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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB001

(Question Serial No. 1393)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau will “enhance the software in the arts and culture through nurturing a culture of donation and sponsorship in the arts community with an enhanced matching grants scheme”. Please advise:

- 1) the balance of grants available for matching under the scheme;
- 2) the amounts of grants received by the 9 major performing arts groups under the above scheme in the past 3 years respectively; and
- 3) the numbers of applications submitted by small and medium-sized arts groups/artists with the assistance of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the total amounts of grants they received under the above scheme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

- 1) The Government launched the Art Development Matching Grants Scheme (ADMGS) with a provision of \$300 million in 2016, followed by an injection of \$500 million in 2018-19. A further injection of \$900 million will be made in 2021-22 to sustain and encourage efforts from arts groups to seek non-Government resources and support in a more active manner. As at 28 February 2021, the balance of the grants available for matching under the ADMGS was about \$220 million (excluding the additional \$900 million allocated in 2021-22).
- 2) From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the amounts of grants received by the 9 major performing arts groups (MPAGs) under the ADMGS were as follows:

Annual amount of grants (\$)	Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	Hong Kong Sinfonietta	Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	Zuni Icosahedron	Hong Kong Dance Company	Hong Kong Ballet	City Contemporary Dance Company	Total amount
2018-19	10,000,000	6,760,601	9,140,774	9,985,480	4,866,327	902,700	1,220,720	7,433,102	2,186,862	52,496,566
2019-20 ¹	12,000,000	9,785,975	11,196,638	9,934,165	6,746,134	706,536	4,295,243	6,507,132	2,878,114	64,049,937
2020-21 (Estimate) ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,276,000

¹ The amount of matching grant approved in 2019-20 recorded an increase due to a one-off relaxation measure regarding the matching parameters of the 2019-20 ADMGS by raising the matching ratio of the MPAGs from 1:1 to 1:1.2 and the matching grant ceiling from \$10 million to \$12 million.

² The application deadline from the MPAGs for the 2020-21 ADMGS is 23 September 2021. Only the estimated amounts of grants for that year can be provided at the moment.

- 3) With the grants provided under the ADGMS, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) launched the Matching Fund Scheme (MFS). Eligible small and medium-sized arts groups may apply for a matching fund from the HKADC for the amount of donations/sponsorships they raised. From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the numbers of applications received under the MFS of the HKADC and the amounts of grants approved were as follows:

2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
Number of applications	Amount of grants# (\$)	Number of applications	Amount of grants# (\$)	Number of applications	Amount of grants# (\$)
44	13,482,420	49	16,649,660	39	12,088,815

The final amount of matching fund to be disbursed to each successful applicant is subject to the submission of documentary proof of the actual amount of donation and sponsorship successfully raised by the applicant, and other terms and conditions set out in the funding agreement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB002

(Question Serial No. 3059)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the issue of local youth hostels, would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. all the sites proposed by the Government for the construction of youth hostels and the expected completion dates;
2. the estimated expenditure and the number of hostel places involved;
3. the current progress of the construction works of youth hostel projects;
4. the details of the proposed application criteria and rents, etc.;
5. the impacts, if any, of the pandemic on occupancy.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

- 1., 2. & 3. A total of 7 projects are currently in progress under the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), namely, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' (HKFYG) project in Tai Po, Po Leung Kuk's (PLK) project in Yuen Long, the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association's (HKGGA) project in Jordan, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' (TWGHs) project in Sheung Wan, the Hong Kong Association of Youth Development's (HKAYD) project in Mong Kok, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited's (SKH) project in Yuen Long and The Salvation Army's project in Wan Chai. These projects will provide at least 3 300 youth hostel places. The Home Affairs Bureau will continue to work closely with the respective non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to take forward the projects.

The cost of each project hinges on its scale of development, building design and specific site characteristics. The construction costs of HKFYG's project

(youth hostel portion), PLK's project, HKGGA's project (youth hostel portion) and TWGHs' project are estimated to be \$158.1 million, \$1.513 billion, \$781.3 million and \$449.9 million respectively. For the other 3 projects, it is difficult to estimate their construction costs at this stage since the detailed design has not yet been completed.

Details of the 7 youth hostel projects are as follows –

NGO	Site Location	Number of hostel places provided	Expected completion date
1. HKFYG	Tai Po	80	Project completed and in operation
2. PLK	Yuen Long	1 680	First half of 2022
3. HKGGA	Jordan	576	Construction works will commence right after funding approval from the Finance Committee is obtained and is expected to be completed in around 4 years.
4. TWGHs	Sheung Wan	302	
5. HKAYD	Mong Kok	90	To be confirmed
6. SKH	Yuen Long	About 190	
7. The Salvation Army	Wan Chai	About 510	

4. One of the objectives of the YHS is to enable young people to have independent living space while accumulating savings to pursue their medium term aspirations in personal development. As such, NGOs are required to set a rental level which does not exceed 60% of the market rent of flats of similar size in nearby areas. Working young people who are Hong Kong permanent residents aged 18 to 30 are eligible to apply as tenants and they shall be subject to income and asset tests at the time of application. They are not allowed to own any residential properties in Hong Kong. The first tenancy should be at least 2 years, which can be renewed for an aggregate of no more than 5 years.
5. The first-ever youth hostel project in Hong Kong, which is located in Tai Po and built and operated by HKFYG, was completed last year. Since the opening of the hostel, HKFYG has maintained regular communication with tenants to learn about their personal development and the impact of the pandemic on them. Support and counselling services are provided on a need basis. According to HKFYG, occupancy of the youth hostel has not been affected by the pandemic in the past year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB003

(Question Serial No. 2663)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the amounts of funding received by individual “national sports associations” in 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and the estimated amount of funding for 2021-22, please inform this Committee of:

1. the amount of the above funding that came or will come from the Sports Subvention Scheme and the Arts and Sport Development Fund;
2. the funding amount in support of sports; and
3. the funding amount in support of local football.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. The amount of subvention provided to respective NSAs under the SSS in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are set out in **Annex I**. The amount of subvention to be provided to respective NSAs in 2021-22 has yet to be finalised.

The Home Affairs Bureau provides funding to NSAs under the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to support (i) athletes’ preparation for and participation in major international multi-sport games, National Games as well as competitions of various sports at World or Asian levels; (ii) hosting international sport events in Hong Kong; (iii) the development of local football; (iv) the development of team sports; and (v) other one-off initiatives that are significant to the development and promotion of sports in Hong Kong. The amount of funding approved for respective NSAs under the ASDF in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are set out in **Annex II**. The amount of funding to be provided to respective NSAs in 2021-22 is subject to the applications from NSAs concerned. We have yet to receive such applications.

2. The total amount of funding provided to NSAs under the SSS and the ASDF in support of sports in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 were \$394 million, \$511 million and \$442 million respectively.
3. The total amount of funding provided under the SSS and the ASDF in support of local football in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 were \$45.25 million, \$53.89 million and \$54.16 million respectively.

**Subvention to “national sports associations” under the Sports Subvention Scheme
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

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47.	Hong Kong Squash	13,902	15,506	15,453
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	10,509	12,110	12,242
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	16,351	19,071	19,871

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50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,888	3,513	3,412
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	12,459	13,428	13,492
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,937	3,369	3,305
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,781	4,729	4,719
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,286	1,623	1,564
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,157	1,699	1,592
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	11,863	14,268	14,864
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,170	1,582	1,515
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,383	1,965	1,799
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,911	9,729	9,557
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,276	4,828	4,768

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2.	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	1,250	1,650	-
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	1,000	525	-
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	350	3,467	900
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	634	525	323
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	95	525	525
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	350	843	525
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	350	1,080	1,076
9.	Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited	250	525	-
10.	Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	400	1,270	750
11.	Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association	-	222	-
12.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	218	1,812	-
13.	Cricket Hong Kong	1,685	5,162	1,125
14.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,400	890	600
15.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	1,070	2,585	1,100
16.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	250	264	-
17.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	1,350	3,500	1,255
18.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	350	900	1,125
19.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	25,400	32,996	33,900
20.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	350	600	-
21.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	949	4,068	1,259

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22.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	400	2,100	600
23.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,100	5,021	900
24.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	400	1,750	750
25.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	400	4,075	1,805
26.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	1,150	4,530	720
27.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,050	-	525
28.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	-	-	-
29.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	400	750	750
30.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	4,351	900	-
31.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	350	900	525
32.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	283	579	-
33.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	1,250	2,025	-
34.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	1,000	1,500	-
35.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	350	600	635
36.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	1,088	1,412	225
37.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	1,170	907	525
38.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	1,200	8,705	830
39.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	1,233	1,125	525
40.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,192	936	1,066
41.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	250	1,290	25
42.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	250	885	885
43.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	400	810	-
44.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	509	1,160	-
45.	Hong Kong Softball Association	513	-	-
46.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	364	8,910	-
47.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	250	889	350

