening session per quarter	23
Average number of individual-based support activities per quarter	200 (including 20 individual-based support activities for EM)
Average number of group meetings on support activities per quarter	210 (including 21 group activities for EM)
Average number of community education/ networking activities per quarter	8 (including at least 1 community education/networking activity for EM)
Monthly average number of counselling cases	50 (including at least 5 counselling cases of EM)
Number of therapeutic groups	8 (including at least 1 therapeutic group for EM)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6298)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. In each of the past 3 years, how many ethnic minorities (EM) cases did Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) serve?
2. In each of the past 3 years, how many cases of assistance sought by EMs were there for the Refuge Centres for Women, and how many of them involved cross-boundary marriage and child custody proceedings respectively?
3. In each of the past 3 years, what was the number of EM cases served by the Family and Child Protective Services Unit (FCPSU), and how many of them involved sexual abuse? Was the ratio significantly lower than that for ethnic Chinese?
4. In each of the past 3 years, what was the volume of translation and interpretation services used by IFSCs and the social security units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and how many EM cases used such services; what was its percentage in all EM cases?
5. In each of the coming 3 years, how much resources will SWD reserve for translation and interpretation services?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 177)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Between 2017-18 and 2019-20, the number of cases in IFSCs involving EMs is set out in the table below:

Year [Note 1]	Number of cases
2017-18	633
2018-19	616
2019-20	582

[Note 1] The relevant figures include cases involving family members of EMs (ethnicities include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai) served by IFSCs operated by SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as at 31 March 2018, 31 March 2019 and 31 December 2019 respectively. In each case there was at least 1 service recipient from the EMs.

2. Between 2017-18 and 2019-20, all victims admitted to Refuge Centres for Women involving EMs are women. The number of cases is set out below:

Year	Number of cases involving EM victims [Note 2]
2017-18	26
2018-19	42
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	47

[Note 2] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

SWD does not have information on the number of cases involving cross-boundary marriages and litigation over children.

3. Number of EM victims [Note 3] in active domestic violence cases (including spouse/ cohabitant battering and child abuse cases) served by FCPSUs as at 31 December in each of the past 3 years is set out below:

Year	Number of EM victims
2017	109
2018	111
2019	126

[Note 3] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai. Each domestic violence case may involve more than 1 EM victim, the FCPSUs have neither the number of cases involving EMs nor the statistics on sexual abuse cases.

4. SWD has started to collect statistical figures on the use of interpretation and translation services of various units since 1 January 2019. The statistical figures on IFSCs and Social Security Field Units are set out in the table below:

Year	IFSCs	Social Security Field Units	Total
2019	38	12	50

Besides, SWD does not have statistics on EM cases involving the use of interpretation and translation services in IFSCs and Social Security Field Units.

5. Social security staff and social workers of SWD and subvented NGOs may arrange interpretation services as appropriate through various means when providing services for EMs, such as the CHEER Support Service Centre for EMs operated by the Hong Kong Christian Service which provides interpretation services with the funding from the Home Affairs Department. For cases with special needs, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the funding allocation from SWD in arranging/providing interpretation services for EMs to meet service needs and ensure service quality.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6299)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will launch a three-year Ethnic Minorities (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme in 9 districts with higher EM population. What will be the estimated annual expenditure in the next 3 financial years? What will be the respective staffing concerning these EM District Ambassadors in the 9 districts? To which service providers will they be deployed? How will they be distributed between SWD and non-profit-making organisations? What is the number of needy EM families to be reached and the number of referrals in a year?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 178)

Reply:

SWD will launch a three-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme in 2020-21 to enhance EM services provided by district centres/service units in 9 districts with higher EM population, i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Under the pilot scheme, additional resources will be provided to some welfare service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations, including medical social services units, integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, parent/relatives resource centres, district elderly community centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated service centres for ex-offenders and their families. A total of 46 "EM District Ambassadors" will be employed so as to enhance service provision for EM communities. The pilot scheme will involve a total expenditure of about $29 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about $4.95 million. The operational details are still under planning.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6301)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What is the number of cases resulted in Multi-disciplinary Case Conferences on Protection of Child with Suspected Abuse (MDCCs) being convened by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in response to parents' drug abuse in the past 3 years?
2. Among them, what is the number being classified as child abuse cases?
3. Further to the above, what is the number being referred to residential child care services (including foster care, small group homes, children's home and children's hostel)?
4. Further to the above, how many children being issued Care and Protection Orders involved parents' drug abuse?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 180)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases resulted in MDCCs being convened by FCPSUs in response to parents' drug abuse. The information sought is thus unavailable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6302)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many cases under the Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) involving pregnant women or families suspected of drug abuse have been referred to integrated family service centres (IFSCs), family and child protective services units (FCPSUs), Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) and counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs) respectively in the past 3 years?
2. What is the number of cases served by FCPSUs in collaboration with drug treatment and rehabilitation services (DTRSs) (including CCPSAs, methadone clinics, non-medical voluntary drug treatment and rehabilitation centres and halfway houses) in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 181)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number of cases involving pregnant women or families suspected of drug abuse referred to IFSCs, FCPSUs, SARDA and CCPSAs by the CCDS, or the number of cases served by FCPSUs in collaboration with DTRSs.

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LWB(WW)724

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6308)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the manpower of the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the population size of each of the areas currently served by the 65 IFSCs;
2. the number of enquiry, active and closed cases served by the 65 IFSCs in the past 3 years;
3. the manpower size and operating costs of the 41 IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 188)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The population of the districts within the service boundary of IFSCs/Integrated Services Centres (ISCs) is set out at Annex.
2. Please see below the number of enquiry, active and closed cases served by the 65 IFSCs in the past 3 years:

Year	Number of enquiry cases	Number of active cases (as at 31 March of the year)	Number of closed cases
2017-18	69 655	41 469	39 529
2018-19	67 166	40 961	42 450
2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)	46 849	41 786	30 375

3. Please see below the manpower size of IFSCs operated by SWD in the past 3 years:

Year	Manpower size
2017-18	815
2018-19	833
2019-20	833

The expenditure of IFSCs operated by SWD in 2017-18 (Actual), 2018-19 (Actual) and 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) was $676.3 million, $703.8 million and $765.7 million respectively.

Annex

Population of the districts within the service boundary of IFSCs/ISCs

District [Note 1]	**Name of Centre**	**Population in 2016** [Note 2]
Central Western, Southern and Islands	Central and Islands IFSC	675 100
	Caritas IFSC - Aberdeen (Tin Wan/Pokfulam)	
	Aberdeen IFSC	
	Grace and Joy IFSC	
	High Street IFSC	
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - Tung Chung ISC	
	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung ISC	
Eastern and Wan Chai	Chai Wan (West) IFSC	735 200
	Caritas IFSC - Shau Kei Wan	
	Chai Wan (East) IFSC	
	North Point IFSC	
	St. James' Settlement Wan Chai IFSC	
	Causeway Bay IFSC	
	Quarry Bay IFSC	
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	To Kwa Wan IFSC	761 700
	Family Networks: Yau Tsim IFSC	
	Mongkok IFSC	
	Yau Ma Tei IFSC	
	Hung Hom IFSC	
	Ma Tau Wai IFSC	
	Kai Tak IFSC	
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung IFSC	405 900
	Sham Shui Po (West) IFSC	
	Cheung Sha Wan IFSC	
	Family Ties IFSC	
	Sham Shui Po (South) IFSC	
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	Tseung Kwan O (North) IFSC	887 100
	Sai Kung IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Tung Tau (Wong Tai Sin South West)	
	Tseung Kwan O (East) IFSC	
	Tseung Kwan O (South) IFSC	
	Wong Tai Sin IFSC	
	Tsz Wan Shan IFSC	
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok IFSC	648 500
	Sau Po IFSC	
	Yau Tong IFSC	
	Family Energizer (Integrated Family Service)	
	Kai Ping IFSC	
	Lam Tin IFSC	
	Shun Lee IFSC	

District [Note 1]	**Name of Centre**	**Population in 2016** [Note 2]
Sha Tin	Sha Tin (North) IFSC	659 800
	Ma On Shan (North) IFSC	
	Caritas Dr. & Mrs. Olinto de Sousa IFSC	
	Sha Tin (South) IFSC	
	Ma On Shan (South) IFSC	
Tai Po and North	Sheung Shui IFSC	619 200
	Tai Po (North) IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Fanling	
	Tai Po (South) IFSC	
	Fanling IFSC	
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai (North) IFSC	614 200
	Tin Shui Wai IFSC	
	Yuen Long (Central) IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Tin Shui Wai	
	Yuen Long (East) IFSC	
	Long Love IFSC	
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi (North) IFSC	839 500
	Tsuen Wan (West) IFSC	
	Kwai Chung (West) IFSC	
	Caritas IFSC - Tsuen Wan (East)	
	Kwai Chung (East) IFSC	
	Tsing Yi (South) IFSC	
	Kwai Chung (South) IFSC	
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun (West) IFSC	489 300
	Caritas IFSC - Tuen Mun	
	Tuen Mun (East) IFSC	
	Tuen Mun (South) IFSC	

[Note 1] According to the administrative district of SWD

[Note 2] Data from the by-census conducted by the Census and Statistics Department in 2016

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LWB(WW)725

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6310)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of cases granted and the household size of the beneficiaries under the Projects in each service area in the past 3 years;

2. the amount of subsidies under the Projects in each service area in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 190)

Reply:

1. The number of applications and beneficiaries under the Projects by different service area in the past 3 years is set out in Tables 1 to 2 at the Annex.

2. The expenditure for the Projects in 2017-18 (Actual), 2018-19 (Actual) and 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) was $77.4 million and $133 million and $162.2 million respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Annex

Table 1: Number of applications by service area

Service Area	Number of applications			
	2017-18	2018-19		2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Hong Kong Island, Islands (including Tung Chung), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2 059	2 210		1 906
Kwun Tong [Note]	2 718	960	1 232	1 504
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung [Note]			751	908
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North	2 067	1 921		1 806
Sham Shui Po	1 741	1 624		1 158
Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong	2 104	1 974		1 645
Tuen Mun	873	730		465
Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	1 786	2 096		1 192
Total	**13 348**	**13 498**		**10 584**

[Note] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

Table 2: Number of service users by service area

Service Area	Number of -service users		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Hong Kong Island, Islands (including Tung Chung), Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	5 263	6 366	5 521
Kwun Tong [Note]	7 864	5 333	4 614
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung [Note]		3 412	2 714
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North	5 710	5 375	5 089
Sham Shui Po	5 105	4 910	3 539
Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong	5 760	5 516	4 787
Tuen Mun	2 444	2 087	1 335
Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	4 415	5 623	3 491
Total	**36 561**	**38 622**	**31 090**

[Note] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

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LWB(WW)726

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6316)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): (179) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of applicants/recipients allowed to benefit from the "total disregard of the first month's income from a new job" and the provision of "monthly disregarded earnings (DE)" under a single CSSA case;
2. the number of CSSA cases with 2, 3 and 3 or more family members having benefited from the provision of "monthly DE" under a single CSSA case in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 196)

Reply:

CSSA recipients in cases which have been on CSSA for not less than 2 months are eligible for DE benefits. Eligible recipients are allowed to benefit from the provision of "monthly DE" and the "total disregard of the first month's income from a new job" simultaneously under a single CSSA case. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6317)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please set out in the table below the total number of CSSA recipients, recipients having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years and the number of CSSA cases involved in past 10 years (2010 to 2019):

Total number of CSSA cases and recipients in the past 10 years

		Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
2010 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2011 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2012 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2013 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2014 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								

		Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
2015 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2016 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2017 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2018 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2019 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								

Number of CSSA cases with recipients having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years and the number of recipients involved in the past 10 years

		Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
2010 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2011 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2012 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2013 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								

		Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
2014 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2015 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2016 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2017 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2018 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								
2019 (January to December)	Number of CSSA cases								
	Number of CSSA recipients								

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 200)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases and recipients by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1.

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

The number of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 year and the number of CSSA cases involved from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	146 135	144 781	144 129	141 280	136 050
Permanent disability	17 797	17 423	17 036	16 621	16 923
Ill health	24 417	24 105	23 570	23 043	23 917
Single parent	28 099	26 779	25 669	24 382	23 678
Low-earnings	6 065	5 054	4 182	3 422	3 002
Unemployment	15 852	13 981	12 623	11 696	12 570
Others	4 538	4 399	4 259	4 159	4 035
Total	**242 903**	**236 522**	**231 468**	**224 603**	**220 175**

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	179 042	176 477	173 190	167 937	161 354
Permanent disability	23 745	23 233	22 522	22 054	22 223
Ill health	37 705	36 856	35 554	34 243	34 889
Single parent	67 382	64 195	61 722	58 913	57 085
Low-earnings	19 679	16 380	13 538	11 283	9 811
Unemployment	26 369	23 339	20 737	19 552	20 409
Others	6 471	6 229	5 941	5 819	5 568
Total	**360 393**	**346 709**	**333 204**	**319 801**	**311 339**

Annex 2

Number of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years and number of CSSA cases involved from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of CSSA recipients	Number of CSSA cases
2015-16	18 315	13 146
2016-17	16 795	12 090
2017-18	16 048	11 370
2018-19	15 045	10 527
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	14 402	10 139

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6331)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years, among the vocational rehabilitation services under supported employment (SE), Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) and On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) implemented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD):

1. What is the number of people with disabilities participating in the programme?
2. What is the number of programme participants by type of disabilities?
3. Please set out in table form the number of cases by occupation and type of trade of people with disabilities.
4. What is the number of cases under full-time employment and part-time employment respectively?

	Number of people	Percentage accounted for in the total number of participants
Full-time employment		
Part-time employment		

5. Please set out in table form below the term of employment of programme participants:

	Number of people	Percentage accounted for
Not employed		
Employed but for less than 6 months		
6 months to 1 year		
More than 1 year to 2 years		
Above 2 years		

6. What is the average salary of people with disabilities after employment?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.:222)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service users of SE, OJT and Sunnyway in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 1.

2. The number of service users of SE, OJT and Sunnyway by type of disabilities is set out at Annex 2.

3. SWD does not have information on the number of cases by occupation and type of trade of people with disabilities.

4. The number of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in the services/programmes mentioned above by mode of employment is set out at Annex 3.

5. SWD does not have information on the term of employment of service users.

6. The average salary of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in the services/programmes mentioned above is set out at Annex 4.

Annex 1

Number of service users of SE, OJT and Sunnyway

Type of service/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
SE	2 086	2 067	2 001	1 974	2 092
OJT	439	422	408	436	322
Sunnyway	312	329	325	307	255

Annex 2

Table 1: Number of service users of SE by type of disabilities

Type of Disabilities/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Mentally ill	1 351	1 335	1 277	1 255	1 311
Mentally handicapped	325	315	320	320	340
Physically handicapped	139	151	148	133	153
Hearing impaired	141	142	134	144	155
Visually impaired	48	47	50	55	59
Visceral disabled	82	77	72	67	74
Total	**2 086**	**2 067**	**2 001**	**1 974**	**2 092**

Table 2: Number of service users of OJT by type of disabilities

Type of Disabilities/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Autistic	3	5	3	5	4
Mentally ill	286	262	251	249	188
Mentally handicapped	60	55	60	66	69
Physically handicapped	61	55	62	86	32
Hearing impaired	18	32	24	18	20
Visually impaired	3	3	1	6	1
Visceral disabled	8	10	7	6	8
Total	**439**	**422**	**408**	**436**	**322**

Table 3: Number of service users of Sunnyway by type of disabilities

Type of Disabilities/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)
Autistic	20	17	17	18	25
With early signs of mental illness	7	26	15	14	11
Mentally ill	121	140	137	130	92
Mentally handicapped	97	83	91	73	84
Physically handicapped	20	12	17	17	8
Hearing impaired	25	31	25	27	22
Visually impaired	2	1	3	1	2
Visceral disabled	6	12	13	12	3
Others	14	7	7	15	8
Total	**312**	**329**	**325**	**307**	**255**

Annex 3

Table 1: Number of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in SE

Mode of Employment/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17 [Note]	2017-18 [Note]	2018-19 [Note]	2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019)
Full-time	- [Note]	222	233	244	142
Part-time	- [Note]	194	183	159	105
Total	**419**	**416**	**416**	**403**	**247**

[Note] SWD keeps the number of service users having secured full-time/part-time employment respectively for more than 6 months after participating in SE starting from 2016-17.

Table 2: Number of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in OJT

Mode of Employment/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17 [Note]	2017-18 [Note]	2018-19 [Note]	2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019)
Full-time	- [Note]	108	89	103	61
Part-time	- [Note]	48	54	64	53
Total	**157**	**156**	**143**	**167**	**114**

[Note] SWD keeps the number of service users having secured full-time/part-time employment respectively for more than 6 months after participating in OJT starting from 2016-17.

Table 3: Number of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in Sunnyway

Mode of Employment/ Year	Number of service users				
	2015-16	2016-17 [Note]	2017-18 [Note]	2018-19 [Note]	2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019)
Full-time	- [Note]	73	76	68	40
Part-time	- [Note]	56	78	64	54
Total	**119**	**129**	**154**	**132**	**94**

[Note] SWD keeps the number of service users having secured full-time/part-time employment respectively for more than 6 months after participating in Sunnyway starting from 2016-17.

Annex 4

Table 1: Average salary of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in SE

Mode of Employment/ Year	Average salary				
	2015-16 ($)	2016-17 [Note] ($)	2017-18 [Note] ($)	2018-19 [Note] ($)	2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019) ($)
Full-time	6,324	9,456	9,504	9,517	9,438
Part-time		3,771	4,124	4,590	4,346

[Note] SWD keeps information on the average salary of service users having secured full-time/part-time employment respectively for more than 6 months after participating in SE starting from 2016-17.

Table 2: Average salary of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in OJT

Mode of Employment/ Year	Average salary				
	2015-16 ($)	2016-17 [Note] ($)	2017-18 [Note] ($)	2018-19 [Note] ($)	2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019) ($)
Full-time	5,387	7,653	8,684	8,895	10,615
Part-time		3,830	4,190	4,231	4,541

[Note] SWD keeps information on the average salary of service users having secured full-time/part-time employment respectively for more than 6 months after participating in OJT starting from 2016-17.

Table 3: Average salary of service users having secured employment for more than 6 months after participating in Sunnyway

Mode of Employment/ Year	Average salary				
	2015-16 ($)	2016-17 [Note] ($)	2017-18 [Note] ($)	2018-19 [Note] ($)	2019-20 [Note] (as at 31 December 2019) ($)
Full-time	5,749	9,851	7,892	9,432	10,534
Part-time		4,393	5,099	4,398	5,330

[Note] SWD keeps information on the average salary of service users having secured full-time/part-time employment respectively for more than 6 months after participating in Sunnyway starting from 2016-17.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6332)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government plans to adjust the maximum rent allowance (MRA). Using the adjusted MRA as the benchmark:

(a) please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in public and private housing with actual rent less than, equal to, and exceeding the adjusted MRA.