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48.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	5,322	3,431	-
49.	Hong Kong Squash	1,900	1,125	1,049
50.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	350	1,185	-
51.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	350	2,125	282
52.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	204	573	675
53.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	400	1,125	2,767
54.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	5,877	3,420	10
55.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	1,250	2,205	180
56.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	171	198	-
57.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	-	2,160	-
58.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	5,150	3,250	1,800
59.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	350	873	1,125
60.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,400	376	800
61.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	350	600	29
62.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	-	450	378
63.	Hong Kong Woodball Association	-	1,050	-
64.	Hong Kong Lacrosse Association	-	-	1,500

* *The Home Affairs Bureau has standardised the mechanism for calculating the amount of funding for projects supported by the ASDF from 2020 onwards. Accordingly, we have updated the amount of funding provided to relevant NSAs for projects approved prior to 2020.*

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB004****(Question Serial No. 2664)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the District Football Funding Scheme, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please tabulate the amounts of funding provided by the Government to each district football team in the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 football seasons respectively.
2. Following an increase in the funding level after the previous review by the Government, has a second review been conducted of the funding level for district football teams competing in leagues of different levels? For the 2021-22 football season, what is the intended amount of funding to be provided to district football teams participating in various football leagues?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)Reply:

1. Under the District Football Funding Scheme (DFFS), the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) provides funding support to all district football teams playing in the leagues of the Hong Kong Football Association. The current levels of funding for football teams playing in the Hong Kong Premier League, the First Division, the Second Division and the Third Division are \$2 million, \$660,000, \$460,000 and \$400,000 respectively. The amounts of funding provided to the 18 district football teams in the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 football seasons are as follows –

District Football Team	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
Southern	1,650	1,650	2,000
Tai Po	1,650	1,650	660
Yuen Long	1,650	1,650	660
Central & Western	550	550	660

District Football Team	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
Eastern	550	550	660
North	385	550	660
Sha Tin	550	550	660
Sham Shui Po	385	550	660
Wong Tai Sin	550	550	660
Kowloon City	385	385	460
Kwai Tsing	330	385	460
Kwun Tong	385	385	460
Tuen Mun	385	385	460
Wan Chai	385	385	460
Yau Tsim Mong	385	385	460
Islands	330	330	400
Sai Kung	330	330	400
Tsuen Wan	330	330	400
Total	11,165	11,550	11,240

2. The DFFS provides direct financial support to the 18 district-based senior teams, which covers expenditure on coaching, transportation and equipment, and certain administrative costs. HAB reviewed the DFFS in 2020 and increased the levels of funding for district football teams playing in different divisions by about 20% starting from the 2020-21 football season.

Upon conclusion of the 2020-21 football season, all 18 district football teams are required to submit reports. We will review their reports and consider the levels of funding to be provided to district football teams for the 2021-22 football season.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB005

(Question Serial No. 0009)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please list the estimated expenditure on the respective emoluments and allowances for the Director of Bureau, the Deputy Director of Bureau and the Political Assistant to Director of Bureau in 2021-22.

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

Reply:

The provisions for the salaries in respect of the positions of Director of Bureau, Deputy Director of Bureau and Political Assistant to Director of Bureau in the Home Affairs Bureau for 2021-22 are \$4.07 million, \$3.13 million and \$1.46 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB006

(Question Serial No. 2865)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide a list of the destinations, dates and number of duty visits outside Hong Kong made by the Secretary last year and the actual expenditures incurred.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 254)

Reply:

In 2020-21 (as at 7 March 2021), the Secretary for Home Affairs has not made any duty visit.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB007

(Question Serial No. 2136)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) For the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM) and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM), what were the respective numbers of participants in the past 5 years and what are the expected numbers for this financial year? What were/are the Government's expenditures on funding young people to participate in these 2 exchange schemes?
- (2) What were the Mainland cities visited by young people under the FSYEM? Please arrange in descending order of the number of participants.
- (3) Please tabulate the details of the enterprises or industries at which young people have had an internship under the FSYIM and the respective numbers of interns.
- (4) Has the Home Affairs Bureau assessed the effectiveness of the FSYEM and the FSYIM? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- (1) The total numbers of participants and the total expenditures in relation to the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM) and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM) in the past 5 years and for 2021-22 are summarised in the table below -

Year	Number of participants		Expenditure (\$ million)	
	FSYEM	FSYIM	FSYEM	FSYIM
2021-22 (Estimate)	18 000	3 700	26	60
2020-21 (Revised estimate)	0 [^]	0 [^]	24*	28*
2019-20	12 000 [^]	3 700	31	63
2018-19	19 100	3 800	37	76
2017-18	19 100	3 400	36	75
2016-17	19 400	2 900	36	75

[^] In response to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Home Affairs Bureau has requested all funded organisations under the schemes to suspend or postpone their outbound exchange and internship projects to the Mainland since early 2020.

* The revised estimated expenditure for 2020-21 represents the expenses claimed for completed projects on a reimbursement basis in preceding years.

- (2) and (3) The projects under the FSYEM cover a wide range of provinces/cities in the Mainland. The 5 most visited provinces/cities in 2019-20 were Guangdong, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangxi and Sichuan. As for the FSYIM, a wide range of industries are covered, including finance, legal, trading, social service, information technology, engineering and the media, etc. Detailed breakdown by enterprise/industry is not available.
- (4) The effectiveness of the FSYEM and the FSYIM will be kept under continuous review. Based on the feedback collected from last round of participants, over 90% of the respondents considered that the schemes helped deepen their understanding of the Mainland and gave them an authentic experience of the actual working environment in the Mainland.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB008

(Question Serial No. 2137)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under the Programme, close co-operation with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education to promote civic education including national education will be continued. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1 What are the manpower and expenditure involved in promoting national education by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)? Will resources and manpower be increased in the future? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- 2 Has HAB assessed the effectiveness of the work on the promotion of national education? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has been working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education including national education outside schools and in the community through various channels and projects, such as providing sponsorship to eligible organisations for organising civic education (including national education) activities; producing publicity programmes and publications or organising exhibitions/talks on relevant themes (e.g. the Basic Law); disseminating information through the CPCE's website and social media pages; and providing relevant reference materials in the Civic Education Resource Centre, etc.

The Government has increased resources for the promotion of civic education including national education outside schools and in the community in 2021-22. HAB will continue to provide manpower for the CPCE Secretariat with its existing manpower resources to support the CPCE and provide assistance in organising programmes. Support for the CPCE Secretariat is undertaken by a team of HAB staff currently comprising a total of 18 members (including 15 civil servants and 3 non-civil service contract staff members), with 4 of them among their other duties.

The revised estimate for 2020-21 and the estimate for 2021-22 are tabulated below:

Year	Expenditure on the promotion of civic education outside schools (figure in brackets is the expenditure on the promotion of national education) ^{Note 1} (\$ million)
2020-21 (Revised Estimate)	22.0 (10.6 ^{Note 2})
2021-22 (Estimate)	23.2 (8.0)

Note 1 This refers to the expenditure on activities that are primarily related to the promotion of national education outside schools.

Note 2 The expenditure relating to promotion of national education is generally about \$7 to \$8 million per year. Since 2020 was the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law, the CPCE allocated funds during the year for co-organising a publicity campaign with the Hong Kong United Youth Association to commemorate the event to promote the Basic Law to the public through television programme productions, etc. As a result, the revised estimate for the promotion of national education in 2020-21 was higher.

The promotion of national education represents a sustained task, unsung but worthwhile. The CPCE has been monitoring the effectiveness of various projects and activities on promoting civic education, including national education, and believes that the feedback from participants and the proper use of sponsorship by organisers should be taken into account under the monitoring mechanism. As stipulated in the relevant funding guidelines, organisations which receive sponsorship from the CPCE for organising civic education activities, including national education activities, are required to submit relevant activity and financial reports, as well as surveys on participants' feedback to the CPCE. Moreover, CPCE members are entitled to observe the conduct of the activities and submit their own evaluation reports to the CPCE afterwards. As regards activities organised by the CPCE, surveys are also conducted to gauge participants' feedback. Information collected from the above channels is presented at the relevant meetings of the CPCE to facilitate members to deliberate on and plan for next year's work, and consider improvements if needed. Taking the Community Participation Scheme (the Scheme) (which is the largest funding scheme administered by the CPCE) as an example, 92% of participants of projects sponsored by the Scheme in 2019-20 considered the projects useful in enhancing their understanding of the relevant subject matter.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB009

(Question Serial No. 1644)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Programme (4), the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will take forward initiatives for enhancing the funding support for and the governance of “national sports associations” (NSAs). In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the amount of funding provided to respective NSAs by HAB in the past 3 years in tabulated form;
2. the estimated amount of funding to be provided to respective NSAs by HAB in the coming financial year;
3. the specific initiatives taken forward by HAB to assist respective NSAs in enhancing their governance.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. The amount of subvention provided to respective NSAs under the SSS in the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21) are set out in **Annex**. The amount of subvention to be provided to respective NSAs in 2021-22 has yet to be finalised.
3. The LCSD has all along been implementing various measures to enhance the governance and transparency of the operation of NSAs. All subvented NSAs are required to enter into subvention agreement with the LCSD annually and submit financial statements and progress reports on their programmes on a regular basis. From 2013-14 onwards, the LCSD has included in the subvention agreement an additional clause requiring NSAs to upload their Articles of Association, audited financial statements, mechanism of selection of athletes (including the appeal mechanism) to their website for public information. Besides, since 2017-18, the

LCSD has been organising a series of thematic seminars on corporate governance for directors and management staff of NSAs with an aim to help them fulfil their organisational and managerial responsibilities as well as the duty to enhance internal monitoring mechanism in a more impartial, fair and transparent manner. The LCSD also launched outreach seminars in 2019-20, e.g. by sending professionals to brief the executive directors, management staff and members of NSAs on relevant topics at their annual general meetings. In 2020-21, to cater for the needs of NSAs, the LCSD organised a symposium on “Developing Policy of NSAs” and a thematic seminar on “Online Company Meeting and Video Conference”.

In order to further enhance the governance of NSAs, HAB has been providing funding support to the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China since 2020-21 to set up a dedicated team to examine the operation and internal monitoring mechanism (including the selection of athletes and the appeal mechanism) of all NSAs, recommend improvement measures and formulate a code of governance for compliance by all NSAs. The review is expected to be completed in 2024-25. We will closely monitor the progress of the review.

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44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	1,771	2,445	2,588
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	9,360	11,368	11,227
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,274	8,987	8,856
47.	Hong Kong Squash	13,902	15,506	15,453
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	10,509	12,110	12,242
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	16,351	19,071	19,871

	NSAs	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,888	3,513	3,412
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	12,459	13,428	13,492
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,937	3,369	3,305
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,781	4,729	4,719
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,286	1,623	1,564
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,157	1,699	1,592
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	11,863	14,268	14,864
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,170	1,582	1,515
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,383	1,965	1,799
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,911	9,729	9,557
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,276	4,828	4,768

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB010****(Question Serial No. 1645)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

As mentioned under Programme (4), the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to implement the Retired Athletes Transformation Programme (RATP) to assist retired athletes in pursuing new career. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the numbers of retired athletes of various sports having participated in the RATP in the past 3 years in tabulated form;
2. further to the above, the numbers of retired athletes who participated in the RATP having found employment with schools or sports organisations subsequently; and
3. the estimated expenditure involved in the RATP.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)Reply:

1. The numbers of retired athletes of various sports participating in the Retired Athletes Transformation Programme (RATP) in the past 3 years are as follow -

Sport		Number of retired athletes		
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Archery	1	1	1
2	Artistic cycling	1	1	1
3	Athletics	6	5	5
4	Badminton	0	0	1
5	Baseball	1	1	1
6	Canoeing	0	0	1
7	Cricket	1	1	1
8	Cycling	9	9	8
9	Dragon boat	0	0	1
10	Fencing	1	1	1

Sport		Number of retired athletes		
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
11	Fin swimming	0	0	1
12	Football	0	1	4
13	Gymnastics	0	1	1
14	Handball	3	5	6
15	Judo	3	2	2
16	Karatedo	5	6	6
17	Rowing	5	4	5
18	Rugby	1	1	1
19	Softball	2	2	2
20	Sport climbing	0	1	1
21	Squash	1	1	2
22	Swimming	0	1	1
23	Table tennis	2	1	1
24	Taekwondo	2	2	3
25	Tenpin bowling	6	8	8
26	Triathlon	1	3	4
27	Volleyball	0	0	0
28	Water polo	0	1	1
29	Weightlifting	1	1	1
30	Windsurfing	1	1	1
Total:		53	61	72

2. All retired athletes who participated in the RATP in the past 3 years were employed by schools or sports organisations.
3. The estimated expenditures on the RATP for 2020-21 and 2021-22 are as follows -

Year	2020-21 (latest estimate)	2021-22 (estimate)
Amount (\$ million)	23.49	24.20

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB011

(Question Serial No. 1646)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in Programme (4), having regard to the advice of the Sports Commission, the Home Affairs Bureau will oversee the administration and investment strategy of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) with a view to supporting the development of Hong Kong's top athletes. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the current operation of the EADF, and the investment income generated in the past 3 years;
2. the total numbers of full-time athletes and athletes on the elite training programme in various sports at present in tabulated form;
3. the total number of sports medical staff members serving full-time athletes in the Hong Kong Sports Institute at present and the relevant expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

1. Of the \$7 billion provided by the Government in 2011-12 for establishing the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF), \$5 billion is deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) to earn an investment return linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund up to 29 February 2024 (inclusive). In addition, the Government made an injection of \$6 billion into the EADF in 2018-19, of which \$5.2 billion has also been deposited with the HKMA to earn an investment return linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund up to 13 January 2026 (inclusive).

The investment income generated by the EADF in the past 3 years is tabulated below:

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 28 February 2021)
Investment income (\$ million)	250.1	248.3	399.8

2. The number of athletes in each Tier A and Tier B sport under the Elite Training Programme of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) in 2020-21 is as follows:

Sport		Full-time athlete	Total number of athletes
Tier A			
1.	Athletics	19	47
2.	Badminton	46	77
3.	Billiard sports	21	35
4.	Cycling	47	63
5.	Equestrian	11	27
6.	Fencing	38	115
7.	Gymnastics	13	43
8.	Karatedo	27	46
9.	Rowing	21	33
10.	Rugby sevens	47	61
11.	Sailing	8	15
12.	Skating	12	26
13.	Squash	21	36
14.	Swimming	27	94
15.	Table tennis	29	53
16.	Tennis	10	22
17.	Tenpin bowling	10	19
18.	Triathlon	14	24
19.	Windsurfing	8	35
20.	Wushu	37	93
Tier B			
1.	Contract bridge	3	57
2.	Dance sport	0	190
3.	Dragon boat	0	62
4.	Golf	1	170
5.	Judo	4	64
6.	Karting	0	86
7.	Lawn bowls	0	30
8.	Life saving	0	42
9.	Mountaineering	4	47
10.	Orienteering	0	59
11.	Roller sports	0	111
12.	Shuttlecock	0	61
13.	Taekwondo	5	150

Disability sport		Full-time athlete	Total number of athletes
Tier A			
1.	Boccia (physical disability)	6	21
2.	Wheelchair fencing (physical disability)	4	13
3.	Table tennis (physical disability)	4	20
4.	Badminton (physical disability)	3	7
5.	Table tennis (intellectual disability)	10	19
6.	Swimming (intellectual disability)	6	13
Tier B			
1.	Lawn bowls (physical disability)	4	15
2.	Tenpin bowling (physical disability)	4	13

3. The HKSI provides medical and scientific support (including medical clinic, physiotherapy, scientific conditioning training, Chinese traditional medicine, massage, biomechanics, psychology, nutrition, applied research, etc.) to enhance the elite training services for athletes to improve their performance. In 2020-21, there were 104 full-time and 8 part-time staff members at the HKSI providing the above services to athletes, and an estimated total of \$42.74 million was budgeted to cover the cost.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB012

(Question Serial No. 1647)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Programme (2), subject to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to work together with the Youth Development Commission to deepen and broaden both international and Mainland youth internship and exchange opportunities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many resources will HAB allocate to, the situation permitting, international youth exchange programmes, the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland in the coming financial year?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

In response to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Home Affairs Bureau has requested all funded organisations under various schemes/programmes since early 2020 to suspend or postpone their exchange and internship projects outside Hong Kong. When preparing the estimates for 2021-22, we have set aside sufficient funds for organising various exchange and internship projects to ensure the availability of necessary resources for organisations to resume their projects when circumstances permit. The estimates for international youth exchange programmes, the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland in 2021-22 are \$13.5 million, \$26 million and \$60 million respectively. We will monitor closely the development of the pandemic and arrange to resume the relevant projects when it is safe and practicable to do so. The pandemic's impact on the budget for the 3 schemes/programmes will be reflected as necessary when we prepare the revised estimates in the future.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB013****(Question Serial No. 1663)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) District, Community and Public RelationsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

As stated in Programme (3), one of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)'s responsibilities is to oversee the Chinese Temples Committee. In this connection, please inform this committee of the following:

1. What key measures does HAB take to oversee the Chinese Temples Committee?
2. What were the staff establishment and expenditures of the Chinese Temples Committee in the past 3 years?
3. Please list the amounts of subsidies the Chinese Temples Committee provided to individual temples under its management in the past 3 years.
4. What is the amount of funding/subsidies to be provided by HAB to the Chinese Temples Committee and various temples for the coming financial year?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)Reply:

1. The Chinese Temples Committee (the Committee) is a statutory body established under the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153). The Secretary for Home Affairs is the Chairman of the Committee. He supervises the operation of the Committee through participating in its decision-making process.
2. The staff establishment and expenditures of the Committee in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

	Staff establishment [*]	Staffing expenditures [#] (\$ million)
2017-18	41	15.5
2018-19	42	16.3
2019-20	43	17.6

* Including 9 civil service staff posted to the Committee.