Number of eligible members	Adjusted MRA as proposed	Number of households with actual rent exceeding the adjusted MRA as proposed	Percentage in the total number of households living in private housing
1	$2,475		
2	$4,370		
3	$5,245		
4	$5,910		
5	$6,590		
6 or above	$7,675		

(b) the median rent of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the adjusted MRA, with a breakdown by number of eligible members in the household.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 223)

Reply:

It is proposed in the 2019 Policy Address that the MRA under the CSSA Scheme would be increased as a one-off measure. The proposal is subject to approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. As such, the Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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LWB(WW)730

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6333)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out in table form the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases living in public and private housing with actual rent less than, equal to, and exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by number of household members.
2. Please list out the median rent of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the MRA in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by number of eligible household members.
3. Please list out the median rent of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by number of eligible household members.
4. Please list out the MRA per month under the CSSA in the past 5 years with a breakdown by number of eligible household members.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 224)

Reply:

The relevant figures on rent allowances of CSSA cases from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1. i.: Number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible household members

Number of eligible household members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	3 749	2 855	2 857	3 484	3 456
2	255	151	141	241	215
3	28	43	33	64	43
4	17	18	11	27	16
5	10	9	8	16	10
6 or above	2	1	4	4	7
Total	**4 061 (3.1%)**	**3 077 (2.4%)**	**3 054 (2.5%)**	**3 836 (3.2%)**	**3 747 (3.2%)**
Number of eligible household members	**Number of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	7 288	6 861	7 644	7 868	8 398
2	4 233	3 920	4 496	4 653	4 968
3	1 928	1 992	2 114	2 234	2 353
4	935	913	1 015	958	1 037
5	397	372	389	360	334
6 or above	148	143	141	118	110
Total	**14 929 (49.3%)**	**14 201 (49.5%)**	**15 799 (55.7%)**	**16 191 (60.6%)**	**17 200 (65.0%)**

Table 1. ii.: Number and percentage of CSSA cases in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible household members

Number of eligible household members	Number of CSSA cases in public housing with actual rent less than or equal to MRA				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	66 797	67 644	66 870	65 490	65 023
2	37 588	36 270	34 280	32 543	31 354
3	14 597	13 676	12 624	11 667	11 037
4	6 248	5 613	4 935	4 731	4 418
5	2 190	1 975	1 758	1 665	1 589
6 or above	1 026	951	906	906	894
Total	**128 446 (96.9%)**	**126 129 (97.6%)**	**121 373 (97.5%)**	**117 002 (96.8%)**	**114 315 (96.8%)**
Number of eligible household members	**Number of CSSA cases in private housing with actual rent less than or equal to MRA**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	6 699	6 409	5 390	4 544	4 078
2	4 155	4 172	3 528	3 074	2 711
3	3 014	2 592	2 461	1 966	1 687
4	1 063	997	892	702	582
5	267	237	199	157	124
6 or above	133	98	77	68	62
Total	**15 331 (50.7%)**	**14 505 (50.5%)**	**12 547 (44.3%)**	**10 511 (39.4%)**	**9 244 (35.0%)**

Table 2: Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA ($)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	2,126	2,195	2,203	2,279	2,276
2	3,753	4,102	4,171	4,200	4,115
3	5,291	5,604	5,599	5,720	5,621
4	5,405	5,897	6,000	6,048	6,000
5	6,037	6,607	6,750	6,530	6,163
6 or above	8,090	7,248	7,800	8,190	8,000
Number of eligible household members	**Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA ($)**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	2,366	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,650
2	4,000	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,600
3	5,200	5,500	5,500	5,600	5,700
4	6,000	6,200	6,200	6,500	6,500
5	6,300	6,500	6,700	7,000	7,000
6 or above	7,500	7,800	7,900	8,050	8,350

Table 3: Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of public housing ($)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
1	1,095	1,045	1,043	1,146	1,138
2	1,387	1,332	1,329	1,473	1,464
3	1,721	1,677	1,676	1,815	1,789
4	1,925	1,880	1,869	2,039	2,017
5	2,220	2,088	2,052	2,272	2,245
6 or above	2,519	2,464	2,449	2,701	2,663
Number of eligible household members	**Median actual rent of private housing ($)**				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,200
2	3,500	3,600	3,800	4,000	4,000
3	4,300	4,500	4,800	5,000	5,000
4	4,800	5,000	5,300	5,500	5,600
5	5,300	5,700	6,000	6,089	6,000
6 or above	6,300	6,800	7,000	7,500	7,500

Table 4: MRA per month under CSSA and the percentage change over the previous year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by the number of eligible household members

Number of eligible household members	MRA per month under CSSA				
	2016-17 (with effect from 1 February 2016)	**2017-18 (with effect from 1 February 2017)**	**2018-19 (with effect from 1 February 2018)**	**2019-20 (with effect from 1 February 2019)**	**2020-21 [Note]**
1	1,735	1,810	1,835	1,885	2,475
2	3,490	3,640	3,695	3,795	4,370
3	4,560	4,755	4,825	4,955	5,245
4	4,850	5,060	5,135	5,275	5,910
5	4,865	5,075	5,150	5,290	6,590
6 or above	6,080	6,340	6,435	6,610	7,675
Percentage change over the previous year	+5.8%	+4.3%	+1.5%	+2.7%	+5.9% to +31.3%

[Note] The proposed rates are subject to approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6334)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

(a) Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in the past 3 years with a breakdown by number of eligible household members.

(b) Please advise the number of CSSA households and recipients with a breakdown by CSSA case nature (old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment, others) in the past 3 years.

(c) Please set out the number and percentage of CSSA recipients in the past 3 years with a breakdown by CSSA case nature by using the table below.

	Number of recipients	Percentage in the total number of recipients
Able-bodied/50% disabled elderly persons aged 65 or above		
100% disabled elderly persons aged 65 or above		
Elderly persons aged 65 or above requiring constant attendance		
Ill/50% disabled persons aged under 65		
100% disabled persons aged under 65		
Persons aged under 65 requiring constant attendance		
50% disabled children		
100% disabled children		
Children requiring constant attendance		
Able-bodied single parent/family carer aged under 65		
Other able-bodied adults aged under 65		
Able-bodied children		

(d) Please list out the number of approved CSSA applications made by those who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by CSSA case nature.

(e) Please advise the number of children on CSSA who were born in HK with parents being non-HK residents in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 225)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The number of CSSA cases by number of eligible household members from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1.

(b) The number of CSSA cases and recipients by case nature from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 2.

(c) The number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA) recipients aged 65 or above from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by category and age group is set out in Table 1 of Annex 3. The number of able-bodied adult and children CSSA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 2 of Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

(d) Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. The number of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 4.

(e) The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 3 years is set out in Annex 5.

Annex 1

Number of CSSA cases by number of eligible household members from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Number of eligible household members	Year		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
1	143 427	140 893	140 012
2	44 423	42 361	41 015
3	17 710	16 415	15 556
4	7 050	6 596	6 221
5	2 406	2 234	2 097
6 or above	1 142	1 108	1 083
Total	**216 158**	**209 607**	**205 984**

Annex 2

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases by case nature from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	144 129	141 280	136 050
Permanent disability	17 036	16 621	16 923
Ill health	23 570	23 043	23 917
Single parent	25 669	24 382	23 678
Low-earnings	4 182	3 422	3 002
Unemployment	12 623	11 696	12 570
Others	4 259	4 159	4 035
Total	**231 468**	**224 603**	**220 175**

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients by case nature from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Case nature	Year		
	2017-18	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Old age	173 190	167 937	161 354
Permanent disability	22 522	22 054	22 223
Ill health	35 554	34 243	34 889
Single parent	61 722	58 913	57 085
Low-earnings	13 538	11 283	9 811
Unemployment	20 737	19 552	20 409
Others	5 941	5 819	5 568
Total	**333 204**	**319 801**	**311 339**

Annex 3

Table 1: Number of CSSA (including Portable CSSA) recipients aged 65 or above from 2017-18 to 2019-20 by category and age group

Category	2017-18		
	Number of recipients		
	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled [Note]	20 213	19 062	47 819
100% disabled	7 091	5 041	23 157
Requiring constant attendance	1 473	1 667	14 985

Category	2018-19		
	Number of recipients		
	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled [Note]	18 877	18 676	45 018
100% disabled	7 292	5 313	22 573
Requiring constant attendance	1 548	1 753	15 253

Category	2019-20 (ad at end-December 2019)		
	Number of recipients		
	65 to 69	70 to 74	75 or above
Able-bodied/50% disabled [Note]	17 630	18 777	43 379
100% disabled	7 490	5 756	22 293
Requiring constant attendance	1 607	1 907	15 487

[Note] Due to the limitations of CSSA recipient categorisation, the number of able-bodied/50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 65 or above cannot be provided.

Table 2: Number of able-bodied adult and children CSSA recipients from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients	
	Able-bodied adults	Able-bodied children
2017-18	48 330	63 854
2018-19	44 716	59 834
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	44 453	56 604

Annex 4

Number of CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of CSSA recipients
2015-16	18 315
2016-17	16 795
2017-18	16 048
2018-19	15 045
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	14 402

SWD does not have the other information mentioned in the question.

Annex 5

Number of CSSA recipients who were children born in HK with both parents being Mainland residents over the past 3 years

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of recipients
2017	330
2018	298
2019	303

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6335)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

(a) Please provide the number of able-bodied adult Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients with a breakdown by age group and educational attainment (primary, secondary, sub-degree, degree, higher degree) in the past 5 years.

(b) Please provide the number of unemployed CSSA recipients with a breakdown by age group and educational attainment (primary, secondary, sub-degree, degree, higher degree) in the past 5 years.

(c) Please provide, among CSSA recipients, the number of households with non-school-attending able-bodied persons aged 20 to 39, and the percentage in the total number of households with able-bodied persons aged 20 to 39 in the past 5 years.

Please list out the number of CSSA cases in the past year with a breakdown by the following categories:

CSSA household	Number of cases	Percentage in the total number of CSSA cases
With members aged 10 to 14		
With members aged 15 to 19		
With members aged 20 to 24		
With members aged 25 to 29		
With members aged 30 to 34		
With members aged 35 to 39		

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 226)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) & (c) The number of able-bodied adult CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is provided as follows:

Year	Number of recipients
2015-16	58 639
2016-17	53 189
2017-18	48 330
2018-19	44 716
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	44 453

The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

(b) The number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by age group and educational attainment is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1.

Annex 1

Table 1: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by age group

Age group	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
15 to 19	512	453	369	370	393
20 to 29	924	901	750	764	850
30 to 39	1 522	1 307	1 196	1 120	1 084
40 to 49	4 806	4 373	4 168	3 895	3 840
50 to 59	8 109	7 275	6 611	6 111	5 943
60 to 64	-	-	-	182	1 466
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

Table 2: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2015-16 to 2019-20 by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Primary or below	7 518	6 440	5 628	5 090	5 661
Secondary	8 054	7 564	7 154	7 020	7 522
Post-secondary or above	301	305	300	294	345
Others	-	-	12	38	48
Total	**15 873**	**14 309**	**13 094**	**12 442**	**13 576**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6336)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the number of rejected applications for various allowances (Comprehensive Society Security Assistance (CSSA), Normal Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and Higher OALA), and the percentage in the total number of applications, with a breakdown by reason of rejection in the past 3 years;

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 227)

Reply:

Reasons for CSSA, Normal OALA and Higher OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected, breakdown and percentages of the total number of applications from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Reasons for CSSA new applications and re-applications being rejected, breakdown and percentage of the total number of applications from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Reason	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Excess in assets	396	345	241
Excess in income	42	44	24
Not meeting the residence requirement	8	8	6
Absence from Hong Kong [Note 1]	6	7	8
Withdrawal	13 399	13 127	10 131
Lost contact [Note 1]	1 685	1 723	1 176
Deceased [Note 1]	1 160	1 175	925
Not meeting the requirement of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance	31	48	41
Other reasons	920	943	589
Total (percentage of the total number of applications)	**17 647 (44.86%)**	**17 420 (47.29%)**	**13 141 (46.30%)**

[Note 1] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) could not verify if they met the eligibility criteria.

Table 2: Reasons for Normal OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected, breakdown and percentage of the total number of applications from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Reason	2017-18	2018-19 [Note 2]	2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)
Excess in assets	68	77	15
Excess in income	93	57	21
Not meeting the age requirement	17	9	6
Not meeting the residence requirement	1 910	1 003	175
Absence from Hong Kong [Note 1]	72	47	12
Withdrawal	879	426	154
Lost contact [Note 1]	148	88	24
Deceased [Note 1]	269	242	114
Switched to CSSA	92	95	23
Others	87	65	32
Total (percentage of the total number of applications)	**3 635 (7.7%)**	**2 109 (10.9%)**	**576 (9%)**

[Note 1] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, SWD could not verify if they met the eligibility criteria.

[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

Table 3: Reasons for Higher OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected, breakdown and percentage of the total number of applications from 2017-18 to 2019-20

Reason	**2017-18** [Note 2]	**2018-19** [Note 2]	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Excess in assets	N.A.	21	23
Excess in income		42	41
Not meeting the age requirement		15	15
Not meeting the residence requirement		1 205	1 581
Absence from Hong Kong [Note 1]		55	48
Withdrawal		438	390
Lost contact [Note 1]		39	60
Deceased [Note 1]		65	125
Switched to CSSA		30	40
Others		24	30
Total (percentage of the total number of applications)	N.A.	**1 934 (5.7%)**	**2 353 (7.5%)**

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, SWD could not verify if they met the eligibility criteria.

[Note 2] Higher OALA was implemented on 1 June 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6353)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential care services for the elderly, please inform this Committee of:

1. the numbers of homes, waiting time and service places for subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), contract homes, homes participating in conversion of residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) and home for the aged (H/A) places, private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), self-financing homes operated by NGOs, and private RCHEs respectively over the past 5 years (as at March each year).
2. the details of the Government's plan to purchase additional EA1 places in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 256)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. From 2015-16 to 2019-20, the number of various types of RCHEs and the number of service places are set out in Annexes 1 and 2, and the average waiting time for places of various subsidised residential care services for the elderly is set out in Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the waiting time for various types of non-subsidised residential places.
2. SWD will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS for 5 consecutive years (1 000 places each year) from 2019-20 onwards to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. SWD has commenced the work to purchase a total of about 2 000 additional places in 2019-20 and 2020-21. About 320 additional EA1 places in the first batch have commenced service at the end of 2019, while about 1 600 remaining additional places are expected to commence service in 2020-21.

Annex 1

Number of various types of RCHEs

Year	Number of units					
	Subvented homes [Note 1]	**Subvented homes participating in conversion**	**Contract RCHEs**	**Self-financing homes** [Note 2]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS**	**Private RCHEs** [Note 3]
2015-16	53	74	26	39	142	404
2016-17	53	74	28	38	142	403
2017-18	54	73	30	38	139	409
2018-19	54	72	31	38	140	409
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	54	72	32	38	147	407

[Note 1] Excluding subvented homes participating in the conversion of self-care (S/C) and H/A places.

[Note 2] Including self-financing nursing homes (NHs) licensed purely under the registration regime administered by the Department of Health (DH).

[Note 3] Excluding private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

Annex 2

Number of service places of various types of RCHEs

Year	Number of service places					
	Subvented homes [Note 1] [Note 2]	**Subvented homes participating in conversion** [Note 2]	**Contract RCHEs** [Note 2]	**Self-financing homes** [Note 2] [Note 3]	**Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS** [Note 2]	**Private RCHEs** [Note 4]
2015-16	9 852	7 046	3 373	3 603	16 191	33 307
2016-17	9 852	7 115	3 564	3 633	16 231	33 605
2017-18	9 972	7 144	3 792	3 501	15 649	34 439
2018-19	9 972	7 198	3 862	3 514	15 756	34 587
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	9 972	7 236	3 992	3 503	16 362	34 739

[Note 1] Excluding subvented homes participating in the conversion of S/C and H/A places.

[Note 2] Subsidised and non-subsidised residential places are provided.

[Note 3] Including self-financing NHs licensed purely under the registration regime administered by the DH.

[Note 4] Excluding private RCHEs participating in the EBPS. Non-subsidised residential places are provided. Service places are capped at the maximum number of residential places permitted under licence.

Annex 3

Average waiting time for various subsidised residential care places for the elderly

Service type [Note 1]	**Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months)** [Note 2]				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Care and attention (C&A) places					
- Subvented/ contract RCHEs	36	36	36	40	41
- Private homes participating in the EBPS	9	11	11	10	8
Overall	22	24	24	24	20
NH places [Note 3]	27	25	24	25	22

[Note 1] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in homes for the aged (H/As) since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care places for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places.

[Note 2] It is the average number of months taken (from the waitlist date to the admission date) for normal cases to be admitted to subsidised RCHEs in the past 3 months. Cases accorded priority in allocation of places, those cases with inactive history admitted in the past 3 months, and cases transferred from H/A places to the converted C&A places providing continuum of care in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation because their waiting time may be extraordinarily long or short in comparison with that of normal cases.

[Note 3] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6354)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the 2019-20 Budget Speech that the Government is often faced with a shortage of venues when planning the provision of more welfare facilities. Therefore, the Government has proposed to allocate $20 billion to purchase suitable properties from the market for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities. These facilities, scattered around the 18 districts and planned to be purchased over a three-year period, include day child care centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, district support centres for persons with disabilities, parents resource centres, co-parenting support centres, etc.

While answering my questions about the Budget Speech last year, the Labour and Welfare Bureau mentioned that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Government Property Agency (GPA) would be responsible for preparing and following up on arrangements for the purchase of premises. A working group, comprising representatives from relevant departments, would be set up to conduct pre-purchase study on areas such as exploring the supply of the property market and formulate purchase strategies. Consultation would be made with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Independent Commission Against Corruption in respect of the purchase arrangements and procedures, so as to ensure the proper use of public funds.

1. What is the progress of the relevant arrangements?
2. What are the expenditure and the distribution concerning the pre-purchase study and purchase of premises?
3. Regarding 130 welfare facilities which include day child care centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, district support centres for persons with disabilities, parents resource centres, co-parenting support centres, etc, how will the funding be allocated among various services, and what is the ratio?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 258)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of

various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, SWD and the GPA will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6355)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the deployment of resources and manpower of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please advise this Committee:

The financial provision for Services for Offenders (Programme 5) represents 0.4% of the entire provision for SWD, while the provision for Services for The Elderly (Programme 3) represents 13% of the said entire provision. However, 505 staff members are responsible for Programme 5, being more than that for Services for The Elderly (438 staff members). Please account for the difference. Why does Services for The Elderly, getting more provision, have a disproportionally small size of responsible staff?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 261)

Reply:

Most of the Services for The Elderly under Programme (3) are provided directly by subvented/private sectors. SWD is mainly responsible for the implementation of relevant policies, service planning, monitoring, and licencing of residential care homes for the elderly. Therefore, a large part (accounting for $11.6703 billion, i.e. about 95% of the estimate for the year) of the 2020-21 Estimate of $12.2659 billion under Programme (3) is provided for the subvented/private sectors, while the remaining provision is for expenditure of the Government sector (including staff costs) (accounting for $595.6 million, i.e. about 5% of the estimate for the year). Hence, the size of the government staff involved is relatively small.