Including the salaries of 2 civil service staff. The salaries of the remaining 7 civil service staff were borne by the Home Affairs Bureau.

3. The Committee does not provide cash subsidies to temples under its administration. However, it is responsible for the repair and maintenance expenses of the temples under its administration and organises activities to promote temples and traditional culture.
4. The Home Affairs Bureau does not provide cash subsidies to the Committee or the temples under the Committee's administration.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB014****(Question Serial No. 3282)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In his budget speech, the Financial Secretary mentioned cultural development in “The Way Forward for Industries” (paragraphs 63 to 68) under “Stimulating the Economy”. Please inform this Committee of the details of the Special Administrative Region Government’s efforts in promoting and facilitating Hong Kong’s cultural industries while complementing national development in the past financial year, the expenditure involved and the results. What is the specific work plan for the new financial year of 2021-22? What is the estimated expenditure to be incurred? Please explain with examples.

Asked by: Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

On the promotion of arts and culture, the Government continues to strengthen support for the development of arts and cultural software through developing, sponsoring and supporting quality arts and cultural activities with a view to stepping up audience building, enhancing arts and cultural education and promotion, nurturing arts and cultural talents, and enriching cultural exchange activities. The Government’s estimated expenditure on promoting and supporting arts and culture in 2021-22 is about \$5.7 billion, representing an increase of about 5% compared to 2020-21. Moreover, with additional resources available from dedicated funds such as the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) and the Cantonese Opera Development Fund, funding support in the form of time-limited or project grants is available for nurturing small and medium-sized performing arts groups and budding artists. This ensures the healthy and vibrant development of the arts scene and promotes the development of creative industries. As for hardware, the Government supports the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong through the development and operation of various types of cultural venues, including performance venues, public museums and public libraries. The Government will continue to utilise the \$20 billion set aside in the 2018-19 Budget for the gradual improvement and development of cultural facilities to meet the long-term development needs of arts and culture in Hong Kong. In addition, the Government will inject another \$900 million into the Art Development Matching Grants Scheme in 2021-22 to continue its implementation and further promote

sponsorship of culture and arts, all for supporting the development of performing arts groups and artists.

With the advancement of technology, the integration of arts, and innovation and technology (I&T) has become a new trend in arts development. The application of technology extends the horizon of creativity in arts and brings new opportunities for the arts and creative industries. In view of this, the Government has set up a task force led by the Secretary for Home Affairs and comprising representatives of the Innovation and Technology Bureau, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Education Bureau to formulate strategies and measures to develop and promote Arts Tech. A total of \$100 million has been earmarked for the funds and programmes under the respective policy purview, including the ASDF, the Innovation and Technology Fund, the Film Development Fund and the CreateSmart Initiative, to promote the integration of arts and technology. Moreover, the Government will also provide hardware to promote arts and technology, including venues and facilities for experimental use, and support arts groups and I&T savvy. The long-term goal of Arts Tech promotion is to provide opportunities for arts practitioners and technology talents to develop their career and advance in the industry.

The Government has made on-going efforts in recent years to foster a closer attachment among Hong Kong residents to our country and showcase the soft power of Chinese culture to the world through various types of arts and cultural exchange activities. In the future, the Government will actively leverage on the advantages of Hong Kong as a melting pot of cultures and endeavour to develop our city into a platform for exchanges and co-operation among cultural organisations from around the world. We will implement initiatives in 3 major areas: to forge close partnerships with world-class cultural organisations; continue Hong Kong's cultural exchange activities with international and Mainland cities, including those in the Greater Bay Area; and continue the promotion of cultural development and arts and cultural exchanges to fulfil the function of Hong Kong as a showcase for exchanges of cosmopolitan arts and culture to complement the country's long-term development.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB015

(Question Serial No. 1517)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What happened over the past few years with young people taking part in advocating “Hong Kong Independence” and “black riots” was not an individual incident but a reflection of the existing social environment in Hong Kong where young people are easily led astray. Moreover, given the devastation suffered by the local economy under the pandemic and the high youth unemployment rate, the greater social concern is whether our young people have been so misled by the year-long “black riots” which incited hatred and anti-government sentiment that they become less interested in the pursuit of development in the Mainland. Please provide the following information in tabulated form:

1. Have provisions been earmarked in the relevant budget for sponsoring young people to participate in Mainland exchange programmes upon recovery from the pandemic and resumption of travel with the Mainland? What is the total expenditure in this regard?
2. What are the eligibility criteria and other details of the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme? What are the measures in place to assist other young people who cannot benefit from the above Scheme in developing their career in Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area?
3. What measures has the Government put in place to promote comprehensive exchanges among young people from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao with a view to encouraging local youth to embark on exchanges to the Mainland and gain an experience of the country and the advantages of pursuing development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as soon as the pandemic is over?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

1. & 3. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Youth Development Commission (YDC) have all along endeavoured to enhance Hong Kong young people's understanding of the latest development and opportunities in the Mainland through internship, exchange and entrepreneurship programmes, so as to facilitate wider exchanges and

deeper integration among young people of the two places which will strengthen their sense of belonging to the motherland.

On promoting exchanges, HAB and YDC provide, through the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland, subsidy to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise youth exchange projects in the Mainland with a view to deepening young people's understanding of the culture and history of the Mainland, the way of life of Mainland people, the developments of our country, etc., as well as foster their exchange with the Mainland people. As regards internship, we subsidise NGOs through the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM) to organise youth internship activities in the Mainland so that our young people may gain real experience in the actual workplace environment in the Mainland and a deeper understanding of the employment market, work culture and development opportunities therein. In particular, as one of the major co-operation initiatives between Hong Kong and Guangdong, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Hong Kong Youth Internship Scheme launched under the FSYIM has been expanded to cover all Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) starting from 2019. Participants may take up internship placements in the GBA, which allow them a deeper understanding of the labour market, workplace culture and career prospects in the Mainland while helping them set their career goals ahead, accumulate work experience and build interpersonal networks, thus facilitating their future development in the GBA.

In addition to funding schemes, HAB also collaborates with top-notch scientific research and cultural institutions in the Mainland and major corporations in Hong Kong to implement the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas respectively to provide unique internship opportunities for Hong Kong young people with different backgrounds, expertise and interests.

In response to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have suspended or postponed various exchange and internship projects since last year. Meanwhile, when preparing the estimates for 2021-22, we have still set aside sufficient funds to ensure the availability of necessary resources for organisations to resume their projects when circumstances permit. The total estimated expenditure for organising youth exchange projects in the Mainland in 2021-22 is \$26 million. We will, having regard to the development of the pandemic, resume the relevant projects when it is safe and practicable to do so.

Apart from internship and exchange, the Government has made concerted efforts with various sectors of the community in recent years to provide steadfast support to youth innovation and entrepreneurship. We have rolled out the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Entrepreneurship Scheme) and the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Experiential Scheme) under the Youth Development Fund to encourage Hong Kong young people to utilise the entrepreneurial bases in the GBA and help them develop their businesses in both Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the GBA. The 2 funding schemes were well

received by various sectors of the community and more than 40 Hong Kong NGOs in total submitted their funding applications. The application results were announced in February this year. About \$130 million under the Entrepreneurship Scheme was granted for 16 NGOs to implement youth entrepreneurship projects. It is estimated that subsidies will be provided for around 230 youth start-ups (involving more than 800 Hong Kong young entrepreneurs) while services will be rendered to about 4 000 young people. As for the Experiential Scheme, about \$5 million was granted for 15 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the entrepreneurial bases in Mainland cities of the GBA. The first batch of beneficiaries is estimated to be around 700 young people.

Looking forward, HAB will continue to enhance and expand various youth exchange, internship and entrepreneurship programmes in the Mainland with a view to providing Hong Kong young people with deeper, wider and more diversified opportunities to explore the Mainland. By experiencing local culture and conducting in-depth exchange with local young people, Hong Kong young people can strive to understand and seize the development opportunities in the Mainland, especially those in the GBA, thereby facilitating their integration into the overall advancement of the country.

2. Our reply in consultation with the Labour Department (LD) is set out as follows:

To encourage more young people to work and develop their career in the GBA, the Government launched the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme (the Employment Scheme) on 8 January 2021 to encourage enterprises with businesses in both Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the GBA to employ university graduates from Hong Kong and station them to work in Mainland cities of the GBA. The scheme provides 2 000 places, around 700 of which are designated for innovation and technology posts. Hong Kong residents who are legally employable in Hong Kong and hold bachelor's degrees or above awarded by institutions in or outside Hong Kong from 2019 to 2021 may participate in the scheme. Participating enterprises have to employ the target graduates in Hong Kong according to Hong Kong laws, offer them a monthly salary of not less than HK\$18,000 and station them in Mainland cities of the GBA to work and receive on-the-job training. The Government will pay the enterprises a monthly allowance of HK\$10,000 per each qualified graduate employed for up to 18 months.

Apart from the Employment Scheme, LD has also set up a dedicated webpage Information on Employment in the Mainland under its Interactive Employment Service website to provide information on job vacancies in the Mainland (including Mainland cities of the GBA), as well as points to note and practical information in relation to working in the Mainland. This facilitates the dissemination of information on job vacancies in the Mainland (including Mainland cities of the GBA), enhances the knowledge of job seekers and young people on employment in the GBA, which in turn facilitates them in developing their career in Mainland cities of the GBA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB016****(Question Serial No. 1519)**

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

At present, Hong Kong's elite athletes are eligible to enjoy various subsistence allowances based on their achievements and healthcare services, as well as training facilities of the Hong Kong Sports Institute. As for individual athletes, however, they are eligible to apply for personal funding support with the Government only if they do elite sports. Currently, the Government evaluates all types of sports under the Elite Vote Support System and decides on the eligible ones for elite sports funding support upon consultation with stakeholders such as sport experts and academics. For athletes of Tier A* sports such as badminton, cycling, table tennis and windsurfing, they may receive additional funding support provided that they have attained outstanding achievements. Nevertheless, given another structural problem of unstable remuneration for athletes, it is difficult to attract new blood into the profession. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Our young Hong Kong athletes, carrying on and forward Hong Kong's spirit of "daring is winning", have managed to attain considerable achievements in international competitions despite limited support in terms of venue and other forms. That said, it is difficult for outsiders to understand their stress. Does the Government have any measures and support in place to alleviate their stress prior to competitions or at the training stage?
2. Open sports competitions are of no comparison to open examinations in terms of costs versus value. This is largely due to their hugely different effects on gaining admission to a university. Unlike the situation in the United States of America, Europe and Australia where diversified education and career pathways are available, we still channel young people to their development prospect mainly through open examinations in Hong Kong. Does the Government have any measures in place to attract more young athletes with potential to pursue sports as their lifelong career?
3. Actually, the current education system in Hong Kong is incompatible with the notion of "integrating sports into education" for young people. Mainstream primary and secondary schools dedicate their resources mainly to teaching core subjects while still

being lukewarm towards sports as a subject. As of now, a number of primary and secondary schools do not even have a covered sports ground yet, which only serves to be an obstacle for the implementation of whole-person education. Will the Government consider enhancing the school system such as making arrangements for flexible school hours, giving students more freedom in learning and teachers room to put their strengths into full play?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) is adopted by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) to objectively assess the sports achievements of athletes for determining which sports are eligible for HKSI's funding support. The Sports Commission regularly reviews the EVSS and, where appropriate, makes modifications to ensure that it continues to serve its purpose. In 2021-22, there are 4 Tier A*, 16 Tier A and 13 Tier B sports, as well as 6 Tier A and 3 Tier B disability sports.

The HKSI provides comprehensive training programmes and support services to elite athletes, including direct financial support. In accordance with the Elite Training Grant Criteria adopted by the HKSI, the direct financial support provided to elite athletes is based on their athlete categories, which are determined by objective assessment of their highest level of sports achievement attained recently. In 2020-21, we increased the levels of direct financial support for elite athletes. Currently, the levels of monthly direct financial support provided to each full-time Elite A+, Elite A, Elite B+, Elite B and Elite C athlete are \$41,030, \$32,730, \$22,820, \$16,220 and \$11,520 respectively.

The reply to the three parts of the question is as follows:

1. Psychological stress during training and competitions is inevitable for athletes. The HKSI has set up a Sport Psychology Centre to provide athletes with the necessary psychological support, such as mental skills training, psychological assessment and on-field support, with the aim of improving their mental strength.
2. The Government is committed to supporting the dual career development of athletes so that they can devote themselves to sports training while pursuing their studies as appropriate according to their own life planning. Currently, we support athletes in their pursuit of post-secondary education through the provision of the Education Grant under the Hong Kong Athletes Fund. The HKSI operates the Athlete Lifestyle Support Programme, which provides academic assistance to athletes including academic guidance and tutorial services. Full-time athletes are also given integrated and flexible education opportunities in secondary schools and universities, such as flexible class schedules and extension of duration of study, through the HKSI Partnership School Programme and the relevant Memoranda of Understanding. These forms of support help attract more young athletes with potential to devote themselves to sports training while pursuing academic studies at the same time. The number of full-time junior athletes at the HKSI has increased by 86% from 63 in 2015-16 to 117 in 2020-21, while the number of senior athletes at the HKSI increased by 67% from 249 to 417 during the same period.

3. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is committed to promoting school sports to encourage students to develop an active and healthy lifestyle at an early age. Since 2001, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has been implementing the School Sports Programme (SSP) for students of primary, secondary and special schools in Hong Kong to participate in diversified sports activities that are in line with their schools' daily schedules. The aims of the SSP are to foster students' interests in sports, encourage them to participate in sports continuously, raise their sport performance level and to identify potential student athletes for receiving higher level training. Moreover, the Retired Athletes Transformation Programme launched by HAB is currently subsidising 47 secondary schools to employ retired athletes as School Sports Promotion Coordinators to help promote sports and enhance the performance level of sports at schools.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB017****(Question Serial No. 1520)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Chief Executive has indicated in her term of office that the current Government takes housing as one of its policy priorities while youth housing has always been a major concern to society. As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention of Programme (2), the Home Affairs Bureau will “continue to work closely with the Youth Development Commission (YDC) on issues pertaining to education, career pursuit and home ownership as well as young people’s participation in politics, public policy discussion and debate; and communicate with young people in a more open, direct and interactive manner.” Among the first “tripartite issues” as raised by the YDC above, home ownership/housing is one of them. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Since its establishment, the YDC has yet to conduct studies and discussions on youth housing issues. Although the Government has published the Youth Development Strategy: Public Engagement Report, the YDC has been silent about youth housing so far. Does the Government have any initiatives to properly address young people’s concerns about education, career pursuit and home ownership, and encourage their participation in politics, public policy discussion and debate?
2. To give young people a greater hope about Hong Kong, will the Government instruct the YDC to do the following: step up efforts in communicating with relevant government bureaux and departments for vigorously promoting youth development policies and work plans; set up corresponding panels to continuously follow up on the studies; and conduct comprehensive discussions on youth housing policy as soon as possible?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)Reply:

Chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Youth Development Commission (YDC) is responsible for enhancing policy co-ordination within the Government and enabling holistic and more effective examination and discussion on issues of concern to young people. The YDC is committed to promoting cross-bureau and cross-department

collaboration and aims at addressing young people's concerns about education, career pursuit and home ownership, and encouraging their participation in politics, public policy discussion and debate. The YDC has 3 broad directions for its work, namely, supporting young people's selection of suitable study pathways, facilitating young people's career development and promoting their upward mobility, and strengthening communication with young people.

On supporting young people's selection of suitable study pathways, the YDC has taken efforts to promote cross-bureau and cross-sectoral collaboration to strengthen youth life-planning work by deepening relevant work at schools, fostering collaboration between non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools, and encouraging the participation of the business sector. The YDC has implemented 3 cross-bureau collaborative initiatives, which are (1) formulating a set of strategic plans on the implementation of holistic life planning education at schools; (2) enhancing the existing Career Information Website of the Education Bureau and developing it into a one-stop interactive career information platform; and (3) enhancing the Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities.