As for the $417.2 million in the 2020-21 Estimate for Services for Offenders under Programme (5), the part for the subvented sector only accounts for $79.8 million (i.e. about 19%), and is mainly for providing counselling and residential services for ex-offenders. A large part of the relevant Estimate is for the Government sector (accounting for $337.4 million, i.e. about 81% of the estimate for the year). As the statutory monitoring of probation and community service order service, operation of residential training institutions (e.g. remand home, place of refuge and reformatory school) and support for the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme and the Young Offender Assessment Panel under the Programme are directly provided by SWD, the size of the government staff involved is relatively large.

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LWB(WW)737

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6360)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of cases allocated with public rental housing under Compassionate Rehousing (CR), with a breakdown by case nature (old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 284)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the number and breakdown of cases allocated with public rental housing under CR on account of old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and other reasons.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)738

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6363)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the figures for Compassionate Rehousing (CR) and Conditional Tenancy (CT) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 287)

Reply:

The number of CR and CT Scheme cases handled in the past 5 years (2015-16 to 2019-20) is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of CR and CT Scheme Cases Handled

Year	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at 31 December 2019)**
Number of CR cases seeking recommendation (excluding CT Scheme)	1 450	1 254	893	858	598
Number of CR cases recommended to the Housing Department (HD) (excluding CT Scheme)	1 236	1 083	767	727	514
Number of CR cases not recommended (excluding CT Scheme) [Note]	64	36	30	20	9
Number of CT Scheme cases under CR seeking recommendation	176	156	97	76	69
Number of CT Scheme cases under CR recommended to HD	138	127	85	61	50
Number of CT Scheme cases under CR not recommended [Note]	7	2	5	4	-

[Note] Apart from the cases not recommended, some clients withdrew by themselves because of alternative arrangements being available, e.g. clients being allocated public housing units through the general waiting list or being offered household splitting.

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LWB(WW)739

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6370)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please set out the average manpower in each rank and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each IHCS (frail cases (FC)) team by type of manpower and District Council (DC) district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 296)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have the flexibility to deploy the grant in arranging suitable staffing, subject to their ensuring service quality and achieving the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. The Social Welfare Department does not have the average manpower in each rank and average number of cases handled by each post per month in IHCS(FC) teams operated by NGOs.

The number of cases handled by IHCS(FC) teams from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with a breakdown by DC district is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of cases handled by IHCS(FC) teams
(2015-16 to 2019-20)

District	Number of cases handled				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	56	49	54	61	48
Eastern	108	114	105	113	100
Wan Chai	47	40	39	43	34
Southern	106	112	113	104	97
Islands	26	30	24	26	23
Kwun Tong	208	192	199	184	180
Wong Tai Sin	134	129	120	132	108
Sai Kung	38	43	35	34	38
Kowloon City	35	36	42	41	33
Yau Tsim Mong	52	51	54	56	47
Sham Shui Po	114	109	109	130	114
Sha Tin	158	160	153	155	143
Tai Po	46	41	37	40	37
North	40	45	39	35	40
Yuen Long	106	124	124	117	111
Tuen Mun	32	34	36	32	32
Tsuen Wan	50	48	50	46	41
Kwai Tsing	110	104	103	109	99
Total	**1 466**	**1 461**	**1 436**	**1 458**	**1 325**

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LWB(WW)740

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6371)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each EHCCS team by type of manpower and District Council (DC) district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 297)

Reply:

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating the services have the flexibility to deploy the allocated resources and arrange suitable staffing, including social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and other supporting staff in accordance with the contract terms for EHCCS, to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The Social Welfare Department does not have the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each EHCCS team operated by NGOs.

The number of cases served under EHCCS with a breakdown by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of cases served under EHCCS (2015-16 to 2019-20)

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N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6372)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding district elderly community centres (DECCs), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each DECC by type of manpower and District Council district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 298)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the recurrent subventions for subvented services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services. SWD does not have information on the type of manpower of DECCs, and the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each DECC.

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LWB(WW)742

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6373)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each centre by type of manpower and District Council district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 299)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the subventions and arrange suitable staffing to achieve the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the recurrent subventions for subvented services, and thus should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services. SWD does not have information on the type of manpower of NECs, and the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each NEC.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 | Reply Serial No. **LWB(WW)743**

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6374)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding social centres for the elderly, please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each centre by type of manpower and District Council district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 300)

Reply:

Among the subvented elderly centres of the Social Welfare Department, there is only 1 social centre for the elderly, which is located in Sha Tin. According to the information submitted by the centre, its manpower in the past 5 years is provided as follows:

Year	Manpower	
	Social Work Rank	Non-Social Work Rank
2015-16	1.167	2
2016-17	1.167	2
2017-18	0.917	2
2018-19	1.167	3
2019-20	1	2.75

According to the Funding and Service Agreement of social centres for the elderly, counselling service is not included.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6375)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each DE/DCU by type of manpower and District Council (DC) district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 301)

Reply:

The total number of service users of DEs/DCUs in the whole year by DC district from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in the Annex.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing, subject to achieving the service output standards and outcome requirements as stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services, and thus should not be used as the benchmark for manpower and staffing arrangement for subvented services. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each DE/DCU by type of manpower and DC district.

Annex

Geographical distribution of service users of DEs/DCUs in the whole year

District	Number of service users of DEs/DCUs in the whole year				
	2015-16	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)**
Central & Western	286	281	306	292	278
Eastern	483	546	547	517	497
Wan Chai	164	185	211	196	187
Southern	197	206	216	198	186
Islands	70	79	86	79	76
Kwun Tong	755	773	795	801	790
Wong Tai Sin	553	527	525	551	498
Sai Kung	401	403	439	436	391
Kowloon City	300	287	303	301	286
Sham Shui Po	539	573	579	574	569
Yau Tsim Mong	336	350	303	314	303
Sha Tin	622	614	669	688	607
Tai Po	134	135	141	149	128
North	79	89	108	92	83
Yuen Long	249	235	229	250	289
Tsuen Wan	160	184	269	374	341
Kwai Tsing	371	385	396	487	445
Tuen Mun	248	254	256	265	337
Total	**5 947**	**6 106**	**6 378**	**6 564**	**6 291**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6376)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding subvented/contract care-and-attention (C&A) homes providing a continuum of care (CoC), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each subvented/contract C&A home providing a CoC by type of manpower and District Council district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 302)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, operators of subvented residential care services for the elderly have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services, and thus should not be used as the benchmark for manpower and staffing arrangement for subsidised services. Besides, contract homes should provide residential care services of care-and-attention homes and nursing homes at the same time. Service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange the manpower required, including social workers, nurses, care workers and other supporting staff so as to comply with the service and staffing requirements specified in the service contract and relevant legislation. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)746

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6377)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding subvented/contract nursing homes (NHs), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each subvented/contract NH by type of manpower and District Council district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 303)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, operators of subvented residential care services for the elderly have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment is used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services, and thus should not be used as the benchmark for manpower and staffing arrangement for subsidised services. Besides, contract homes should provide residential care services of care and attention homes and nursing homes at the same time. Service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange the manpower required, including social workers, nurses, care workers and other supporting staff so as to comply with the service and staffing requirements specified in the service contract and relevant legislation. Therefore, SWD does not have the information sought.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2020-21 Reply Serial No.

LWB(WW)747

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6378)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), please set out the average manpower and average number of cases handled by each post per month in each RCHE by type of manpower and District Council district over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 304)

Reply:

Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS are required to provide care-and-attention places. Service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange the manpower required, including nurses, physiotherapists, health workers, care workers and assistants so as to comply with the service and staffing requirements specified in the EBPS agreement and relevant legislation. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6379)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government launched the multi-skills workers training for young persons on a pilot basis in 2013 through the Lotteries Fund (LF). The Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) was formally introduced in 2015, with a view to attracting young people to enter the trade. Would the Government please set out the number of participants in and the turnover rate of the Navigation Scheme? Besides, has the Navigation Scheme been reviewed? If yes, what is the outcome of review? If no, when does the Government plan to conduct a review? If there is no plan for a review, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 305)

Reply:

To encourage young people to join the elderly long-term care sector, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a "First-hire-then-train" pilot project (pilot project) with an allocation from the LF in 2013. The pilot project recruited young persons to take up care work in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). It was implemented in 2 phases and recruited 211 trainees at different times. Among them, 187 trainees were arranged to work in RCHEs. There were 71 graduates under the pilot project, while the remaining 140 trainees had left the project. In addition, SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. In 2019-20, operating agencies continued to provide additional training places. As at end-December 2019, a total of 1 153 trainees had been recruited by the operating agencies, with 445 graduates, and 222 trainees remaining in the Navigation Scheme, while 486 trainees have left the Navigation Scheme.

Through regular meetings with the operating agencies, SWD also exchanges views on the implementation and effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme, so as to ensure that arrangements of individual agencies are consistent with the objectives of the Navigation Scheme. SWD will keep in view the effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme. SWD will continue with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21 and enhance the Navigation Scheme so as to attract young people to enrol and encourage them further to join the elderly and

rehabilitation care services. The enhancement measures include expanding the age range of trainees from 18 to 25 at present to 17 to 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 at present to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies. Operating agencies will recruit trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme starting from the second quarter of 2020.

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LWB(WW)749

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6381)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the number of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) at various care levels in the past 5 years, broken down by subsidised and non-subsidised homes (subvented, contract, self-financing homes, licensed homes with bought places under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and those without).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 307)

Reply:

The number of RCHEs broken down by home type and care level in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 1.

The number of RCHDs broken down by home type and care level in the past 5 years is set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1

Number of RCHEs by home type and care level

Year	Subvented RCHEs			Contract RCHEs			Self-financing RCHEs			Private RCHEs					
										Participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)			Not participating in EBPS		
	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level
2015-16	118	2	-	26	-	-	27	8	1	142	-	-	404	-	-
2016-17	119	2	-	28	-	-	28	8	-	142	-	-	403	-	-
2017-18	120	-	-	30	-	-	28	8	-	139	-	-	409	-	-
2018-19	120	-	-	31	-	-	29	7	-	140	-	-	409	-	-
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	120	-	-	32	-	-	29	7	-	147	-	-	407	-	-

Annex 2

Number of RCHDs by home type and care level

Year	Subvented RCHDs			Self-financing RCHDs			Private RCHDs					
							Participating in the Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (BPS)			Not participating in BPS		
	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level	High care level	Medium care level	Low care level
2015-16	117	79	29	1	9	8	9	-	-	1	57	1
2016-17	116	80	29	1	8	7	10	-	-	1	54	1
2017-18	117	80	33	2	8	6	10	-	-	1	53	1
2018-19	120	81	36	2	9	6	10	3	-	1	50	1
2019-20 (as at end-December 2019)	123	82	36	3	9	6	10	3	-	1	47	1

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LWB(WW)750

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6382)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise, in respect of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), the number of residents receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), the amount of CSSA received, the duration of receiving CSSA, and the duration of residence by type of RCHEs and RCHDs and age of residents over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 308)

Reply:

The eligible age for elderly CSSA was adjusted from 60 to 65 starting from 1 February 2019. The number of CSSA recipients broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is set out in Table 1 of Annex. Among them, the number of CSSA recipients broken down by duration of receiving CSSA is set out in Table 2 of Annex. The average monthly amount of CSSA received by singleton CSSA recipients aged 60 or above by type of residential care homes from 2016 to 2020 is set out in Table 3 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the figures of CSSA recipients' duration of residence in residential care homes.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients residing in residential care homes broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Number of recipients [Note]			
	Subsidised residential care homes		Non-subsidised residential care homes	
	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
2015-16	9 195	16 474	4 354	24 340
2016-17	9 251	16 716	4 401	24 434
2017-18	9 201	16 755	4 302	24 607
2018-19	9 081	16 697	4 209	24 209
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	9 245	16 896	3 998	23 782

[Note] SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients residing in different types of residential care homes. The above figures include the number of recipients residing in RCHEs and RCHDs.

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients broken down by age group, duration of receiving CSSA and type of residential care homes from 2015-16 to 2019-20

Year	Age	Number of recipients [Note]									
		Duration of receiving CSSA									
		Subsidised residential care homes					Non-subsidised residential care homes				
		1 year or less	More than 1 year to 3 years	More than 3 years to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total	1 year or less	More than 1 year to 3 years	More than 3 years to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
2015-16	Aged below 60	795	1 158	915	6 327	**9 195**	566	864	618	2 306	**4 354**
	Aged 60 or above	758	1 836	2 078	11 802	**16 474**	3 337	5 201	3 040	12 762	**24 340**
2016-17	Aged below 60	924	1 144	833	6 350	**9 251**	595	829	655	2 322	**4 401**
	Aged 60 or above	951	1 899	1 923	11 943	**16 716**	3 825	5 143	3 036	12 430	**24 434**
2017-18	Aged below 60	821	1 161	827	6 392	**9 201**	514	833	619	2 336	**4 302**
	Aged 60 or above	863	1 974	1 957	11 961	**16 755**	3 985	5 364	2 962	12 296	**24 607**
2018-19	Aged below 60	770	1 125	751	6 435	**9 081**	511	798	581	2 319	**4 209**
	Aged 60 or above	620	2 061	1 961	12 055	**16 697**	3 608	5 742	2 893	11 966	**24 209**
2019-20 (As at end-December 2019)	Aged below 60	829	1 100	789	6 527	**9 245**	473	749	551	2 225	**3 998**
	Aged 60 or above	806	1 867	2 023	12 200	**16 896**	3 752	5 530	2 943	11 557	**23 782**

[Note] SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients residing in different types of residential care homes. The above figures include the number of recipients residing in RCHEs and RCHDs.

Table 3: Average monthly amount of CSSA received by singleton recipients aged 60 or above residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care homes from 2016 to 2020

Type of Residential care homes	1 February 2016 ($) [Note]	1 February 2017 ($) [Note]	1 February 2018 ($) [Note]	1 February 2019 ($) [Note]	1 February 2020 ($) [Note]
Subsidised residential care homes	5,156	5,410	5,657	5,977	6,300
Non-subsidised residential care homes	8,433	8,993	9,448	10,140	11,133

[Note] This refers to the average amount of payment received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income.

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LWB(WW)751

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6750)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of recipients, amount involved and industry engaged in by recipients of the "Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers" (Pilot Scheme) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age distribution (in five-year bands).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 199)

Reply:

As at end-December 2019, there were 41 recipients of the subsidy under the Pilot Scheme, and a breakdown by age distribution is set out in the Annex. The amount of subsidy disbursed is about $5.7 million. The Social Welfare Department does not have the amount of subsidy received and industry engaged in by recipients with a breakdown by age distribution.

Annex

Age distribution of recipients under the Pilot Scheme

Age of recipients	**Number of recipients**
25 or below	1
26 to 30	7
31 to 35	7
36 to 40	6
41 to 45	3
46 to 50	4
51 to 55	6
56 to 60	2
61 to 65	3
66 to 70	1
71 or above	1
Total	**41**

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LWB(WW)752

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6835)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number of registered street sleepers receiving subsidised and non-subsidised drug treatment services in the past 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 135)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4060)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Under Analysis of Financial Provision, the provision for 2020-21 is $737.1 million higher than the Revised Estimate for 2019-20, mainly for enhancing child care services to strengthen support for families in fulfilling work and family commitment. Please reply in table form the services of the units involved, the quantity of services provided, the number of places and the amount of expenditure involved.

Service	Unit	Number of places	Total annual expenditure

2. It is mentioned under Analysis of Staffing Provision that there will be an increase of 11 posts. What are the ranks, service units and total annual expenditure of these posts?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Regarding the expenditure on Family and Child Welfare in Programme (1) under the Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision, provision for 2020-21 is $737.1 million higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20. This is mainly due to strengthening professional support for foster care service, providing rental subsidy to small group homes participating in environment improvement programme, provision of additional day and residential child care places, relaxing the child care service fee-waiving mechanism, strengthening supervisory support for day child care centres, enhancing support for people with special welfare needs and ethnic minorities, as well as the full-year effect of the new initiatives implemented in 2019-20. Information on the major services involving additional resources is set out at Annex.

2. The net increase of 11 posts will cover the Social Work Officer and clerical grades, as well as the supporting general grades. The new posts will mainly be deployed to cope with the increasing workload arising from the expansion and enhancement of child care services. Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved, the full-year expenditure involved in the net increase of these posts is about $5.3 million.

Annex

Information on the Major Services Involving Additional Resources for Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare in 2020-21 under Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Service	Unit	Number of places	Annual Recurrent Expenditure
Strengthening professional support for foster care service through provision of clinical psychological service	11 foster care agencies	N.A.	About $3.5 million
Providing rental subsidy to Small Group Homes participating in environment improvement programme to arrange suitable temporary accommodation for children when works are in progress	108 Small Group Homes participating in environment improvement programme	N.A.	Time-defined expenditure, with first year's expenditure estimated to be about $1.4 million in 2020-21
Aided standalone child care centre (CCC)	New aided standalone CCCs	About 1 500	About $104 million
Small Group Homes	New Small Group Homes	24	About $7.7 million
Relaxing the child care service fee-waiving mechanism to relieve the financial burden of parents	Subsidised day child care services, including extended hours service, occasional child care service, the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project and After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children	N.A.	About $69 million
Strengthening the supervisory support for day CCCs to enhance the service quality of CCCs	Aided day CCCs	N.A.	About $37.9 million
Enhancing social welfare support services for people with special welfare needs	The Cross-boundary and Inter-country Social Service, Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers, Short-term Hostel and Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	N.A.	About $13.9 million
Employing an additional 46 ethnic minorities (EM) members or designated staff in total as EM District Ambassadors	Some welfare service units of the Social Welfare Department and subvented NGOs, including Medical Social Services Units, IFSCs/ Integrated Services Centres, Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, District Elderly Community Centres, District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and Integrated Services Centres for Ex-offenders and their families	N.A.	The entire pilot scheme lasts for 3 years, involving a total expenditure of some $29 million

N.A. - Not applicable

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4061)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What is the number of children and young people using the services of foster care, small group homes (SGHs) and residential homes for children (RHCs), their age distribution and their average duration of stay in the homes or families as at end-December 2019?

2. What is the number of children and young people waitlisted for foster care, SGHs and RHCs and their age distribution as at end-December 2019?