On facilitating young people's career development and promoting their upward mobility, the YDC has rolled out the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Entrepreneurship Scheme) and the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Experiential Scheme) under the Youth Development Fund to encourage Hong Kong young people to utilise the entrepreneurial bases in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and help them develop their businesses in both Hong Kong and Mainland cities of the GBA. The 2 funding schemes were well received by various sectors of the community and more than 40 Hong Kong NGOs in total submitted their funding applications. The application results were announced in February this year. About \$130 million under the Entrepreneurship Scheme was granted for 16 NGOs to implement youth entrepreneurship projects. It is estimated that subsidies will be provided for around 230 youth start-ups (involving more than 800 Hong Kong young entrepreneurs) while services will be rendered to about 4 000 young people. As for the Experiential Scheme, about \$5 million was granted for 15 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the entrepreneurial bases in Mainland cities of the GBA. The first batch of beneficiaries is estimated to be around 700 young people. Moreover, the YDC provides exchange and internship opportunities outside Hong Kong to our young people in an effort to broaden their horizons while providing them with an exposure to the actual workplace environment. The YDC will continue to introduce enhancement measures to the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange to better cater to the needs of young people. Subject to the development of the pandemic, the YDC will continue to enhance and expand the schemes concerned in the future.

On strengthening communication with young people, the YDC organised, as a new measure, policy thematic meetings through webcasting in August last year and January this year, with a view to listening to young people's views on employment and future pathways respectively and, through making use of the YDC as a platform to foster cross-bureau collaboration, implementing the relevant measures more effectively. Among them, in response to the discussion and suggestions at the policy thematic meetings, the YDC agreed

to further enhance the Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities (2019-22) and introduced the Individual Study and Career Support Service for Secondary School Students and Leavers in November last year. Under the support service, the 24 currently funded NGOs were provided with one-off additional funding for a period of 1 year to provide comprehensive, in-depth and sustainable counselling services particularly for secondary school students who have yet to have a clear progression or employment path as well as students in need.

There are 3 task forces set up under the YDC, namely, the Task Force on Youth Exchange and Internship, the Task Force on Youth Development Fund and Programmes and the Task Force on Youth Outreach and Engagement, to follow up on the relevant work of the YDC.

On housing policy, the YDC is aware that housing is not only an issue for young people but one that affects the Hong Kong community as a whole. In view of the serious shortage of land supply, the Government has been taking various measures, such as identifying land for housing development and making better use of the current resources; and enriching the housing ladder, including introducing the “Starter Homes” pilot projects, and the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme, etc. with a view to supporting Hong Kong people (including young people) to achieve home ownership. At the same time, to meet the aspirations of some working youth to have their own living spaces and to unleash the potential of development sites, the Government actively promotes the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS). The 7 projects currently under the YHS can provide a total of at least 3 300 hostel places, including about 1 760 places in the next 2 years.

In addition to non-official members, there are also 8 directors of relevant bureaux (including the Secretary for Education, the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Secretary for Transport and Housing, etc.) serving in the YDC as ex-officio members to foster cross-bureau collaboration and take forward the youth-related initiatives under the purview of their bureaux. For the above initiatives, representatives from the Education Bureau, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Transport and Housing Bureau attended meetings of the YDC to brief and consult members on the relevant initiatives, with a view to reflecting the views of members and young people in policy formulation. The YDC will continue to maintain close contact with relevant bureaux and use the YDC as a platform to foster cross-bureau collaboration so that the initiatives concerned can respond to the needs of young people more effectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB018

(Question Serial No. 0416)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has reserved \$100 million and formed an inter-departmental task force to promote the integration of arts and technology, and support arts groups and the innovation and technology (I&T) savvy. In this connection, would HAB inform this Committee of:

- the details of the programme (including the types of arts groups and I&T savvy to be supported, the estimated number of individuals or groups benefited, the estimated amount granted to each application, etc.);
- the assessment criteria for applications; and
- whether performance indicators have been developed for reviewing if the programme achieves the intended objectives. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

With the advancement of technology, the integration of arts and innovation and technology (I&T) has become a new trend in arts development. The application of technology extends the horizon of creativity in arts and brings new opportunities for the arts and creative industries. In view of this, the Government has set up a task force led by the Secretary for Home Affairs and comprising representatives of the Innovation and Technology Bureau, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Education Bureau to formulate strategies and measures to develop and promote Arts Tech. A total of \$100 million has been earmarked for the funds and programmes under respective policy purview, including the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF), the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF), the Film Development Fund (FDF) and the CreateSmart Initiative (CSI), to promote the integration of arts and technology. Moreover, the Government will also provide hardware to promote arts and technology, including venues and facilities for experimental use, and support arts groups and I&T savvy.

When the 10th round of funding application for the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) under ASDF was launched in 2020-21, a new “Arts Technology” category was added to draw the attention of the arts and cultural community to technology and encourage members of the sector to apply technology in different arts projects. The final amount granted will be subject to the projects approved. Previously, a considerable number of applications were received in each round of ACDFS. Assessment panels will duly consider all eligible applications and assess them in accordance with the established criteria. There is no pre-set proportion of funding for individual art forms/categories under the ACDFS. For the assessment criteria of the ACDFS, please visit the following webpage:

https://www.hab.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/policy_responsibilities/arts_culture_recreation_and_sport/acdfs10_guide_e.pdf#page=24

To help promote the development of Arts Tech, the ITF welcomes applications from the Arts Tech industry for various funding schemes. Among other things, the Technology Voucher Programme (TVP) and the General Support Programme (GSP) under the ITF are relevant to the promotion of arts-related technology adoption and innovation and technology culture. For the current eligibility and assessment criteria of TVP and GSP, please visit the following webpages respectively:

<https://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/TVP.asp>

<https://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/GSP.asp>

As for the CSI and the FDF, the Government has made several injections into the two funds to provide funding support to programmes and activities that are conducive to the development of creative industries in Hong Kong. For the current eligibility and assessment criteria of the CSI and the FDF, please visit the following webpages respectively:

<https://www.createsmart.gov.hk/cpub/eng/CSI>

<https://www.fdc.gov.hk/en/services/services2.htm>

Given that the schemes above have dedicated objectives with different target applicants, applicants may submit application to the relevant funds or schemes, depending on the content of their proposals. As the development and promotion of Arts Tech is still in the preliminary stage, the Government does not have the relevant number of individuals or groups benefited, nor has it set any performance indicators at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB019

(Question Serial No. 0475)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

I was told that the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) had provided funding support to the group Ying E Chi, including subsidising its operating expenses through year grants and its Hong Kong Independent Film Festival, which contained improper content about advocating Hong Kong independence and toppling the Government, through project grants over the years. It is learnt that Ying E Chi was also the film distributor for movies including Taking Back the Legislature, Inside the Red Brick Wall and Lost in the Fumes. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- Details of the funding support provided by the HKADC to Ying E Chi in the past 3 years, including the years covered, the grant schemes involved, the funded projects (if applicable) and the grant amounts, etc.;
- Was the HKADC aware of the content of Ying E Chi's activities? Has the HKADC put any mechanisms or measures in place to prevent resources from being used for advocating Hong Kong independence and toppling the Government? If yes, please elaborate. If no, please explain; and
- It is learnt that some groups uploaded problematic works to online streaming platforms to evade regulation. Does the HKADC have a mechanism to deal with similar situations? If yes, please elaborate. If no, please explain.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) adopts a peer assessment mechanism to assess applications for its grant schemes. Under the mechanism, HKADC will invite arts professionals and veterans to assist in the assessment and put in place a declaration of interest mechanism to minimise potential conflicts of interest in the process.

When HKADC processed Ying E Chi's application for the Three-year Grant in April 2019, Ying E Chi submitted an outline plan for organisation of the Hong Kong Independent Film Festival without details on the films to be included. HKADC approved the Three-year Grant application in accordance with the mechanism mentioned in the previous paragraph. HKADC requires all arts groups receiving its grants, including year grants and project grants to undertake that they will fulfil the terms of the contract entered into with HKADC, including the compliance with the laws of Hong Kong during the grant period. HKADC also issues letters from time to time to remind all arts groups receiving year grants to comply with the laws of Hong Kong and other contract terms. The latest one was issued in January 2021. If arts groups receiving grants breach any terms of the contract, including the violation of prevailing laws of Hong Kong, HKADC may cease to provide grants to the arts groups concerned.

The HKADC respects the freedom of artistic expression. However, while groups receiving grants enjoy the freedom of artistic expression and creation, they must comply with the laws of Hong Kong and take responsibility for the individuals and bodies involved, as well as their artistic creation and expression. The views and opinions expressed in the activities or programmes of the groups receiving grants do not represent the stance of HKADC.

Details of the funding support provided to Ying E Chi by HKADC in the past 3 years are set out as follows:

Year	Name of the grant scheme	Name of the funded project (if applicable)	Amount of grant approved (\$)
2018-19	Year Grant	Second year ¹ of the Two-year Grant and funding for extra activities	720,700 + 166,300 (887,000 in total)
	Cultural Exchange Grant	Kaohsiung, Berlin	268,000
	The 6th "Arts Administration Internship Scheme"	N.A.	186,100
2019-20	Year Grant	First year of the Three-year Grant and funding for extra activities	768,200 + 365,700 (1,133,900 in total)
	The 7th "Arts Administration Internship Scheme"	N.A.	186,000
2020-21	Year Grant	Second year of the Three-year Grant	768,200
	Cultural Exchange Grant	Osaka	124,200

¹ The amount of grant approved for the first year (2017-18) of the Two-year Grant was \$674,200.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB020****(Question Serial No. 0477)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) CultureControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) introduced the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) in 2011 to disburse an annual provision of around \$30 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Arts Portion) to support large-scale and cross-year arts and cultural initiatives/projects. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What were the annual numbers of applications received and organisations funded and the annual total amounts of funding approved under the Springboard Grants and the Project Grants of ACDFS in the past 3 years respectively?
- (2) Are there any other similar funding schemes under HAB? If yes, what were the numbers of applications received and organisations funded and the total amounts of funding approved under each grant scheme in the past 3 years respectively?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)Reply:

- (1) From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the amounts of funding approved under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme are as follows:

		2018-19 7 th Round	2019-20 8 th Round	2020-21 9 th Round
No. of applications	Springboard Grants	1	1	0
	Project Grants	41	49	69
No. of organisations funded	Project Grants	13	16	13
Total amount of funding	Project Grants	\$24,969,000	\$30,644,000	\$38,468,000

- (2) The \$300 million Art Development Matching Grants Scheme was launched by the Government in 2016, with an injection of \$500 million made in 2018-19 and an additional \$900 million to be made in 2021-22, to encourage arts groups to seek non-Government resources and support in a more active manner. From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the amounts of grants approved for matching and the numbers of organisations funded are as follows:

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	Amount of grants (\$) (no. of organisations funded)	Amount of grants (\$) (no. of organisations funded)	Amount of grants (\$) (no. of organisations funded)
Arts groups which have completed 2 rounds of Springboard Grants under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme	15,136,000 (4)	26,559,000 (7)	33,120,000 (9)
Major performing arts groups	52,496,566 (9)	64,049,937 (9)	54,276,484 (9)
Hong Kong Arts Festival Society	27,040,217 (1)	30,000,000 (1)	30,000,000 (1)
Hong Kong Arts Development Council	33,776,228 (1)	35,698,763 (1)	45,669,615 (1)
Total amount of funding	128,449,011	156,307,700	163,066,099

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB021

(Question Serial No. 0479)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In connection with the grant schemes implemented by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), please inform this Committee of:

the list of arts groups/artists receiving grants, the names of their funded projects, the total numbers of times they received a grant and the total amounts of grants they received from the HKADC in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the arts groups/projects funded by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) involved various areas, including dance, drama, film and media arts, literary arts, multi-disciplinary arts, music, visual arts and xiqu. A large number of arts groups and artists have received grants. The relevant list and details of their funded projects are available on the HKADC webpage (link: <https://www.hkadc.org.hk/en/grants-and-scholarship/grants/year-grant/recipient-list>).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB022

(Question Serial No. 1884)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. Please list the expenditures on the (i) salaries, (ii) allowances and (iii) job-related allowances for (a) the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA), (b) the Under Secretary for Home Affairs and (c) the Political Assistant to SHA for the past and current financial years. Please state whether item (iii) includes job-related allowances for participating in the enforcement of compulsory testing exercises in "restricted areas" and, if yes, set out the details of the allowances.
2. What were the respective numbers of District Council meetings and other district activities attended by the SHA in the last financial year? What is the expected number of District Council meetings that the SHA will attend in 2021-22?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

In 2020-21, the expenditures on the salaries of the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA), the Under Secretary for Home Affairs (USHA) and the Political Assistant (PA) to SHA were \$4.07 million, \$3.13 million and \$1.17 million respectively (the post of PA to SHA has been vacant since 20 January 2021). In 2021-22, the provisions for the salaries in respect of the positions of SHA, USHA and PA to SHA are \$4.07 million, \$3.13 million and \$1.46 million respectively. As regards the allowances, there were no expenditures incurred in 2020-21, nor are there provisions made for 2021-22, in respect of the relevant positions in the Home Affairs Bureau.

Since the current-term Government assumed office, Secretaries of Department (SoD) and Directors of Bureau (DoB) visited all 18 districts across the territory upon completion of the pilot scheme of district visits by SoD and DoB in late September 2019. Under the scheme, SHA visited the 18 District Councils (DCs) from 2017-18 to 2018-19. No similar arrangements were made for DC visits in 2020-21. As for other district activities, SHA attended a number of events/activities organised by the Government and various organisations from time to time. We do not keep statistics on these events/activities. In

2021-22, SHA will, having regard to policy needs, continue to consult DCs at a suitable time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB023

(Question Serial No. 1544)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 of the Programme, the Home Affairs Bureau will “work together with the Youth Development Commission to introduce a new funding scheme under the Youth Development Fund to provide local outdoor adventure training activities for young people”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- a. the estimated expenditure of the Government on the scheme in 2021-22 and the expected number of beneficiaries; and
- b. whether the Government will invite participation from young people through more partner organisations.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

In the 2020 Policy Address, the Chief Executive suggested that youth outdoor adventure training activities should be promoted to support young people's healthy personal development. In this regard, at its meeting on 12 January this year, the Youth Development Commission (YDC) endorsed the introduction of a new scheme under the Youth Development Fund to provide systematic, quality and sizeable local outdoor adventure training activities for young people. The new scheme will initially be launched on a pilot basis. The Task Force on Youth Development Fund and Programmes under the YDC is following up on the details, including the scale of the pilot scheme, the estimated expenditure, the expected number of beneficiaries, etc. Subject to the development of the pandemic, the pilot scheme is expected to be launched within this year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB024****(Question Serial No. 1545)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) CultureControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 of the Programme, the Home Affairs Bureau will “endeavour to revive cultural co-operation and exchanges, as well as promoting local arts groups and artists in the Mainland and other places which have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- a. the amounts of Government expenditures on cultural co-operation and exchanges in the Mainland, Western countries and Southeast Asian countries in the past 3 years respectively; and
- b. a breakdown of the numbers and names of the arts and cultural organisations in the Mainland, Western countries and Southeast Asian countries with which the Government co-operated in the past 3 years respectively.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)Reply:

- a. The Government has all along endeavoured to support Hong Kong arts groups/artists in holding performances and exhibitions in the Mainland and other places to foster arts and cultural exchange. The respective expenditures on cultural co-operation and exchanges on the Mainland, Western countries, Southeast Asian/Asia-Pacific countries in the past 3 financial years are tabulated below:

Region	Expenditure in the financial year (\$ million)		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as at 28 February 2021)
The Mainland	31.87	40.37	10.97
Western countries	8.42	7.76	5.97
Southeast Asian/Asia-Pacific countries	11.47	14.02	2.51

- b. It is our policy to foster cultural links with different places. With regard to the Mainland, the Government has concluded the Agreement between the Mainland and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on Enhancing the Arrangement for Closer Cultural Relations with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, as well as various cultural co-operation agreements and letters of intent with different provinces/cities in the Mainland. As for places outside Hong Kong, we have also concluded Memoranda of Understanding on Cultural Co-operation with 20 countries, which sets out the principles of promoting and strengthening co-operation and exchanges in the field of arts and culture between signatories. The Government supports Hong Kong arts groups/artists in engaging in arts and cultural exchanges in the Mainland and overseas mainly by funding through Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland and overseas cities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. We do not maintain a detailed breakdown in relation to the arts and cultural organisations in the Mainland, Western countries and Southeast Asian countries with which the Government co-operated in the past 3 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB025

(Question Serial No. 1558)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, the Government will “allocate additional resources to promote the development of cultural and creative industries, so that young people can have more employment and business start-up opportunities”. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- a. the actual amount of additional resources allocated, the implementation timetable and the target industries to be supported; and
- b. the estimated number of employment opportunities to be created relating to the cultural and creative industries.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

On the promotion of arts and culture, the Government continues to strengthen support for the development of arts and cultural software through developing, sponsoring and supporting quality arts and cultural activities with a view to stepping up audience building, enhancing arts and cultural education and promotion, nurturing arts and cultural talent, and enriching cultural exchange activities. The Government's estimated expenditure on promoting and supporting arts and culture in 2021-22 is about \$5.7 billion, representing an increase of about 5% compared to 2020-21. Moreover, with additional resources available from dedicated funds such as the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) and the Cantonese Opera Development Fund, funding support in the form of time-limited or project grants is also available for nurturing small and medium-sized performing arts groups and budding artists. This ensures the healthy and vibrant development of the arts scene and promotes the development of creative industries. As for hardware, the Government supports the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong through the development and operation of various types of cultural venues, including performance venues, public museums and public libraries. The Government will continue to utilise the \$20 billion set aside in the 2018-19 Budget for the gradual improvement and development of cultural facilities to meet the long-term development needs of arts and culture in Hong Kong. In addition, the Government will inject another \$900 million into the Art Development

Matching Grants Scheme in 2021-22 to continue its implementation and further promote sponsorship of culture and arts, with a view to supporting the development of performing arts groups and artists.