   For the items mentioned above, please reply in table form

	Foster care			SGH			RHC		
	Aged 0 to 12	Aged 13 to 16	Aged 17 to 18	Aged 0 to 12	Aged 13 to 16	Aged 17 to 18	Aged 0 to 12	Aged 13 to 16	Aged 17 to 18
No. of users as at December 2019									
No. of people waitlisted as at December 2019									

3. In 2020-21, the number of places for foster care and RHCs remain the same as 2019-20. Is it because there will not be any expected increase in cases or that there will not be resources allocated to the services? In the latter case, what will the Department do to address the need of new cases?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total number of children and young people admitted to foster care, SGHs and RHCs was 3 264 as at end-December 2019. Their age distribution and their average duration of stay in the homes or families are set out below:

Type of service	Number of children and young people					Average duration of stay (month)
	From birth to the age of 6	From above 6 to the age of 12	From above 12 to the age of 18	From above 18 to the age of 21	Total	
Foster care [Note 1]	409	343	160	4	916	54.8
SGHs [Note 2]	12	395	441	8	856	31.3
RHCs	242	291	835	124	1 492	21.6
Total	663	1 029	1 436	136	3 264	33.5

[Note 1] The target service users of foster care are children from birth to the age of 18. Under special circumstances, children receiving foster care may extend their stay until after 18 years of age.

[Note 2] The target service users of SGHs are children aged 4 to 18. Under special circumstances, children receiving SGH service may extend their stay until after 18 years of age.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average duration of stay by age distribution.

2. As at end-December 2019, there were 666 children and young people on the waiting lists for foster care, SGHs or RHCs, and their age distribution is set out below:

Type of service	Number of children and young people				
	From birth to the age of 6	From above 6 to the age of 12	From above 12 to the age of 18	From above 18 to the age of 21	Total
Foster care [Note 3]	2	2	-	N.A.	4
SGHs	19	175	148	N.A.	342
RHCs	94	35	154	37	320
Total	115	212	302	37	666

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 3] Number of applications waiting for referral to foster care agencies for matching with a suitable foster home.

3. SWD plans to provide 30 additional places in SGHs and 9 additional places in RHC in 2020-21. However, in the light of the development of COVID-19, the original plan might be delayed. SWD will closely monitor the utilisation of and demand for various types of residential child care services through the Central Referral System for Residential Child Care Services, and will increase the number of places through service re-prioritisation or allocation of additional resources.

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LWB(WW)755

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4062)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Parents and family members are facing increased pressure under the impact of the anti-extradiction law on the Hong Kong society. However, as seen from the figures of service indicators, the number of service places offered under "Family and child protection", "Foster care", "Clinical psychological Service", cases, groups and programmes of "Integrated family service centres" as well as "Family support networking teams" in 2020-21 and 2019-20 remain unchanged. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The 2019-20 Revised Estimate and 2020-21 output of services on the above family support services are derived from the actual outputs of services delivered by various service units in the first 2 quarters of 2019-20.

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LWB(WW)756

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4063)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As seen from Matters Requiring Special Attention in both 2018-19 and 2020-21, it is mentioned that the Department will prepare for the purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years. Is there any specific detail? If yes, what types of family and child welfare service units are involved? What is the expected number of service places?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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LWB(WW)757

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4064)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the 5 co-parenting support centres set up by the Government to provide support for divorced/separated families, please advise:

1. Have the 5 centres officially commenced operation as at the end of December 2019? If yes, what are the respective numbers of cases handled? If no, when will they be put into operation?
2. What are the opening hours of these 5 centres and details of staffing?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The 5 specialised co-parenting support centres have commenced operation since October 2019. As at 31 December 2019, the 5 centres provided support services for a total of 171 cases. The table below shows the number of cases handled by each centre:

Name of centre	Number of cases handled
KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Kowloon East)	33
KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Hong Kong)	23
Parent-child Connect Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	72
Parent Child LINK Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	18
Circle of Love Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre	25
Total	171

2. The opening hours of the centres are slightly different from each other. However, each centre must be open for no less than 12 sessions per week, including 1 session on Friday night and a total of 4 sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The centres will be closed on public holidays. On manpower, each centre will have no less than 7 registered social workers and 4 clerical and supporting staff.

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LWB(WW)758

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4065)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out in table form the figures relating to Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance in various public housing estates (PHEs) in Hong Kong as at end-February 2020.

Name of PHE	one-person elderly household	one-person household	two-person elderly household	two-person household	three-person household	four-person household	five-person household	six-person-or-above household
Total amount								

2. As at end-February 2020, how many households living in private housing were receiving rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme?

	one-person elderly household	one-person household	two-person elderly household	two-person household	three-person household	four-person household	five-person household	six-person-or-above household
Total amount								

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases living in various PHEs and private housing and receiving rent allowance, and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance as at end-December 2019 are set out in the Annex.

Annex

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases living in various PHEs and receiving rent allowance, and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance

PHE	Number of cases (as at end-December 2019)
Ap Lei Chau	371
Bo Shek Mansion	37
Broadview Garden	18
Butterfly	875
Chai Wan	324
Chak On	352
Cheung Ching	390
Cheung Fat	230
Cheung Hang	369
Cheung Hong	977
Cheung Kwai	39
Cheung Lung Wai	250
Cheung On	289
Cheung Sha Wan	265
Cheung Shan	109
Cheung Wah	424
Cheung Wang	549
Ching Ho	1 333
Cho Yiu Chuen	163
Choi Fai	118
Choi Fook	559
Choi Ha	128
Choi Hung	985
Choi Ming Court	386
Choi Tak	840
Choi Wan (I)	484
Choi Wan (II)	241
Choi Ying	660
Choi Yuen	946
Chuk Yuen (North)	294
Chuk Yuen (South)	934
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	96
Chun Shek	277
Chung On	335
Clague Garden Estate	61
Easeful Court	24
Fortune	596
Fu Cheong	1 301
Fu Heng	464
Fu Shan	204
Fu Shin	409
Fu Tai	551
Fu Tung	118
Fuk Loi	383
Fung Tak	394
Fung Wah	87
Fung Wo	235
Grandeur Terrace	365
Hau Tak	484
Healthy Village	97
Heng On	191
High Prosperity Terrace	33
Hin Keng	175
Hin Yiu	139
Hing Man	183

PHE	Number of cases (as at end-December 2019)
Hing Tin	72
Hing Tung	195
Hing Wah (I)	305
Hing Wah (II)	537
Ho Man Tin	764
Hoi Fu Court	516
Hoi Lai	478
Hoi Ying	144
Hong Tung	169
Hung Fuk	737
Hung Hom	575
Jat Min Chuen	367
Ka Fuk	260
Ka Wai Chuen	203
Kai Ching	745
Kai Tin	340
Kai Yip	769
Kam Peng	33
Kin Ming	873
Kin Sang	109
King Lam	454
Ko Cheung Court	132
Ko Yee	212
Kwai Chung	2 075
Kwai Fong	786
Kwai Hing	96
Kwai Luen	415
Kwai Shing (East)	995
Kwai Shing (West)	535
Kwai Tsui	85
Kwong Fuk	702
Kwong Tin	242
Kwong Yuen	325
Kwun Lung Lau	179
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	512
Lai King	499
Lai Kok	587
Lai On	203
Lai Tak Tsuen	172
Lai Tsui Court	84
Lai Yiu	283
Lakeside Garden	17
Lam Tin	513
Lee On	425
Lei Cheng Uk	321
Lei Muk Shue	1 220
Lei Tung	406
Lei Yue Mun	543
Lek Yuen	423
Leung King	579
Lin Tsui	28
Lok Fu	512
Lok Man Sun Chuen	338
Lok Wah (North)	215
Lok Wah (South)	1 415
Long Ching	69
Long Ping	550
Long Shin	172
Lower Ngau Tau Kok	641
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I)	555

PHE	Number of cases (as at end-December 2019)
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II)	630
Lung Hang	360
Lung Tin	94
Lung Yat	123
Ma Hang	67
Ma Tau Wai	300
Mei Lam	529
Mei Tin	1 018
Mei Tung	377
Ming Tak	181
Ming Wah Dai Ha	185
Model Housing	55
Moon Lok Dai Ha	91
Mun Tung	324
Nam Cheong	167
Nam Shan	461
Nga Ning Court	37
Ngan Wan	47
Oi Man	551
Oi Tung	864
On Tai	872
On Tat	1 076
On Tin	45
On Ting	766
On Yam	568
Pak Tin	1 391
Ping Shek	449
Ping Tin	923
Po Heung	67
Po Lam	323
Po Shek Wu	67
Po Tat	1 121
Po Tin	1 850
Pok Hong	265
Prosperous Garden	63
Sai Wan	48
Sam Shing	181
Sau Mau Ping (South)	644
Sau Mau Ping	1 954
Sha Kok	962
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	48
Shan King	971
Shatin Pass	167
Shek Kip Mei	1 773
Shek Lei (I)	683
Shek Lei (II)	1 297
Shek Mun	587
Shek Pai Wan	627
Shek Wai Kok	720
Shek Yam East	370
Shek Yam	404
Sheung Lok	123
Sheung Tak	697
Shin Ming	338
Shui Chuen O	1 402
Shui Pin Wai	497
Shun Lee	487
Shun On	419
Shun Tin	898
Siu Sai Wan	509

PHE	Number of cases (as at end-December 2019)
So Uk	811
Sun Chui	756
Sun Tin Wai	303
Tai Hang Tung	481
Tai Hing	1 427
Tai Ping	42
Tai Wo	478
Tai Wo Hau	979
Tai Yuen	553
Tak Long	1 158
Tak Tin	639
Tin Chak	603
Tin Ching	1 206
Tin Heng	402
Tin King	124
Tin Ping	204
Tin Shui	773
Tin Tsz	557
Tin Wah	590
Tin Wan	467
Tin Yan	1 328
Tin Yat	256
Tin Yiu	899
Tin Yuet	689
Tsing Yi	172
Tsui Lam	180
Tsui Lok	101
Tsui Ping (South)	444
Tsui Ping (North)	999
Tsui Wan	123
Tsz Ching	1 378
Tsz Hong	175
Tsz Lok	854
Tsz Man	242
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	20
Tung Tau	589
Tung Wui	313
Un Chau	1 436
Upper Ngau Tau Kok	1 425
Upper Wong Tai Sin	888
Verbena Heights	159
Wah Fu	765
Wah Ha	15
Wah Kwai	265
Wah Lai	169
Wah Ming	356
Wah Sum	220
Wan Hon	355
Wan Tau Tong	174
Wan Tsui	409
Wang Tau Hom	559
Wing Cheong	248
Wo Che	589
Wo Lok	268
Wu King	299
Yan On	397
Yan Tin	548
Yat Tung	1 252
Yau Lai	1 414
Yau Oi	964

PHE	Number of cases (as at end-December 2019)
Yau Tong	616
Yee Ming	242
Ying Tung	336
Yiu On	225
Yiu Tung	556
Yue Kwong Chuen	65
Yue Wan	290
Yung Shing Court	281
Total number of cases	**118 060**
Total expenditure ($ million)	**163.1**

As a breakdown by the number of household members for individual PHEs contains low figures, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) can only provide the total number of cases living in various PHEs to avoid relevant cases being identified.

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases living in PHEs and receiving rent allowance, and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance by the number of eligible household members

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases living in PHEs and receiving rent allowance (as at end-December 2019)	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance in December 2019 ($ million)
1	68 478	77.5
2	31 568	49.2
3	11 080	21.0
4	4 434	9.4
5	1 599	3.7
6 or above	901	2.4
Total	**118 060**	**163.1**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Table 3: Number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance, and the corresponding CSSA expenditure on rent allowance by the number of eligible household members

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases living in private housing and receiving rent allowance (as at end-December 2019)	CSSA expenditure on rent allowance in December 2019 ($ million)
1	12 476	21.0
2	7 679	24.9
3	4 040	17.9
4	1 619	7.8
5	458	2.3
6 or above	172	1.1
Total	**26 444**	**75.1**

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

SWD does not have specific information on cases involving 1 or 2 elderly persons.

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LWB(WW)759

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4066)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As at end-February 2020, please advise:

1. the number of one-person and two-person elderly households receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and living in private housing;
2. the number of two-person single-parent families among households receiving CSSA;
3. among them, the number of households receiving rent allowance that is insufficient to cover the rent of their units and the average amount they have to pay to make up the rent respectively.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 99)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of one-person and two-person elderly households receiving CSSA and living in private housing.
2. SWD does not have the number of two-person single-parent families among households receiving CSSA. As at end-December 2019, there were 23 678 CSSA cases of the single parent case nature.
3. SWD does not have the breakdown of the information sought. Rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme is calculated on the basis of the number of eligible members in a household. The number of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) and the median actual rent as at end-December 2019 are set out in the Annex.

Annex

Number of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding the MRA and the median actual rent by the number of eligible household members

Number of eligible members	Number of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA (as at end-December 2019)	Median actual rent of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA (as at end-December 2019) ($)
1	8 398	2,650
2	4 968	4,600
3	2 353	5,700
4	1 037	6,500
5	334	7,000
6 or above	110	8,350
Total	**17 200**	**-**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4067)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has to incur an expenditure of about $4.225 billion by providing an additional month of allowance payment to current social security recipients. Please set out in table form the number of recipients under various schemes and the amount of allowances to be paid.

Social security scheme	Number of recipients/ households (a)	Amount granted per person (b)	Total amount (a+b)
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) standard rates			
Old Age Allowance (OAA)			
Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme			
Disability Allowance (DA)			
Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)			
Work Incentive Transport Subsidy			
		Total	4,225,000,000

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

It is recommended in the 2020-21 Budget that eligible social security recipients (including those under CSSA, OAA, OALA, DA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme), on the date of approval of the Appropriation Bill 2020 by the Legislative Council Finance Committee, may receive a one-off extra allowance equivalent to 1 month of CSSA standard rates or relevant allowance payments. Expenditure earmarked for the disbursement of the extra allowance in 2020-21 is about $4.2 billion and it is expected to benefit around 1.39 million persons. The relevant rates are set out in Table 1 and 2 of the Annex.

The Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme will have similar arrangements. Expenditure earmarked for the disbursement of the extra allowance to I-WITS recipients in 2020-21 is about $16 million, and the relevant expenditure has already been included under Head 173 Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency. It is expected to benefit around 27 000 persons, with each recipient receiving an extra allowance of $300 to $600.

Annex

Table 1: Different standard rates are applicable to different categories of recipients (such as elderly persons, children and adults). The following are examples of the monthly standard rates [Note 1] for different CSSA persons/households:

Example	Monthly standard rates ($)
Single able-bodied elderly person	3,715
Single able-bodied adult	2,615
A two-member CSSA household comprising 1 able-bodied elderly person and 1 severely disabled elderly person	7,465
A three-member CSSA household comprising 1 able-bodied single parent and 2 able-bodied school children	7,235
A four-member CSSA household comprising 2 able-bodied adults (one of them being family carer) and 2 able-bodied school children	8,330

Table 2: The monthly rates of various allowances under the Social Security Allowance Scheme [Note 1] are as follows:

Allowance	Monthly rates ($)
OAA [Note 2]	1,435
Normal OALA [Note 2]	2,770
Higher OALA [Note 2]	3,715
Normal DA	1,835
Higher DA	3,670

[Note 1] The relevant rates will come into effect upon approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council according to the established mechanism with retrospective effect from 1 February 2020.

[Note 2] Including GD Scheme and FJ Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4068)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in the table the waiting situation of community care services for the elderly as at end-December 2019:

	Elderly persons under ordinary cases (OC)		Elderly persons under frail cases (FC)		Persons with disabilities/their families		Individuals with special needs	
	No. of people waitlisted	Average waiting time	No. of people waitlisted	Average waiting time	No. of people waitlisted	Average waiting time	No. of people waitlisted	Average waiting time
Day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs)								
Integrated home care services (IHCS)								
Enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS)								

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 104)

Reply:

Frail elderly persons who had been assessed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may be waitlisted for services of DEs/DCUs, IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. As at end-December 2019, there were 4 612 elderly persons waiting for services of DEs/DCUs and the average waiting time was about 14 months (average of the past 3 months). There were 5 961 elderly persons waiting for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS and the average waiting time was about 15 months (average of the past 3 months). The aforesaid numbers of persons waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations operating the service. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the waiting time concerned. As at end-December 2019, there were 2 950 elderly persons, 139 persons with disabilities and 99 individuals/families with social needs waiting for IHCS(OC).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4069)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The number of places for integrated home care services (IHCS) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in 2020-21 is the same as that of 2019-20, meaning that there are no additional places. What is the reason?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

Service targets of EHCCS or IHCS (Frail Cases (FC)) (IHCS(FC)) are users assessed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services. The Social Welfare Department has since October 2019 provided an additional 2 000 places, giving a total of 9 245 places under EHCCS with a view to helping frail elderly persons age in place. Besides, the Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places under IHCS(FC) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021.

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LWB(WW)763

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4070)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the work of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2019 that the Department launched a five-year scheme to provide full subsidies for all private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to join accreditation schemes. Please advise:

1. the number of private RCHEs expected to be accredited within 5 years, and the estimated number of such units to be provided each year;
2. the number of private RCHEs accredited as at end-February 2020, and please set out in table form the location of such homes and the number of service places by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 108)

Reply:

SWD launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining the approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service. The scheme aims at encouraging private RCHEs to improve their service quality on a continuous basis and join independent accreditation schemes for an objective assessment of their services by certification bodies.

Over 500 private RCHEs in the territory can participate in the scheme. As at end-February 2020, there were 57 private RCHEs registered for joining accreditation schemes included under the Accreditation Subsidy Scheme, namely the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Accreditation Division and the Residential Care Home for the Elderly Certification Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency. The procedures and the time involved in the accreditation process are subject to the independent certification bodies which implement the accreditation schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4071)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The estimated number of nursing home (NH) places in 2020-21 is 5 places less than the number of NH places provided in 2019-20, which is also 5 places less than that provided in 2018-19. What is the reason for the reduction of places year by year?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 109)

Reply:

As 1 self-financing NH participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme launched by the Social Welfare Department since 2011 has planned for conversion, the NH concerned has progressively reduced the number of its bought places by means of natural wastage starting from 2015-16. Therefore, it is estimated that the number of NH places will be reduced by 5 annually in 2019-20 and 2020-21, but the number of NH places provided in contract homes will continue to increase.

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LWB(WW)765

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4072)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out in table form the number of places for the enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in 18 districts:

	Current number of EHCCS places as at February 2020			Number of persons waitlisted for EHCCS places as at February 2020		
	The elderly (frail)	The elderly	Persons with disabilities	The elderly (frail)	The elderly	Persons with disabilities
Central & Western						
Eastern						
Southern						
Wan Chai						
Kowloon City						
Kwun Tong						
Sham Shui Po						
Wong Tai Sin						
Yau Tsim Mong						
Kwai Tsing						
North						
Sai Kung						
Sha Tin						
Tai Po						
Tsuen Wan						
Tuen Mun						
Yuen Long						
Islands						

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 110)

Reply:

Service users of EHCCS are elderly persons assessed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services. As at end-December 2019, the number of services places of EHCCS in various districts is provided as follows:

District	Service places (as at end-December 2019)	
	by district team	by cluster team
Central & Western	209	501
Eastern	250	
Wan Chai	185	
Southern	200	
Islands	105	-
Kwun Tong	535	675
Wong Tai Sin	505	952
Sai Kung	268	
Kowloon City	323	682
Yau Tsim Mong	210	
Sham Shui Po	325	
Sha Tin	247	548
Tai Po	175	
North	190	
Yuen Long	225	1 005
Tuen Mun	200	
Tsuen Wan	280	
Kwai Tsing	450	
Sub-total	4 882	4 363
Total	9 245	

The Social Welfare Department only keeps the statistical information on the overall number of persons waitlisted for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) and EHCCS without a breakdown by District Council district. As at end-December 2019, there were 5 961 persons [Note] waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS across the territory.

[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4073)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Department has proposed to implement the $1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund). Please advise:

1. the number of elderly service and rehabilitation service units having procured or rented products and the remaining amount of I&T Fund;
2. please list out the subvented service units having used these technology products and the number of service users.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

The I&T Fund has been launched since December 2018 to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and try out technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users as well as reduce the burden and pressure of care staff and carers. The I&T Fund was open for application for 2 tranches in 2019. For the first tranche, a total grant of some $37 million was approved for more than 210 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 870 items of technology products. For the second tranche, applications from over 650 service units for about 2 300 items of techbnology were received. As at February 2020, the Assessment Panel has approved 1 248 items of technology products while the remaining applications are still under vetting. The types of products that got more applications by the service units include electric climbers, smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, assessment tools, etc. It is estimated that the Fund will be progressively disbursed within 5 years starting from 2019-20. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of beneficiary service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4074)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out, in table form, the waiting time of persons with disabilities for different residential care services and the current number of places provided by these services as at end-December 2019.

	Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)	Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)	Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)	Halfway house (HWH) for ex-mentally ill persons	Long stay care home (LSCH) for ex-mentally ill persons
Current number of places							
No. of waitlisted persons							
Waiting time							
Cost per month							

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 118)

Reply:

The number of service places, number of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20 are set out in the Annex. The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services is $17,708 in 2019-20 (Revised Estimate).

Annex

Number of service places, number of persons on the waiting list and the average waiting time for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (As at 31 December 2019)

Type of Service	Number of service places	Number of persons on the waiting list	Waiting Time in 2018-19 (in months) [Note]
HMMH	2 658	2 522	114.1
HSMH	3 929	2 425	185.6
HSPH	682	576	168.0
C&A/SD	1 042	602	68.1
C&A/AB	828	171	10.0
HWH	1 534	618	6.0
LSCH	1 587	2 577	54.3

[Note] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, the figures for 2019-20 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4075)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the "implementation of a four-year pilot scheme to set up district-based professional teams to provide outreach services for residents of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)" as mentioned under the programme of social services in 2019, please advise:

1. the number of professional teams having provided services as at February 2020, services they provided, number of beneficiaries and whether the cost of the outreach services was borne by the residents or the organisations;
2. the number of outreach services to be provided and number of residents to benefit in the coming 3 years;
3. the department or persons responsible for monitoring the scheme and the date of completion of the report to conclude the experience.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 119)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) implemented a four-year Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Team for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (POTs) in March 2019, in which the whole territory is divided into 4 clusters, being served by 4 different professional outreaching teams operated by non-governmental organisations. Service operators of POTs in each district are set out in Annex. The professional outreaching teams are comprised of social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, registered nurses (psychiatric) and clinical psychologists etc, and will provide free outreaching services for a total of about 4 000 residents of private RCHDs, including supporting their social and rehabilitation needs, and providing consultation, training and support for their families and the staff of the homes. SWD will keep in view the implementation of POTs and conduct timely review.

Annex

Service operators of POTs

Service scope	**Service operators**
Hong Kong and Kowloon (Central & Western District, Southern District, Islands District, Eastern District, Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung)	Christian Family Service Centre
New Territories (I) (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
New Territories (II) (Yuen Long and Tuen Mun)	Wai Ji Christian Service
New Territories (III) (Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District)	The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4076)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned that the Central Psychological Support Service (CPSS) introduced in August 2019 will provide service places for 2 296 cases in 2020-21. Please advise:

1. the reason for the introduction of this service and the objective of the assessment of cases;
2. the method of application for the service, department responsible for case screening and provision of the service, and service details;
3. whether CPSS will be regularised or remain as a pilot scheme and whether the service is self-financed or free.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 120)

Reply:

Launched by the Clinical Psychological Service Branch under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 1989, CPSS has been providing professional clinical psychological support for rehabilitation service units (including day training, vocational rehabilitation and residential services for mentally handicapped and physically handicapped persons, but not those service units which have received subvention from the Government to employ agency-based clinical psychologists) subvented by SWD and those under non-governmental organisations. The clinical psychologists of CPSS provide guidance and support for the frontline staff of rehabilitation service units on caring for persons with developmental disabilities through regular visits and consultations. Since the adoption of a new service model in August 2019, the clinical psychologists of CPSS can provide direct support for the users of rehabilitation service units who are in need (particularly focusing on those who find themselves in major transitions in their lives, e.g. work adjustment, admission to hostels, ageing, bereavement, etc.) and their carers.

Clinical psychologists of CPSS will conduct comprehensive case assessment to understand the service user's background, intention and needs, interaction and relationship patterns, functioning level, etc., as well as the difficulties faced by their family members and/or staff acting as carers, and will give recommendations to carers and/or provide training service for the service users. CPSS is a regular and free service. Eligible persons can apply to the Clinical Psychological Service Branch under SWD for the service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4077)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019-20 that a special needs trust will be implemented for parents of persons with intellectual disability, mental disorder or autism in Hong Kong. Please advise as at February 2020:

1. the number of people in the participating families;
2. the number of participating parents of children with intellectual disability, mental disorder or autism respectively;
3. In 2018-19, the Financial Secretary announced an allocation of $50 million to set up a dedicated office for the implementation of special needs trust services. Is the office still financially viable and for how many years is it expected to operate? Is there any fund reserved for publicity and promotion, and if yes, what is the plan?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 121)

Reply:

As at end-February 2020, the Special Needs Trust Office (SNTO) had handled about 320 enquiries related to SNT service to assist parents in understanding the service. Besides, SNTO started accepting application on 25 March 2019, and has received 14 applications for Special Needs Trust to date, which are of the following types of disabilities:

Type of disabilities	Number of applications (As at end-February 2020)
Persons with intellectual disability (including Down's syndrome)	7
Persons with mental disorder	1
Persons with autism	2
More than 1 kind of disabilities	2
Others (not included in the designated types of disabilities)	2
Total	14

The $50 million earmarked in the 2018-19 Estimates is to cover the costs of SNTO for the first 5 years, including publicity and promotion expenses. SNTO has held a number of service briefings, talks and workshops for parents and stakeholders since the first quarter of 2019. Moreover, SNTO produced various promotional materials and video clips, and visited various parent self-help organisations, parents/relatives resource centres, rehabilitation service units, special schools, district welfare organisations and local organisations/groups, as well as attending radio programme and organising poster design competition, etc, to introduce and promote the Special Needs Trust (SNT) service. To further promote SNT, apart from continuing to visit rehabilitation service units of non-governmental organisations, special schools and local organisations/groups, SNTO will expand their scope of service promotion by proactively contacting more units/organisations/groups with potential service targets of SNT and arranging for visits. SNTO is also planning to hold joint activities or thematic workshops with stakeholders.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6514)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Department's commissioning of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up 3 outreaching teams with employment of ethnic minorities (EM) staff, please advise:

1. the main functions of the outreaching teams; and
2. the total expenditure as well as expenditure for the various programmes held in the past year.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 174)

Reply:

To address the social and welfare needs of EM communities, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned NGOs to set up 3 outreaching teams with employment of EM staff on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories to proactively reach out to EMs and connect those in need to mainstream welfare services. The outreaching teams will also provide case counselling, groups and activities for EMs. The outreaching teams have just commenced service in March 2020, and the revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 is about $2.55 million (including the preparation costs incurred during the 2 months prior to service operation).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6515)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the expenditure under Programme (5) Services for Offenders, please provide the following formation on each type of service:

(i) the actual expenditure in 2019-20;

(ii) the average expenditure per resident/ex-offender per month in 2019-20, and

(iii) the estimate for 2020-21.

	Actual expenditure in 2019-20	Average expenditure per resident/ex-offender per month in 2019-20	Estimated expenditure for 2020-21
Probation Service			
Community Service Order Scheme			
Operating Remand Home			
Residential Training			
Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme			
Young Offender Assessment Panel			
Other services for ex-offenders			

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 177)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is not able to provide the actual expenditure on individual services for offenders in 2019-20. The overall estimate of SWD on services for offenders in 2020-21 is $417.2 million, which include providing probation and community service order (CSO) service, operating remand home and residential training institution, supporting the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme and the Young Offender Assessment Panel and providing other services to ex-offenders, such as integrated service centres and hostels for ex-offenders, etc.

The cost per case or per place per month in 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) is provided as follows:

	The cost per case or per place per month in 2019-20 (Revised Estimate) ($)
Probation service	4,513
CSOs	3,217
Residential training	141,773
Other services for ex-offenders	
- Integrated service centres for ex-offenders	849
- Hostels for ex-offenders	7,349

SWD does not have information on the cost per case per month handled by the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme and the Young Offender Assessment Panel.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6516)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the projects under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) and the Child Development Fund (CDF), the Department is invited to provide the following information:

(1) list (i) the projects funded, (ii) year concerned, and (iii) approved funding for each project under PFD and CDF in the past 3 years in the following table.

Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged		
(i) Projects funded	(ii) Year concerned	(iii) Approved funding for each project
Child Development Fund		
(i) Projects funded	(ii) Year concerned	(iii) Approved funding for each project

(2) Please advise the total amount of funding estimated for the two Funds respectively in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 179)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s PFD approved over $182 million in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 for the 332 social welfare projects aimed to support the disadvantaged in the tenth to twelfth round of the Regular Portion applications and the second to fifth round of the Dedicated Portion applications. For details of the funded projects (including the amount of funding granted), please visit the following websites of SWD:

Funded projects of the Regular Portion:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_partnership/

Funded Projects of the Dedicated Portion:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_dedicatedportion/

PFD has not set any ceiling for the total amount of funding for each year. It is estimated that the total amount of funding for 2020-21 is more or less the same as those in previous years.

CDF allocated over $193 million in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 to fund 139 projects operated by non-governmental organisations and schools. Please refer to the Annex for details. The estimated expenditure of CDF in 2020-21 is $87.36 million.

Annex

Funded projects under the Child Development Fund in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20

	Projects funded	Year	Approved funding for projects funded ($ Million)
1.	Projects operated by non-governmental organisations	2017-18	49.39
2.	School-based projects	2017-18	15.11
3.	Projects operated by non-governmental organisations	2018-19	40.63
4.	School-based projects	2018-19	18.28
5.	Projects operated by non-governmental organisations	2019-20	51.96
6.	School-based projects	2019-20	17.63

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6517)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the re-engineering of Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), would the Department please advise the work focus, timetable, estimated expenditure and plan for conversion in each phase.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 181)

Reply:

MHCCCs are run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) originally planned to re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources. The recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about $28 million.

SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of the re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2020-21.

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LWB(WW)775

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6518)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare that the Department will implement the purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities over some 3 years. Please list out (i) the number of premises planned to be purchased, (ii) estimated expenditure for the purchase of premises, (iii) location of premises and (iv) their uses in each of the coming 3 years.

	(i) Number of premises planned to be purchased	(ii) Estimated expenditure for the purchase of premises	(iii) Location of premises	(iv) Uses
2020				
2021				
2022				

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 183)

Reply:

The Financial Secretary announced in the 2019-20 Budget that $20 billion will be allocated for the Government to purchase suitable premises over some 3 years for provision of various types of welfare facilities. The Government briefed the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the initiative on 10 June 2019, with information on some 160 welfare facilities proposed to be provided across the territory. After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo, the Social Welfare Department and the Government Property Agency will start relevant follow-up work as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6519)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Mr Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that a total of 3 000 additional home care service quotas will be provided. Please state in table form: (i) the existing number of home care service places in various districts; (ii) the utilisation rate of home care services in various districts; and (iii) the number of additional places to be provided in various districts.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 185)

Reply:

The Government will provide a total of 3 000 additional service places for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in 2 phases in 2020 and 2021. The Government will arrange the geographical distribution of the 3 000 service places having regard to factors such as the supply of services in each district, the demand and the operational situation of each service team, and the overall home care services provided to frail elderly persons.

In 2019-20, the number of service places and utilisation rate for IHCS(FC) with a breakdown by District Council district is set out in Annex 1.

Annex 1

Number of service places and utilisation rate for IHCS(FC)
2019-20
(as at end-December 2019)

District	No. of service places	Utilisation rate
Central & Western	40	100%
Eastern	80	100%
Wan Chai	30	97%
Southern	80	99%
Islands	20	100%
Kwun Tong	150	99%
Wong Tai Sin	100	99%
Sai Kung	30	100%
Kowloon City	30	97%
Yau Tsim Mong	40	98%
Sham Shui Po	90	100%
Sha Tin	120	99%
Tai Po	30	100%
North	30	100%
Yuen Long	90	98%
Tuen Mun	30	100%
Tsuen Wan	40	100%
Kwai Tsing	90	98%
Total	**1 120**	**99%**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4258)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out in table form the estimated and actual numbers of applications, the numbers of approved applications, the average processing time per application as well as the average amount of annual allowance for each case of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme since 2016.

	Estimated number of applications	Actual number of applications	Number of approved applications	Average processing time per application	Average amount of annual allowance for each case
2016-17					
2017-18					
2018-19					
2019-20					

2. Will the Government review the effectiveness and application procedures of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme so as to allow more families to receive the allowance? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 224)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) (renamed as the Working Family Allowance (WFA) on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 311 476 applications. Among them, 274 283 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The breakdown of the numbers of

applications received and applications approved and the average amount of allowance granted for each application by year is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. As whether households will apply for the Scheme is subject to the considerations of individual households, it is difficult to come up with an accurate estimate of the number of applications.

Regarding the processing time, as the circumstances of each WFA application are not exactly the same and the completeness of information submitted varies, it is difficult for the WFAO to provide a general time frame for processing an application. As always, the WFAO will endeavour to complete the processing of each application as soon as possible, with a view to granting the allowance to WFA households in a timely manner.

2. Since the launch of the WFA Scheme on 1 April 2018, the Government has been listening attentively to the views of stakeholders regarding the Scheme and monitoring its implementation closely. In this regard, the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address proposed that consequential to the improvement measures for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, all payment rates of the WFA would be increased, by increasing the working-hour linked household allowance by 16.7% to 25% and increasing the Child Allowance by 40%. This proposal will be implemented in tandem with the CSSA improvement measure on maximum rent allowance, which is about 2 months after the approval for the CSSA improvement measures by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at the earliest. Furthermore, the WFAO has implemented various measures to streamline the application procedures to facilitate the applicants, including the introduction of e-submission for application service on 30 September 2019.

Table 1

The breakdown of the numbers of LIFA or WFA applications received and applications approved and the average amount of allowance granted for each application by year between 3 May 2016 and 29 February 2020 is as follows:

	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Average amount of allowance granted for each application
2016-17 (LIFA)	61 752	52 354	$11,511
2017-18 (LIFA)	59 321	58 887	$11,526
2018-19 (WFA)	92 883	87 179	$13,650
2019-20 (WFA) (up to 29 February 2020)	97 520	75 863	$13,411

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5399)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme and the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme, please provide the total number of applications, the number of approved cases and the number of cases not approved in the past 5 years. Has the Government compiled statistics on the reasons for those cases not being approved? If yes, please provide the relevant statistics.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1243)

Reply:

Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) (renamed as the Working Family Allowance (WFA) on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 311 476 applications. Among them, 274 283 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The number of applications not granted LIFA or WFA was 12 758 and the reasons are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

The reasons for not granting LIFA or WFA are summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted LIFA or WFA
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	9 717
Exceeding the income limit	1 027
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	783
Exceeding the asset limit	559
Breaching the absence rule[1]	315
Other reasons	357
Total	**12 758**

Note 1：The absence rule was abolished on 6 December 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5400)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of applications from single-parents and non-single-parents and the number of approved applications, as well as the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Higher Allowance, 3/4-rate Higher Allowance, half-rate Higher Allowance; the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Medium Allowance, 3/4-rate Medium Allowance, half-rate Medium Allowance; the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Basic Allowance, 3/4- rate Basic Allowance and half-rate Basic Allowance by year. Please provide the reasons for unsuccessful applications and respective numbers.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1244)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 20 629 and 169 774 applications were from single-parent and non-single-parent households respectively. 20 254 and 142 788 applications from single-parent and non-single-parent households were granted the allowance respectively, while some applications are still being processed. A breakdown of the number of applications from single-parent and non-single-parent households granted the allowance is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex. The reasons for applications not granted WFA are set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from non-single-parent households by type of allowance and year is as follows:

Year	Number of approved WFA applications from non-single-parent households									
	Basic allowance			Medium allowance			Higher allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
2018-19	2 033	199	73	3 927	918	369	47 474	14 053	7 029	76 075
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	1 731	135	69	3 689	778	334	41 640	12 393	5 944	66 713
Total	**3 764**	**334**	**142**	**7 616**	**1 696**	**703**	**89 114**	**26 446**	**12 973**	**142 788**

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and year is as follows:

Year	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households									
	Basic allowance			Medium allowance			Higher allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
2018-19	165	4	3	234	6	2	8 200	1 727	763	11 104
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	167	2	4	184	2	2	6 755	1 419	615	9 150
Total	**332**	**6**	**7**	**418**	**8**	**4**	**14 955**	**3 146**	**1 378**	**20 254**

Table 3

A breakdown of the reasons for applications from non-single-parent and single-parent households not granted WFA by year is summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted WFA			
	2018-19		2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	
	Number of applications from non-single-parent households	Number of applications from single-parent households	Number of applications from non-single-parent households	Number of applications from single-parent households
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	3 075	100	2 563	109
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	228	3	174	1
Exceeding the income limit	94	8	102	8
Exceeding the asset limit	147	10	65	11

Other reasons	71	6	33	0
Total	**3 615**	**127**	**2 937**	**129**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5401)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of applications from ethnic minority families and the number of approved applications, as well as the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Higher Allowance, 3/4-rate Higher Allowance, half-rate Higher Allowance; the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Medium Allowance, 3/4-rate Medium Allowance, half-rate Medium Allowance; the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Basic Allowance, 3/4-rate Basic Allowance and half-rate Basic Allowance by year. Please provide the reasons for unsuccessful applications and respective numbers.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1245)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 4 694 applications from ethnic minority households. Among them, 3 921 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. A breakdown of the number of applications from ethnic minorities granted the allowance is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The reasons for applications from ethnic minorities not granted WFA are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from ethnic minorities by type of allowance and year is as follows:

Year	Number of approved WFA applications									
	Basic Allowance			Medium Allowance			Higher Allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
2018-19	54	7	3	107	31	12	1 337	396	223	2 170
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	34	0	2	87	30	11	1 118	319	150	1 751
Total	**88**	**7**	**5**	**194**	**61**	**23**	**2 455**	**715**	**373**	**3 921**

Table 2

A breakdown of the reasons for applications from ethnic minorities not granted WFA by year is summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	158	105
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	24	8
Exceeding the income limit	16	7
Exceeding the asset limit	0	3
Other reasons	3	2
Total	**201**	**125**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5402)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of applications from self-employed persons and the number of approved applications, as well as the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Higher Allowance, 3/4-rate Higher Allowance, half-rate Higher Allowance; the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Medium Allowance, 3/4-rate Medium Allowance, half-rate Medium Allowance; the numbers of applications granted the full-rate Basic Allowance, 3/4-rate Basic Allowance and half-rate Basic Allowance by year. Please provide the reasons for unsuccessful applications and respective numbers.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1246)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 10 807 applications from self-employed persons. Among them, 9 241 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. A breakdown of the number of applications from self-employed persons granted the allowance is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The reasons for applications from self-employed persons not granted WFA are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from self-employed persons by type of allowance and year is as follows:

Year	Number of approved WFA applications									
	Basic Allowance			Medium Allowance			Higher Allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
2018-19	170	13	3	251	24	3	4 195	302	149	5 110
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	134	3	3	201	17	4	3 431	231	107	4 131
Total	**304**	**16**	**6**	**452**	**41**	**7**	**7 626**	**533**	**256**	**9 241**

Table 2

A breakdown of the reasons for applications from self-employed persons not granted WFA by year is summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	230	207
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	20	17
Exceeding the asset limit	13	4
Exceeding the income limit	4	3
Other reasons	7	2
Total	**274**	**233**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5404)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of applications received from casual workers, and the number of families approved. Among the applications from casual workers, please provide the reasons for unsuccessful applications and respective numbers.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1249)

Reply:

The Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency does not have available information on whether the Working Family Allowance applicants are causal workers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5405)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of cases with and without children for the approved families.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1250)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, 49 247 households were granted the Child Allowance while 12 236 households with WFA approved were not granted the Child Allowance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5406)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of applications submitted through authorised social welfare institutions and the respective number of approved families.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1251)

Reply:

Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, a total of 6 050 applications were submitted by service units of non-governmental organisations assisting first-time WFA applicants in form-filling. While some of the applications are still being processed, 4 954 applications were granted allowance, involving 4 815 households.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5409)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children have received the Child Allowance since the Low-income Working Family Allowance was open for applications? (Please provide breakdowns by age, year of study and year of application of the child beneficiaries respectively.)

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1254)

Reply:

Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (renamed as the Working Family Allowance on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, 98 910 children were granted the Child Allowance. Breakdowns of the number of children granted the Child Allowance are set out in Tables 1 to 2 of the Annex. The Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency does not have information on the year of study of the children.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of children granted the Child Allowance by age between 3 May 2016 and 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Age	Number of children granted the Child Allowance
0 to below 6	29 478
6 to below 12	37 535
12 to below 15	15 460
15 to below 18	12 519
18 to 21	3 918
Total	**98 910**

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of children granted the Child Allowance by year is as follows:

	Number of children granted the Child Allowance
Low-income Working Family Allowance	
2016-17	50 121
2017-18	53 580
Working Family Allowance	
2018-19	70 023
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	72 088

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LWB(WW)786

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5410)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please advise on the number of applicants, race, monthly income, working hours, industry, occupation, number of children in family and residential district of ethnic minority applicants who successfully applied for the Working Family Allowance Scheme on an individual and household basis, as well as the respective numbers of applicants with the full-rate Basic Allowance, 3/4-rate allowance and half-rate allowance granted by year since 1 April 2018, with a breakdown by total number of monthly working hours, and the respective numbers of those with Child Allowance granted and without Child Allowance granted.

2. Please advise on the respective numbers of applications and successful applications from self-employed persons under the Working Family Allowance Scheme, as well as the respective numbers of self-employed applicants with the full-rate Basic Allowance, 3/4-rate allowance and half-rate allowance granted by year since 1 April 2018, with a breakdown by total number of monthly working hours, and the respective numbers of those with Child Allowance granted and without Child Allowance granted. Regarding the unsuccessful application cases of self-employed persons, what were the reasons for unsuccessful applications?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1255)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. Application for the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme is on a household (including singleton households) basis. Since the WFA Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 4 694 applications from ethnic minority households. Among them, 3 921 applications were approved, involving 1 632 households and

6 857 beneficiaries. Breakdowns of the number of ethnic minority households with allowance granted are set out in Tables 1 to 6 of the Annex. The WFAO does not have statistics related to race.

2. Since the WFA Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the WFAO received a total of 10 807 applications from self-employed persons. Among them, 9 241 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The numbers of applications from self-employed persons and the numbers of applications approved are set out in Table 7 of the Annex, with breakdowns of approved applications from self-employed persons set out in Tables 8 to 9 of the Annex. The reasons for applications from self-employed persons not granted WFA are set out in Table 10 of the Annex.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of ethnic minority households granted WFA by year is as follows:

Number of ethnic minority households granted WFA	
2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
1 344	1 278

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of ethnic minority households granted WFA by household income level and working hours by year is as follows:

Year	Number of ethnic minority households granted WFA									
	Basic Allowance[1]			Medium Allowance[2]			Higher Allowance[3]			Total
	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowanc[6]	
2018-19	39	6	3	71	21	9	781	257	157	**1 344**
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	29	0	1	66	24	9	788	239	122	**1 278**

Note 1: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 2: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 3: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Note 4: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 5: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 6: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of ethnic minority households granted WFA by industry of the applicants and year is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of households granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	510	491
Construction	212	199
Accommodation and food services	188	185
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	161	152
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	114	105
Public administration, social and personal services	66	47
Manufacturing	13	10
Others	80	89
Total	**1 344**	**1 278**

Table 4

A breakdown of the number of ethnic minority households granted WFA by occupation of the applicants and year is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of households granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
Elementary occupations	618	578
Service and sales workers	247	235
Associate professionals	161	155
Clerical support workers	121	106
Craft and related workers	58	58
Professionals	46	39
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	11	10
Others	82	97
Total	**1 344**	**1 278**

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of ethnic minority households granted WFA by number of children eligible for Child Allowance in a household and year is as follows:

Number of children eligible for Child Allowance in a household	Number of households granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
0 person	125	114
1 person	335	309
2 persons	481	460
3 persons	271	252
4 persons	97	108
5 persons or more	35	35
Total	**1 344**	**1 278**

Table 6

A breakdown of the number of ethnic minority households granted WFA by residential district of the applicants is as follows:

District	Number of households granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
Yau Tsim Mong	181	160
Yuen Long	138	136
Kwai Tsing	142	126
Sham Shui Po	124	121
Islands	104	114
Kowloon City	115	108
Kwun Tong	102	107
Eastern	107	88
Tuen Mun	79	77
Wong Tai Sin	63	55
Central and Western	40	37
Sai Kung	32	31
Sha Tin	26	30
Tsuen Wan	32	29
Wan Chai	24	29
Southern	19	16
Tai Po	8	8
North	8	6
Total	**1 344**	**1 278**

Table 7

A breakdown of the number of applications from self-employed persons and the number of applications granted WFA by year is as follows:

Year	Number of applications from self-employed persons	Number of applications from self-employed persons granted WFA
2018-19	5 485	5 110
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	5 322	4 131
Total	**10 780**	**9 241**

Table 8

A breakdown of the number of applications from self-employed persons granted WFA by type of allowance and year is as follows:

Year	Number of applications granted WFA									
	Basic Allowance			Medium Allowance			Higher Allowance			Total
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance	
2018-19	170	13	3	251	24	3	4 195	302	149	5 110
2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	134	3	3	201	17	4	3 431	231	107	4 131
Total	**304**	**16**	**6**	**452**	**41**	**7**	**7 626**	**533**	**256**	**9 241**

Table 9

A breakdown of the number of applications from self-employed persons granted WFA by the Child Allowance granted and year is as follows:

Category	Number of applications granted WFA	
	2018-19	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
With Child Allowance granted	4 624	3 683
Without Child Allowance granted	486	448
Total	**5 110**	**4 131**

Table 10

The reasons for applications from self-employed persons not granted WFA are summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted WFA
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	437
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	37
Exceeding the asset limit	17
Exceeding the income limit	7
Other reasons	9
Total	**507**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6785)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information on social security item related to children:
the number of children receiving the Child Allowance under the Low-income Working Family Allowance.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 85)

Reply:

Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (renamed as the Working Family Allowance on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, 98 910 children were granted the Child Allowance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6550)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Agency will "provide a special allowance for WFA households and student financial assistance beneficiary households under the Anti-epidemic Fund". Approximately how many households are eligible? How much will each household be granted? When will the disbursement of allowance be expected?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

The disbursement of special allowance for Working Family Allowance (WFA) households and Student Financial Assistance (SFA) households under the Anti-epidemic Fund is outside the scope of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account. According to the funding submission made to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February 2020, it is estimated that about 58 000 WFA households and 145 000 SFA households will benefit from the special allowance. The estimated expenditure for the disbursement of allowance is about $985 million. For a WFA household, the lump sum allowance it will get would be equivalent to an additional two-month allowance, based on the highest monthly amount the household received in its most recently submitted and approved WFA application during the period from 1 April 2019 to 21 February 2020. For an SFA household, it will receive a lump sum of $4,640 of the special allowance (i.e. two times the overall average monthly amount ($2,320) received by WFA households from 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019). The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency expects to start disbursing the special allowance in batches by the end of June 2020.

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LWB(WW)789

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6214)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance Scheme (formerly known as the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme), will the Government please inform this Committee of the following in the past 3 years (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019):

(1) the number of families in receipt of full-rate allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was received);

(2) the number of families in receipt of 3/4-rate allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(3) the number of families in receipt of half-rate allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(4) the number of single-parent families in receipt of the full-rate, 3/4-rate and half-rate allowance (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(5) the number of rejected applications (with breakdown by reasons for rejection, including exceeding the asset limit, exceeding the income limit, failing to meet the monthly working hour requirements, breaching the absence rule and other reasons).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2 & 3. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of households granted the allowance are set out in Tables 1 to 11 of the Annex.

4. Up to 29 February 2020, 20 254 applications from single-parent households were granted the allowance, while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of single-parent households granted the allowance are set out in Tables 12 to 17 of the Annex.

5. Up to 29 February 2020, 6 808 applications were not granted WFA. The reasons are set out in Table 18 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Male	24 788	7 502	4 015
Female	18 048	4 649	2 481
Total	**42 836**	**12 151**	**6 496**

Table 2

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Male	$1,165,209,000	$231,193,950	$64,743,700
Female	$610,025,800	$104,920,800	$31,291,500
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
15 - below 20	12	3	2
20 - below 30	2 111	741	442
30 - below 40	12 431	3 693	1 986
40 - below 50	16 013	4 591	2 430
50 - below 60	8 405	2 257	1 246
60 or above	3 864	866	390
Total	**42 836**	**12 151**	**6 496**

Table 4

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
15 - below 20	$319,600	$36,750	$10,600
20 - below 30	$76,981,600	$17,109,000	$5,420,900
30 - below 40	$589,872,600	$116,665,050	$35,069,300
40 - below 50	$714,976,800	$135,715,650	$37,619,300
50 - below 60	$298,455,000	$53,014,950	$14,480,000
60 or above	$94,629,200	$13,573,350	$3,435,100
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of households granted WFA									
	Full-rate allowance[1]			3/4-rate allowance[2]			Half-rate allowance[3]			Total
	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	
1 person	285	355	1 204	43	123	973	18	64	581	3 646
2 persons	447	650	6 995	21	112	2 082	16	54	919	11 296
3 persons	443	809	10 342	40	175	3 161	22	80	1 715	16 787
4 persons	504	1 074	14 041	38	191	3 794	21	111	1 995	21 769
5 persons	142	308	3 977	7	59	962	2	25	635	6 117
6 persons or more	40	85	1 135	4	19	347	1	7	230	1 868
Total	**1 861**	**3 281**	**37 694**	**153**	**679**	**11 319**	**80**	**341**	**6 075**	**61 483**

Note 1: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 2: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 3: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 4: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 5: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 6: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Table 6

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and household size is as follows:

(i)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Full-rate allowance)		
	Basic Allowance	Medium Allowance	Higher Allowance
1 person	$2,055,200	$4,164,000	$20,296,600
2 persons	$5,659,200	$11,787,000	$187,329,800
3 persons	$9,354,600	$20,731,000	$368,110,000
4 persons	$16,444,600	$46,135,000	$724,716,000
5 persons	$6,313,000	$15,218,000	$247,452,000
6 persons or more	$2,151,800	$4,304,000	$83,013,000
Total	**$41,978,400**	**$102,339,000**	**$1,630,917,400**

(ii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (3/4-rate allowance)		
	Basic Allowance	Medium Allowance	Higher Allowance
1 person	$247,800	$1,227,750	$12,991,050
2 persons	$227,700	$1,471,500	$39,194,550
3 persons	$580,350	$3,591,000	$80,283,300
4 persons	$954,450	$6,022,500	$132,335,400
5 persons	$308,850	$1,940,250	$39,926,850
6 persons or more	$97,350	$617,250	$14,096,850
Total	**$2,416,500**	**$14,870,250**	**$318,828,000**

(iii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Half-rate allowance)		
	Basic Allowance	Medium Allowance	Higher Allowance
1 person	$56,400	$289,500	$4,148,700
2 persons	$60,600	$316,500	$10,246,300
3 persons	$138,300	$689,000	$24,205,100
4 persons	$208,200	$1,694,000	$36,644,500
5 persons	$47,400	$432,500	$12,276,400
6 persons or more	$39,700	$117,500	$4,424,600
Total	**$550,600**	**$3,539,000**	**$91,945,600**

Table 7

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	12 708	3 501	1 892
Construction	6 694	2 150	1 251
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	6 745	1 616	959
Accommodation and food services	6 251	2 144	892
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	5 011	1 075	521
Public administration, social and personal services	2 721	921	563
Manufacturing	783	186	100
Others	1 923	558	318
Total	**42 836**	**12 151**	**6 496**

Table 8

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	$460,710,600	$84,517,050	$24,483,800
Construction	$314,923,000	$64,622,850	$20,182,600
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	$322,619,000	$51,867,150	$14,711,000
Accommodation and food services	$264,092,000	$63,448,950	$15,312,400
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	$194,150,200	$28,501,200	$7,866,600
Public administration, social and personal services	$106,424,000	$23,726,700	$7,321,900
Manufacturing	$33,161,200	$4,931,100	$1,492,400
Others	$79,154,800	$14,499,750	$4,664,500
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 9

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Elementary occupations	16 650	3 937	2 123
Service and sales workers	11 462	3 222	1 496
Craft and related workers	4 140	1 336	756
Associate professionals	3 422	1 563	908
Clerical support workers	4 116	1 035	557
Professionals	671	288	189
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	206	108	73
Others	2 169	662	394
Total	**42 836**	**12 151**	**6 496**

Table 10

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Elementary occupations	$674,947,200	$102,822,300	$29,149,300
Service and sales workers	$464,035,800	$89,577,750	$22,758,600
Craft and related workers	$199,986,000	$41,676,750	$12,134,100
Associate professionals	$153,005,800	$47,849,700	$14,862,000
Clerical support workers	$157,640,200	$25,811,700	$7,408,100
Professionals	$27,588,800	$7,879,200	$2,667,800
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	$9,358,000	$3,281,250	$1,166,100
Others	$88,673,000	$17,216,100	$5,889,200
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 11

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications by type of allowance is as follows:

	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.8	5.7	5.2

Table 12

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Male	970	282	151
Female	4 795	847	373
Total	**5 765**	**1 129**	**524**

Table 13

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
15 - below 20	0	0	0
20 - below 30	327	74	42
30 - below 40	2 290	475	223
40 - below 50	2 596	488	216
50 - below 60	470	76	40
60 or above	82	16	3
Total	**5 765**	**1 129**	**524**

Table 14

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of single-parent households granted WFA									
	Full-rate allowance[1]			3/4-rate allowance[2]			Half-rate allowance[3]			Total
	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	
2 persons	96	91	2 432	0	2	592	4	1	260	3 478
3 persons	49	68	2 230	2	1	425	1	2	196	2 974
4 persons	12	11	640	0	0	91	1	0	43	798
5 persons	1	5	114	0	0	15	0	0	10	145
6 persons or more	0	0	16	0	0	1	0	0	6	23
Total	**158**	**175**	**5 432**	**2**	**3**	**1 124**	**6**	**3**	**515**	**7 418**

Note 1: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 2: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 3: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 4: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 5: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 6: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Table 15

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	1 768	352	166
Accommodation and food services	1 094	194	70
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	1 124	164	63
Public administration, social and personal services	678	181	89
Construction	403	92	50
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	353	79	50
Manufacturing	90	16	8
Others	255	51	28
Total	**5 765**	**1 129**	**524**

Table 16

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Service and sales workers	2 364	434	166
Elementary occupations	1 288	184	108
Clerical support workers	1 026	181	67
Associate professionals	417	174	94
Craft and related workers	223	55	32
Professionals	153	38	23
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	14	3	3
Others	280	60	31
Total	**5 765**	**1 129**	**524**

Table 17

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance is as follows:

	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.8	5.8	5.4

Table 18

The reasons for applications not granted WFA are summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted WFA
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	5 847
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	406
Exceeding the asset limit	233
Exceeding the income limit	212
Other reasons	110
Total	**6 808**

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LWB(WW)790

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6254)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance Scheme (formerly known as the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme), will the Government please inform this Committee of the following in the past 3 years (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019):

(1) the number of approved applications in receipt of full-rate allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(2) the number of approved applications in receipt of 3/4-rate allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(3) the number of approved applications in receipt of half-rate allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(4) the number of approved applications from single-parent families in receipt of full-rate, 3/4-rate and half-rate allowance (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(5) the number of rejected applications (with breakdown by reasons for rejection, including exceeding the asset limit, exceeding the income limit, failing to meet the monthly working hour requirements, breaching the absence rule and other reasons).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 133)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2 & 3. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of approved applications are set out in Tables 1 to 11 of the Annex.

4. Up to 29 February 2020, 20 254 applications from single-parent households were granted the allowance, while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of approved applications from single-parent households are set out in Tables 12 to 17 of the Annex.

5. Up to 29 February 2020, 6 808 applications were not granted WFA. The reasons are set out in Table 18 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Male	70 808	20 160	9 680
Female	45 391	11 476	5 527
Total	**116 199**	**31 636**	**15 207**

Table 2

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Male	$1,165,209,000	$231,193,950	$64,743,700
Female	$610,025,800	$104,920,800	$31,291,500
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
15 - below 20	32	4	4
20 - below 30	5 458	1 796	993
30 - below 40	34 363	9 896	4 887
40 - below 50	44 224	11 960	5 676
50 - below 60	22 482	5 966	2 801
60 or above	9 640	2 014	846
Total	**116 199**	**31 636**	**15 207**

Table 4

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
15 - below 20	$319,600	$36,750	$10,600
20 - below 30	$76,981,600	$17,109,000	$5,420,900
30 - below 40	$589,872,600	$116,665,050	$35,069,300
40 - below 50	$714,976,800	$135,715,650	$37,619,300
50 - below 60	$298,455,000	$53,014,950	$14,480,000
60 or above	$94,629,200	$13,573,350	$3,435,100
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved WFA applications									
	Full-rate allowance[1]			3/4-rate allowance[2]			Half-rate allowance[3]			Total
	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	
1 person	560	758	2 924	88	306	2 475	38	118	1 326	8 593
2 persons	898	1 515	18 257	49	263	5 165	21	115	2 206	28 489
3 persons	995	1 949	27 646	81	446	8 302	35	159	4 177	43 790
4 persons	1 211	2 829	40 679	94	506	10 234	44	243	4 803	60 643
5 persons	345	770	11 240	21	144	2 568	7	58	1 387	16 540
6 persons or more	87	213	3 323	7	39	848	4	14	452	4 987
Total	**4 096**	**8 034**	**104 069**	**340**	**1 704**	**29 592**	**149**	**707**	**14 351**	**163 042**

Note 1: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 2: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 3: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 4: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 5: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 6: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Table 6

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and household size is as follows:

(i)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Full-rate allowance)		
	Basic Allowance	Medium Allowance	Higher Allowance
1 person	$2,055,200	$4,164,000	$20,296,600
2 persons	$5,659,200	$11,787,000	$187,329,800
3 persons	$9,354,600	$20,731,000	$368,110,000
4 persons	$16,444,600	$46,135,000	$724,716,000
5 persons	$6,313,000	$15,218,000	$247,452,000
6 persons or more	$2,151,800	$4,304,000	$83,013,000
Total	**$41,978,400**	**$102,339,000**	**$1,630,917,400**

(ii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (3/4-rate allowance)		
	Basic Allowance	Medium Allowance	Higher Allowance
1 person	$247,800	$1,227,750	$12,991,050
2 persons	$227,700	$1,471,500	$39,194,550
3 persons	$580,350	$3,591,000	$80,283,300
4 persons	$954,450	$6,022,500	$132,335,400
5 persons	$308,850	$1,940,250	$39,926,850
6 persons or more	$97,350	$617,250	$14,096,850
Total	**$2,416,500**	**$14,870,250**	**$318,828,000**

(iii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Half-rate allowance)		
	Basic Allowance	Medium Allowance	Higher Allowance
1 person	$56,400	$289,500	$4,148,700
2 persons	$60,600	$316,500	$10,246,300
3 persons	$138,300	$689,000	$24,205,100
4 persons	$208,200	$1,694,000	$36,644,500
5 persons	$47,400	$432,500	$12,276,400
6 persons or more	$39,700	$117,500	$4,424,600
Total	**$550,600**	**$3,539,000**	**$91,945,600**

Table 7

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	34 335	9 178	4 362
Construction	18 201	5 405	2 842
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	19 483	4 542	2 266
Accommodation and food services	16 674	5 538	2 266
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	13 068	2 803	1 251
Public administration, social and personal services	7 189	2 337	1 253
Manufacturing	2 188	476	229
Others	5 061	1 357	738
Total	**116 199**	**31 636**	**15 207**

Table 8

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	$460,710,600	$84,517,050	$24,483,800
Construction	$314,923,000	$64,622,850	$20,182,600
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	$322,619,000	$51,867,150	$14,711,000
Accommodation and food services	$264,092,000	$63,448,950	$15,312,400
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	$194,150,200	$28,501,200	$7,866,600
Public administration, social and personal services	$106,424,000	$23,726,700	$7,321,900
Manufacturing	$33,161,200	$4,931,100	$1,492,400
Others	$79,154,800	$14,499,750	$4,664,500
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 9

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Elementary occupations	45 638	10 234	4 890
Service and sales workers	30 248	8 276	3 569
Craft and related workers	11 626	3 489	1 751
Associate professionals	9 351	4 231	2 177
Clerical support workers	11 297	2 830	1 305
Professionals	1 744	731	432
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	584	251	167
Others	5 711	1 594	916
Total	**116 199**	**31 636**	**15 207**

Table 10

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Elementary occupations	$674,947,200	$102,822,300	$29,149,300
Service and sales workers	$464,035,800	$89,577,750	$22,758,600
Craft and related workers	$199,986,000	$41,676,750	$12,134,100
Associate professionals	$153,005,800	$47,849,700	$14,862,000
Clerical support workers	$157,640,200	$25,811,700	$7,408,100
Professionals	$27,588,800	$7,879,200	$2,667,800
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	$9,358,000	$3,281,250	$1,166,100
Others	$88,673,000	$17,216,100	$5,889,200
Total	**$1,775,234,800**	**$336,114,750**	**$96,035,200**

Table 11

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications by type of allowance is as follows:

	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.8	5.7	5.2

Table 12

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Male	2 709	805	389
Female	12 996	2 355	1 000
Total	**15 705**	**3 160**	**1 389**

Table 13

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
15 - below 20	2	0	0
20 - below 30	855	202	128
30 - below 40	6 325	1 366	578
40 - below 50	7 083	1 323	574
50 - below 60	1 217	228	101
60 or above	223	41	8
Total	**15 705**	**3 160**	**1 389**

Table 14

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households									Total
	Full-rate allowance[1]			3/4-rate allowance[2]			Half-rate allowance[3]			
	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	Basic Allowance[4]	Medium Allowance[5]	Higher Allowance[6]	
2 persons	177	213	6 729	4	2	1 658	5	1	711	9 500
3 persons	116	164	6 145	2	4	1 210	1	3	531	8 176
4 persons	33	31	1 715	0	2	237	1	0	100	2 119
5 persons	5	10	323	0	0	32	0	0	26	396
6 persons or more	1	0	43	0	0	9	0	0	10	63
Total	**332**	**418**	**14 955**	**6**	**8**	**3 146**	**7**	**4**	**1 378**	**20 254**

Note 1: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 2: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 3: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 4: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 5: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 6: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Table 15

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	4 958	1 025	444
Accommodation and food services	2 889	526	199
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	2 957	458	188
Public administration, social and personal services	1 792	506	209
Construction	1 131	251	137
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	1 026	229	131
Manufacturing	272	32	18
Others	680	133	63
Total	**15 705**	**3 160**	**1 389**

Table 16

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Service and sales workers	6 199	1 192	470
Elementary occupations	3 626	539	281
Clerical support workers	2 905	533	186
Associate professionals	1 176	461	226
Craft and related workers	611	154	88
Professionals	399	109	61
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	44	14	8
Others	745	158	69
Total	**15 705**	**3 160**	**1 389**

Table 17

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance is as follows:

	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.8	5.8	5.4

Table 18

The reasons for applications not granted WFA are summarised as follows:

Category	Number of applications not granted WFA
Applications not further processed due to insufficient information	5 847
Failing to meet the working hour requirements	406
Exceeding the asset limit	233
Exceeding the income limit	212
Other reasons	110
Total	**6 808**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6312)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance Scheme (formerly known as the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme), will the Government please inform this Committee of the following in the past 3 years (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019):

(1) the number of families in receipt of Higher Allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(2) the number of families in receipt of Medium Allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(3) the number of families in receipt of Basic Allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(4) the number of single-parent families in receipt of the Higher Allowance, Medium Allowance and Basic Allowance (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 192)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2 & 3. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance

Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of households granted the allowance are set out in Tables 1 to 11 of the Annex.

4. Up to 29 February 2020, 20 254 applications from single-parent households were granted the allowance, while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of single-parent households granted the allowance are set out in Tables 12 to 17 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Male	32 970	2 374	961
Female	22 118	1 927	1 133
Total	**55 088**	**4 301**	**2 094**

Table 2

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Male	$1,358,467,100	$77,309,000	$25,370,550
Female	$683,223,900	$43,439,250	$19,574,950
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
15 - below 20	14	1	2
20 - below 30	2 839	316	139
30 - below 40	16 236	1 314	560
40 - below 50	20 835	1 481	718
50 - below 60	10 697	775	436
60 or above	4 467	414	239
Total	**55 088**	**4 301**	**2 094**

Table 4

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
15 - below 20	$323,550	$38,000	$5,400
20 - below 30	$90,155,250	$6,945,250	$2,411,000
30 - below 40	$682,437,000	$43,564,000	$15,605,950
40 - below 50	$825,170,350	$46,038,000	$17,103,400
50 - below 60	$341,133,550	$17,849,250	$6,967,150
60 or above	$102,471,300	$6,313,750	$2,852,600
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of households granted WFA									
	Higher Allowance[1]			Medium Allowance[2]			Basic Allowance[3]			Total
	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	
1 person	1 204	973	581	355	123	64	285	43	18	3 646
2 persons	6 995	2 082	919	650	112	54	447	21	16	11 296
3 persons	10 342	3 161	1 715	809	175	80	443	40	22	16 787
4 persons	14 041	3 794	1 995	1 074	191	111	504	38	21	21 769
5 persons	3 977	962	635	308	59	25	142	7	2	6 117
6 persons or more	1 135	347	230	85	19	7	40	4	1	1 868
Total	**37 694**	**11 319**	**6 075**	**3 281**	**679**	**341**	**1 861**	**153**	**80**	**61 483**

Note 1: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Note 2: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 3: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 4: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 5: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 6: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Table 6

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and household size is as follows:

(i)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Higher Allowance)		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
1 person	$20,296,600	$12,991,050	$4,148,700
2 persons	$187,329,800	$39,194,550	$10,246,300
3 persons	$368,110,000	$80,283,300	$24,205,100
4 persons	$724,716,000	$132,335,400	$36,644,500
5 persons	$247,452,000	$39,926,850	$12,276,400
6 persons or more	$83,013,000	$14,096,850	$4,424,600
Total	**$1,630,917,400**	**$318,828,000**	**$91,945,600**

(ii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Medium Allowance)		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
1 person	$4,164,000	$1,227,750	$289,500
2 persons	$11,787,000	$1,471,500	$316,500
3 persons	$20,731,000	$3,591,000	$689,000
4 persons	$46,135,000	$6,022,500	$1,694,000
5 persons	$15,218,000	$1,940,250	$432,500
6 persons or more	$4,304,000	$617,250	$117,500
Total	**$102,339,000**	**$14,870,250**	**$3,539,000**

(iii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Basic Allowance)		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
1 person	$2,055,200	$247,800	$56,400
2 persons	$5,659,200	$227,700	$60,600
3 persons	$9,354,600	$580,350	$138,300
4 persons	$16,444,600	$954,450	$208,200
5 persons	$6,313,000	$308,850	$47,400
6 persons or more	$2,151,800	$97,350	$39,700
Total	**$41,978,400**	**$2,416,500**	**$550,600**

Table 7

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	16 101	1 439	561
Construction	8 561	1 022	512
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	8 615	506	199
Accommodation and food services	8 641	367	279
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	5 961	418	228
Public administration, social and personal services	3 816	233	156
Manufacturing	946	81	42
Others	2 447	235	117
Total	**55 088**	**4 301**	**2 094**

Table 8

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	$524,783,500	$35,151,250	$9,776,700
Construction	$349,955,050	$34,785,500	$14,987,900
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	$367,186,100	$17,068,500	$4,942,550
Accommodation and food services	$328,775,050	$8,721,500	$5,356,800
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	$216,068,900	$10,532,250	$3,916,850
Public administration, social and personal services	$129,255,150	$5,396,500	$2,820,950
Manufacturing	$36,714,250	$2,274,500	$595,950
Others	$88,953,000	$6,818,250	$2,547,800
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 9

A breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Elementary occupations	20 554	1 339	817
Service and sales workers	14 839	815	526
Craft and related workers	5 398	573	261
Associate professionals	5 218	555	120
Clerical support workers	4 929	585	194
Professionals	963	143	42
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	348	31	8
Others	2 839	260	126
Total	**55 088**	**4 301**	**2 094**

Table 10

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Elementary occupations	$751,379,450	$38,117,750	$17,421,600
Service and sales workers	$546,347,450	$20,241,500	$9,783,200
Craft and related workers	$226,197,050	$19,890,000	$7,709,800
Associate professionals	$197,002,100	$15,916,750	$2,798,650
Clerical support workers	$172,873,500	$14,595,250	$3,391,250
Professionals	$33,421,000	$3,838,500	$876,300
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	$12,722,550	$884,000	$198,800
Others	$101,747,900	$7,264,500	$2,765,900
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 11

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications by type of allowance is as follows:

	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.7	5.5	5.1

Table 12

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Male	1 382	11	10
Female	5 689	170	156
Total	**7 071**	**181**	**166**

Table 13

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
15 - below 20	0	0	0
20 - below 30	426	9	8
30 - below 40	2 829	83	76
40 - below 50	3 151	79	70
50 - below 60	568	10	8
60 or above	97	0	4
Total	**7 071**	**181**	**166**

Table 14

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of single-parent households granted WFA									
	Higher Allowance[1]			Medium Allowance[2]			Basic Allowance[3]			Total
	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	
2 persons	2 432	592	260	91	2	1	96	0	4	3 478
3 persons	2 230	425	196	68	1	2	49	2	1	2 974
4 persons	640	91	43	11	0	0	12	0	1	798
5 persons	114	15	10	5	0	0	1	0	0	145
6 persons or more	16	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Total	**5 432**	**1 124**	**515**	**175**	**3**	**3**	**158**	**2**	**6**	**7 418**

Note 1: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Note 2: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 3: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 4: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 5: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 6: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Table 15

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	2 220	34	32
Accommodation and food services	1 280	46	32
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	1 262	49	40
Public administration, social and personal services	880	31	37
Construction	534	6	5
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	472	5	5
Manufacturing	110	1	3
Others	313	9	12
Total	**7 071**	**181**	**166**

Table 16

A breakdown of the number of single-parent households granted WFA by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of single-parent households granted WFA		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Service and sales workers	2 792	97	75
Elementary occupations	1 502	35	43
Clerical support workers	1 242	16	16
Associate professionals	666	9	10
Craft and related workers	303	2	5
Professionals	199	12	3
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	20	0	0
Others	347	10	14
Total	**7 071**	**181**	**166**

Table 17

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance is as follows:

	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.8	5.3	5.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6313)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance Scheme (formerly known as the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme), will the Government please inform this Committee of the following in the past 3 years (i.e. 2017, 2018 and 2019):

(1) the number of approved applications in receipt of Higher Allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(2) the number of approved applications in receipt of Medium Allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(3) the number of approved applications in receipt of Basic Allowance and the amount of allowance granted (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted);

(4) the number of approved applications from single-parent families in receipt of the Higher Allowance, Medium Allowance and Basic Allowance (with breakdown by gender, age, family size, industry, occupation, employment earnings, working hours of the applicants and average number of months for which the allowance was granted).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 193)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2 & 3. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance

Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 190 403 applications. Among them, 163 042 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of approved applications are set out in Tables 1 to 11 of the Annex.

4. Up to 29 February 2020, 20 254 applications from single-parent households were granted the allowance, while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the numbers of approved applications from single-parent households are set out in Tables 12 to 17 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Male	92 388	6 035	2 225
Female	55 624	4 410	2 360
Total	**148 012**	**10 445**	**4 585**

Table 2

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Male	$1,358,467,100	$77,309,000	$25,370,550
Female	$683,223,900	$43,439,250	$19,574,950
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
15 - below 20	33	5	2
20 - below 30	7 229	733	285
30 - below 40	44 528	3 337	1 281
40 - below 50	56 673	3 587	1 600
50 - below 60	28 459	1 867	923
60 or above	11 090	916	494
Total	**148 012**	**10 445**	**4 585**

Table 4

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
15 - below 20	$323,550	$38,000	$5,400
20 - below 30	$90,155,250	$6,945,250	$2,411,000
30 - below 40	$682,437,000	$43,564,000	$15,605,950
40 - below 50	$825,170,350	$46,038,000	$17,103,400
50 - below 60	$341,133,550	$17,849,250	$6,967,150
60 or above	$102,471,300	$6,313,750	$2,852,600
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved WFA applications									
	Higher Allowance[1]			Medium Allowance[2]			Basic Allowance[3]			Total
	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	
1 person	2 924	2 475	1 326	758	306	118	560	88	38	8 593
2 persons	18 257	5 165	2 206	1 515	263	115	898	49	21	28 489
3 persons	27 646	8 302	4 177	1 949	446	159	995	81	35	43 790
4 persons	40 679	10 234	4 803	2 829	506	243	1 211	94	44	60 643
5 persons	11 240	2 568	1 387	770	144	58	345	21	7	16 540
6 persons or more	3 323	848	452	213	39	14	87	7	4	4 987
Total	**104 069**	**29 592**	**14 351**	**8 034**	**1 704**	**707**	**4 096**	**340**	**149**	**163 042**

Note 1: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Note 2: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 3: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 4: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 5: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 6: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Table 6

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and household size is as follows:

(i)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Higher Allowance)		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
1 person	$20,296,600	$12,991,050	$4,148,700
2 persons	$187,329,800	$39,194,550	$10,246,300
3 persons	$368,110,000	$80,283,300	$24,205,100
4 persons	$724,716,000	$132,335,400	$36,644,500
5 persons	$247,452,000	$39,926,850	$12,276,400
6 persons or more	$83,013,000	$14,096,850	$4,424,600
Total	**$1,630,917,400**	**$318,828,000**	**$91,945,600**

(ii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Medium Allowance)		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
1 person	$4,164,000	$1,227,750	$289,500
2 persons	$11,787,000	$1,471,500	$316,500
3 persons	$20,731,000	$3,591,000	$689,000
4 persons	$46,135,000	$6,022,500	$1,694,000
5 persons	$15,218,000	$1,940,250	$432,500
6 persons or more	$4,304,000	$617,250	$117,500
Total	**$102,339,000**	**$14,870,250**	**$3,539,000**

(iii)

Household size	Amount of allowance granted (Basic Allowance)		
	Full-rate allowance	3/4-rate allowance	Half-rate allowance
1 person	$2,055,200	$247,800	$56,400
2 persons	$5,659,200	$227,700	$60,600
3 persons	$9,354,600	$580,350	$138,300
4 persons	$16,444,600	$954,450	$208,200
5 persons	$6,313,000	$308,850	$47,400
6 persons or more	$2,151,800	$97,350	$39,700
Total	**$41,978,400**	**$2,416,500**	**$550,600**

Table 7

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	43 112	3 548	1 215
Construction	22 778	2 473	1 197
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	24 463	1 366	462
Accommodation and food services	23 067	834	577
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	15 686	957	479
Public administration, social and personal services	9 963	496	320
Manufacturing	2 608	207	78
Others	6 335	564	257
Total	**148 012**	**10 445**	**4 585**

Table 8

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	$524,783,500	$35,151,250	$9,776,700
Construction	$349,955,050	$34,785,500	$14,987,900
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	$367,186,100	$17,068,500	$4,942,550
Accommodation and food services	$328,775,050	$8,721,500	$5,356,800
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	$216,068,900	$10,532,250	$3,916,850
Public administration, social and personal services	$129,255,150	$5,396,500	$2,820,950
Manufacturing	$36,714,250	$2,274,500	$595,950
Others	$88,953,000	$6,818,250	$2,547,800
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 9

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Elementary occupations	55 748	3 234	1 780
Service and sales workers	39 139	1 853	1 101
Craft and related workers	14 802	1 461	603
Associate professionals	14 093	1 385	281
Clerical support workers	13 508	1 488	436
Professionals	2 478	341	88
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	907	74	21
Others	7 337	609	275
Total	**148 012**	**10 445**	**4 585**

Table 10

A breakdown of the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Amount of allowance granted		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Elementary occupations	$751,379,450	$38,117,750	$17,421,600
Service and sales workers	$546,347,450	$20,241,500	$9,783,200
Craft and related workers	$226,197,050	$19,890,000	$7,709,800
Associate professionals	$197,002,100	$15,916,750	$2,798,650
Clerical support workers	$172,873,500	$14,595,250	$3,391,250
Professionals	$33,421,000	$3,838,500	$876,300
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	$12,722,550	$884,000	$198,800
Others	$101,747,900	$7,264,500	$2,765,900
Total	**$2,041,691,000**	**$120,748,250**	**$44,945,500**

Table 11

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications by type of allowance is as follows:

	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application	5.7	5.5	5.1

is 6 months)			

Table 12

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and gender of the applicants is as follows:

Gender of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Male	3 857	29	17
Female	15 622	401	328
Total	**19 479**	**430**	**345**

Table 13

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and age of the applicants is as follows:

Age of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
15 - below 20	2	0	0
20 - below 30	1 149	20	16
30 - below 40	7 903	207	159
40 - below 50	8 651	182	147
50 - below 60	1 511	18	17
60 or above	263	3	6
Total	**19 479**	**430**	**345**

Table 14

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by household income level, working hours and household size is as follows:

Household size	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households									
	Higher Allowance[1]			Medium Allowance[2]			Basic Allowance[3]			Total
	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	Full-rate allowance[4]	3/4-rate allowance[5]	Half-rate allowance[6]	
2 persons	6 729	1 658	711	213	2	1	177	4	5	9 500
3 persons	6 145	1 210	531	164	4	3	116	2	1	8 176
4 persons	1 715	237	100	31	2	0	33	0	1	2 119
5 persons	323	32	26	10	0	0	5	0	0	396
6 persons or more	43	9	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	63
Total	**14 955**	**3 146**	**1 378**	**418**	**8**	**4**	**332**	**6**	**7**	**20 254**

Note 1: To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Note 2: To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month.

Note 3: To meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month.

Note 4: The income limit for a full-rate allowance is set at a level not exceeding 50% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 5: The income limit for a 3/4-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 50% but not higher than 60% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Note 6: The income limit for a half-rate allowance is set at a level exceeding 60% but not higher than 70% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income of economically active households.

Table 15

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and industry of the applicants is as follows:

Industry of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	6 248	102	77
Accommodation and food services	3 445	98	71
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades	3 428	107	68
Public administration, social and personal services	2 360	71	76
Construction	1 489	16	14
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	1 366	12	8
Manufacturing	307	8	7
Others	836	16	24
Total	**19 479**	**430**	**345**

Table 16

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance and occupation of the applicants is as follows:

Occupation of applicants	Number of approved WFA applications from single-parent households		
	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Service and sales workers	7 492	217	152
Elementary occupations	4 241	101	104
Clerical support workers	3 551	45	28
Associate professionals	1 827	19	17
Craft and related workers	829	13	11
Professionals	545	18	6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	65	0	1
Others	929	17	26
Total	**19 479**	**430**	**345**

Table 17

A breakdown of the average number of months for which the allowance was granted for approved WFA applications from single-parent households by type of allowance is as follows:

	Higher Allowance	Medium Allowance	Basic Allowance
Average number of months for which allowance was granted (The claim period of each application is 6 months)	5.8	5.3	5.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6319)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Since the launch of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of cases with and without children for the approved families.
2. Since the launch of the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme up to now, please provide the number of cases with and without children for the approved families.
3. Please provide the number of children receiving the Child Allowance under the Low-income Working Family Allowance.
4. Regarding the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme and the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme, please provide the estimated expenditure, actual amounts of allowances approved and the administrative costs incurred for LIFA and WFA annually.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 202)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2&3. Since the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) (renamed as the Working Family Allowance (WFA) on 1 April 2018) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and up to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 311 476 applications. Among them, 274 283 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. A breakdown of the number of households granted Child Allowance and number of households not granted Child Allowance is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

4. The estimated expenditure for LIFA or WFA, amounts of allowances approved and administrative expenditure incurred annually are set out in Tables 2 to 3 of

the Annex. Besides, the WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the Labour Department on 1 April 2019. If a household applying for the WFA has a member who submits an I-WITS application in the same month, the WFAO will process the two applications in one go. Therefore, the revised estimate for 2019-20 includes the administrative expenditure for implementing the WFA Scheme and I-WITS Scheme.

Annex

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of households granted Child Allowance and not granted Child Allowance by scheme is as follows:

Scheme	Number of households granted Child Allowance	Number of households not granted Child Allowance
LIFA (From 3 May 2016 to 31 March 2018)	37 007	3 420
WFA (From 1 April 2018 to 29 February 2020)	49 247	12 236
LIFA and WFA (From 3 May 2016 to 29 February 2020)	59 130	13 899

Table 2

A breakdown of the estimates for LIFA or WFA and the amounts of allowance approved by year is as follows:

Year	Estimate	Amount of allowance granted
2016-17 (LIFA)	$2,934.0 million	$602.7 million
2017-18 (LIFA)	$3,126.5 million	$678.7 million
2018-19 (WFA)	$2,220.0 million	$1,190.0 million
2019-20 (WFA)	$1,430.0 million	$1,017.4 million (up to 29 February 2020)

Table 3

A breakdown of the administrative expenditure incurred by the WFAO in implementing the LIFA or WFA Scheme and I-WITS Scheme by year is as follows:

Year	Administrative expenditure
Actual expenditure for 2016-17 (LIFA)	$207.9 million
Actual expenditure for 2017-18 (LIFA)	$214.4 million
Actual expenditure for 2018-19 (WFA)	$234.0 million
Revised estimate for 2019-20 (WFA and I-WITS)	$313.7 million

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4055)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Provision for 2020-21 is $373.5 million higher than the revised estimate for 2019-20, which is due to an increase in connection with increase of all payment rates under the WFA Scheme. What is the increase in payment rates? When will the payment rates be increased?

2. What were the respective numbers of applicants and applications of the Working Family Allowance and the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy in 2019-20? What were the respective amounts of monthly allowances received by the applicants? What are the expected respective numbers of applications under the two Schemes in 2020-21? What will be the respective amounts of monthly allowances after the increase in payment rates?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. The Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address proposed that consequential to the improvement measures for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, all payment rates of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) would be increased, by increasing the working-hour linked household allowance by 16.7% to 25% and increasing the Child Allowance by 40%. This proposal will be implemented in tandem with the CSSA improvement measure on the maximum rent allowance, which is about 2 months after approval for the CSSA improvement measures by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at the earliest.

2. From 1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 97 520 applications, involving 60 529 households. A breakdown of the

number of households granted the allowance and the amount of allowance granted is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. Upon the increase in payment rates of the WFA, the full-rate Basic Allowance will be increased from $800 to $1,000 per month, the full-rate Medium Allowance will be increased from $1,000 to $1,200 per month and the full-rate Higher Allowance will be increased from $1,200 to $1,400 per month, while the full-rate Child Allowance will be increased from $1,000 to $1,400 per month for each eligible child. As whether households will apply for the Scheme is subject to the considerations of individual households, it is difficult to come up with an accurate estimate of the number of applications.

The WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the Labour Department (LD) on 1 April 2019. In 2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020), the WFAO received a total of 42 090 applications (including those received by the LD on or before 31 March 2019 but were outstanding) involving 28 595 applicants. A breakdown of the number of applicants granted I-WITS and the amount of subsidy granted is set out in Table 2 of the Annex. As whether applicants will apply for I-WITS is subject to the considerations of individual applicants, it is difficult to come up with an accurate estimate of the number of applications.

Table 1

The breakdown of the number of households granted WFA by household size and amount of allowance is as follows:

Household size	Number of households granted WFA									
	Basic Allowance			Medium Allowance			Higher Allowance			Total
	Full-rate ($800 per month)	3/4-rate ($600 per month)	Half-rate ($400 per month)	Full-rate ($1,000 per month)	3/4-rate ($750 per month)	Half-rate ($500 per month)	Full-rate ($1,200 per month)	3/4-rate ($900 per month)	Half-rate ($600 per month)	
1 person	213	24	12	295	100	48	1 043	787	432	2 954
2 persons	344	15	11	530	86	42	6 053	1 794	716	9 591
3 persons	338	30	16	652	139	48	8 866	2 598	1 281	13 968
4 persons	405	24	13	894	158	81	12 437	3 269	1 547	18 828
5 persons	112	5	0	261	49	22	3 565	810	481	5 305
6 persons or more	35	2	1	73	17	5	1 007	295	167	1 602
Total	**1 447**	**100**	**53**	**2 705**	**549**	**246**	**32 971**	**9 553**	**4 624**	**52 248**

Note: Each eligible child in the households can apply for the Child Allowance (the full-rate, Child Allowance being $1,000 per month, the 3/4-rate Child Allowance being $750 per month and the half-rate Child Allowance being $500 per month).

Table 2

The breakdown of the number of applicants granted I-WITS by amount of subsidy is as follows:

Number of applicants granted I-WITS		
Full-rate subsidy ($600 per month)	Half-rate subsidy ($300 per month)	Total
23 202	1 556	24 758

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5419)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please advise of the following:

(1) the respective numbers of passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities by participating public transport operator in the past three years;

(2) the average daily passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities by domestic service of the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) and franchised bus service in the past three years in table form;

(3) the amounts of revenue forgone of the participating public transport operators since the implementation of the Scheme; and

(4) the average costs and marginal costs per passenger trip of the participating public transport operators.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1325)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(1)&(2)
The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in the past three years are listed below:

Public Transport Operator	Calendar Year	Average Daily Passenger Trips Taken under the Scheme	
		The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)	2017	357 000	54 000
	2018	392 000	57 000
	2019	454 000	64 000
Franchised bus operators	2017	478 000	66 000
	2018	512 000	70 000
	2019	537 000	72 000
Ferry operators	2017	6 700	800
	2018	6 900	900
	2019	7 200	1 000
Green minibus (GMB) operators	2017	223 000	29 000
	2018	243 000	31 000
	2019	258 000	31 000

(Note1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

(3)

Since the implementation of the Scheme, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme up to 29 February 2020 is as follows:

Public Transport Operator	Government's Reimbursement of Revenue Forgone to Operators (up to 29 February 2020) ($'000)
MTRCL	1,763,477
Franchised bus operators	3,222,766
Ferry operators	176,622
GMB operators	1,499,152
Total	6,662,017

(4)

According to the public transport operators, they do not have information on the average costs and marginal costs per daily passenger trip under the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5420)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (927) Rehabus services (block vote)

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What is the fleet size of rehabuses?
2. What were the total numbers of orders entertained each quarter in the past three years (with a breakdown by intended purpose of appointment)?
3. What were the total numbers of orders not entertained each quarter in the past three years (with a breakdown by intended purpose of appointment)?
4. Please provide the figures and proportions of turnover of rehabus drivers in the past three years and the reasons.
5. Please provide the numbers of orders not entertained due to driver shortage in the past three years.
6. Please provide a list of groups, organisations or companies which are authorised to provide transport services for wheelchair users and the numbers of wheelchair accessible vehicles registered by them (including all franchised bus companies).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1326)

Reply:

1. The current fleet size of rehabuses is 176, 164 of which are assigned to the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (HKSR) for providing scheduled route services and dial-a-ride (DAR) services, and the remaining 12 are assigned to Kwoon Chung Inclusive and Accessible Transport Services Company Limited (KCIS), which began to operate rehabus services since 1 June 2019, for providing feeder services.

2. The numbers of rehabus orders for DAR services entertained each quarter between 2017 and 2019 with a breakdown by intended purpose of appointment are tabulated at Annex 1.

3. The numbers of rehabus orders for DAR services not entertained each quarter between 2017 and 2019 with a breakdown by intended purpose of appointment are tabulated at Annex 2.

4. The total numbers of rehabus drivers of the two rehabus operators who retired and resigned between 2017 and 2019 were 24 and 74 respectively and the turnover rates for the three years were 16.4%, 15.4% and 24.5% respectively. The operators do not keep records on the reasons of resignation of rehabus drivers.

5. There are various factors leading to rehabus DAR service orders not entertained, including high demands during peak hours. The operators do not keep records on the cases of DAR service orders not entertained due to shortage of rehabus drivers.

6. Details on transport services for wheelchair users under the purview of the Transport Department (TD) are provided at Annex 3. Apart from the transport modes listed in the table, TD also monitors the operation of the rehabus services provided by HKSR and KCIS.

Annex 1

Intended Purpose of Using DAR Services		Number of Rehabus Orders for DAR Services Entertained		
		Year		
		2017	2018	2019
First quarter January to March	1. Receiving medical treatment	6 010	6 571	7 199
	2. Attending social activities	6 220	5 830	6 327
	3. Attending school/ training	8 583	7 650	7 529
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	2 249	2 353	1 897
	5. Going to work	419	579	579
	6. Others	585	574	605
Second quarter April to June	1. Receiving medical treatment	6 695	7 126	7 636
	2. Attending social activities	5 659	5 579	6 019
	3. Attending school/ training	7 948	7 619	7 400
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	2 420	2 472	2 054
	5. Going to work	493	603	643
	6. Others	717	658	672
Third quarter July to September	1. Receiving medical treatment	7 743	8 177	9 979
	2. Attending social activities	5 592	5 788	5 656
	3. Attending school/ training	7 871	7 238	7 822
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	2 781	2 628	2 112
	5. Going to work	541	587	710
	6. Others	590	613	668
Fourth quarter October to December	1. Receiving medical treatment	6 196	7 532	9 884
	2. Attending social activities	6 359	6 806	5 345
	3. Attending school/ training	7 645	7 729	7 207
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	2 821	2 404	1 945
	5. Going to work	542	565	550
	6. Others	679	571	671
Total number of orders:		97 358	98 252	101 109

Annex 2

Intended Purpose of Using DAR Services		Number of Rehabus Orders for DAR Services Not Entertained		
		Year		
		2017	2018	2019
First quarter January to March	1. Receiving medical treatment	973	595	1 658
	2. Attending social activities	328	509	568
	3. Attending school/training	153	288	408
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	152	398	277
	5. Going to work	14	39	43
	6. Others	87	102	161
Second quarter April to June	1. Receiving medical treatment	605	879	1 322
	2. Attending social activities	245	334	408
	3. Attending school/training	143	238	442
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	101	280	196
	5. Going to work	16	68	129
	6. Others	62	148	114
Third quarter July to September	1. Receiving medical treatment	594	815	852
	2. Attending social activities	204	287	363
	3. Attending school/training	173	257	364
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	93	223	132
	5. Going to work	60	52	124
	6. Others	57	109	98
Fourth quarter October to December	1. Receiving medical treatment	1 255	1 256	1 204
	2. Attending social activities	541	621	641
	3. Attending school/training	441	479	548
	4. Receiving rehabilitation treatment	263	360	227
	5. Going to work	128	93	123
	6. Others	115	164	230
Total number of orders:		6 803	8 594	10 632

Annex 3

Mode of Transport	Operator	Number of Registered Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (as at end-February 2020)
Franchised bus service	The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited	4 176
	Citybus Limited	1 028
	New World First Bus Services Limited	703
	Long Win Bus Company Limited	279
	New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited	98
Mass Transit Railway bus service	MTR Corporation Limited	165
Green minibus service	Central Maxicab Ltd.	1
	Crown Score Industries Ltd.	1
Taxi service	Taxi licence holders[Note]	986
Hire car service	Individual hire car operators	31

Note: A taxi licence may be held in the name of a person/private company.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6791)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please list out the numbers of persons with disabilities who successfully applied for using the $2 fare concessions under the Scheme in each of the past five years; and the numbers of persons with disabilities who are currently using the $2 fare concessions under the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 156)

Reply:

Under the Scheme, eligible persons with disabilities (recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance) are required to use a Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status" to enjoy the fare concessions. To date, there are about 170 000 eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme. Each eligible person with disabilities can hold no more than one Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status".

According to the information provided by the MTR Corporation Limited, the numbers of successful applications for Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status" each year between 2015 and 2019 are about 19 400, 18 000, 18 900, 18 900 and 19 300 respectively.

As at end February 2020, there are about 144 000 Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status". The Government does not have information on the utilisation of the concessions under the Scheme by each eligible person with disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4391)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), will the Government advise of the following:

(a) the respective numbers of passenger trips taken by the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities under the Scheme in the past three years; and

(b) the total amount of subsidy involved in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

(a) The average daily passenger trips taken under the Scheme in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

Calendar Year	Average Daily Passenger Trips Taken under the Scheme	
	The Elderly (Note 1)	Eligible Persons with Disabilities (Note 2)
2017	1 065 000	150 000
2018	1 154 000	159 000
2019	1 256 000	168 000

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

(Note 2) Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme aged below 65 with 100% disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance in the same age group.

(b) In 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Scheme were $1.09 billion and $1.21 billion respectively. The relevant revised estimated expenditure for 2019-20 was $1.31 billion.

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