With the advancement of technology, the integration of arts and innovation and technology (I&T) has become a new trend in arts development. The application of technology extends the horizon of creativity in arts and brings new opportunities for the arts and creative industries. In view of this, the Government has set up a task force led by the Secretary for Home Affairs and comprising representatives of the Innovation and Technology Bureau, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) and the Education Bureau to formulate strategies and measures to develop and promote Arts Tech. A total of \$100 million has been earmarked for the funds and programmes under the respective policy purview, including the ASDF, the Innovation and Technology Fund, the Film Development Fund and the CreateSmart Initiative (CSI), to promote the integration of arts and technology. Moreover, the Government will also provide hardware to promote arts and technology, including venues and facilities for experimental use, and support arts groups and I&T savvy. The long-term goal of the Arts Tech promotion is to provide employment and industry development opportunities for arts practitioners and technology talents.

As for projects to promote the integration of arts and technology, the Home Affairs Bureau launched the 10th round of application for the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) under the ASDF in December 2020 with the addition of a new “Arts Technology” category to encourage the sector to apply technology to various arts projects and submit proposals that exemplify and achieve the 4 objectives of the ACDFS, namely, capacity development of arts practitioners, arts groups, art forms and/or the arts sector, programme/content development, audience building and arts education.

With regard to creative industries, the CEDB provides funding support through the CSI for projects that are conducive to the sustainable development of the 7 creative industries, namely, advertising, architecture, design, digital entertainment, music, printing and publishing, and television. In 2021-22, the Government will further inject \$1 billion into the CSI to sustain the support to the above creative industries. The split of the funding injection, premised on the 3 strategic foci of CSI, will broadly be:

- (a) nurturing talent and facilitating start-ups (about 50%) ;
- (b) exploring markets (about 25%); and
- (c) promoting Hong Kong as Asia’s creative capital and fostering a creative atmosphere in the community (about 25%).

The number of employment opportunities to be created in creative industries through projects approved under the CSI is subject to the actual contents of relevant projects. From the macro perspective, there has been growth in real terms since the establishment of the CSI in 2009 regarding both the numbers of practitioners (from 123 330 in 2009 to 136 880 in 2019) and establishments (from 21 320 in 2009 to 28 780 in 2019) engaged in these industries.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB026

(Question Serial No. 1559)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. What are the numbers of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff members employed by the Director of Bureau's Office and the relevant expenditures in the past 3 years?
2. Are there any establishment and expenditure ceilings on the NCSC staff members employed by the Director of Bureau? If yes, what are the relevant establishment and expenditure ceilings?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

In 2018-19 and 2019-20, the Office of the Secretary for Home Affairs did not employ any Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff. There was no expenditure incurred in this regard.

In 2020-21, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) recruited 2 NCSC staff, one in November 2020 and one in February 2021, working for the Office of the Secretary for Home Affairs. The expenditure incurred was approximately \$250,000 (as at 1 March 2021).

HAB has attended to matters concerning the necessary employment of NCSC staff in accordance with the established procedures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB027

(Question Serial No. 1564)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, the Government has “established an cross-bureau task force with \$100 million reserved to promote the integration of arts and technology”. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the breakdown of allocation of the \$100 million sum?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

With the advancement of technology, the integration of arts and innovation and technology (I&T) has become a new trend in arts development. The application of technology extends the horizon of creativity in arts and brings new opportunities for the arts and creative industries. In view of this, the Government has set up a task force led by the Secretary for Home Affairs and comprising representatives of the Innovation and Technology Bureau, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Education Bureau to formulate strategies and measures to develop and promote Arts Tech. A total of \$100 million has been earmarked for the funds and programmes under respective policy purview, including the Arts and Sport Development Fund, the Innovation and Technology Fund, the Film Development Fund and the CreateSmart Initiative, to promote the integration of arts and technology. Moreover, the Government will also provide hardware to promote arts and technology, including venues and facilities for experimental use, and support arts groups and I&T savvy. Given the schemes above have dedicated objectives with different target applicants, applicants may submit application to the relevant funds or schemes, depending on the content of their proposals. As the development and promotion of Arts Tech is still in the preliminary stage, detailed breakdown of allocation of the \$100 million sum is subject to the details of projects approved under the respective funds or schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB028

(Question Serial No. 1576)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the numbers of participants under the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM) and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM) in the coming financial year are estimated to be 18 000 and 3 700 respectively, which are invariably on a par with the actual numbers of participants in 2019. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actual number of participants under the FSYEM was merely 60 in 2020. In this connection, would HAB inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Which Mainland cities were visited last year or will be visited this year for exchange purpose? Please also provide the number of participants by city.
- (b) With the commencement of the COVID-19 vaccination programmes in Hong Kong and the Mainland, the pandemic is expected to be brought under further control within this year. If the pandemic eases quickly, will HAB resume the FSYEM and FSYIM in phases? How does HAB assess the timing to resume them?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- (a) In response to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have requested all funded organisations under various schemes/programmes to suspend or postpone their outbound exchange and internship projects to the Mainland since early 2020. Last year, only 2 exchange projects were held in the Mainland before the pandemic outbreak in January, involving exchange visits to Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, and Jilin Province as well as Heilongjiang Province, respectively, with about 30 participants each.

When preparing the estimates for 2021-22, we have set aside sufficient funds and quotas to ensure the availability of necessary resources for organisations to resume their exchange projects when circumstances permit.

- (b) The health and safety of young people are our foremost concern. We will monitor closely, among others, the development of the pandemic and the cross-boundary quarantine requirements between the Mainland and Hong Kong, and arrange to resume exchange and internship activities in the Mainland when it is safe and practicable to do so.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB029

(Question Serial No. 2293)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 of the Programme, “the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) will continue to run the arts space at different premises by renting them to eligible artists and arts groups at below market rent”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

a. The estimated expenditures of the HKADC on running arts space in the past 3 years respectively.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

The expenditures of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council on running arts space in the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21) were about \$3.2 million, \$9.5 million and \$10.44 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB030****(Question Serial No. 1846)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to, among other things, work with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education including national education outside schools and in the community. In this connection, would HAB inform this Committee of:

1. the expenditures estimated and spent on the promotion of national education in the past 3 years;
2. the ways to evaluate the effectiveness of promoting national education in Hong Kong;
3. the respective results of effectiveness evaluation in each of the past 3 years; and
4. whether there is a review of the effectiveness of the current evaluation methods? If yes, what are the findings of the review? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau has been working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education including national education outside schools and in the community. The expenditures on activities that are primarily related to the promotion of national education outside schools and in the community in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Amount (\$ million)
2018-19 Actual Expenditure	7.2
2019-20 Actual Expenditure	6.8
2020-21 Revised Estimate	10.6

The promotion of national education represents a sustained task, unsung but worthwhile. The CPCE has been monitoring the effectiveness of various projects and activities on promoting civic education, including national education, and believes that the feedback from participants and the proper use of sponsorship by organisers should be taken into account under the monitoring mechanism. As stipulated in the relevant funding guidelines, organisations which receive sponsorship from the CPCE for organising civic education activities, including national education activities, are required to submit relevant activity and financial reports, as well as surveys on participants' feedback to the CPCE. Moreover, CPCE members are entitled to observe the conduct of the activities and submit their own evaluation reports to the CPCE afterwards. As regards activities organised by the CPCE, surveys are also conducted to gauge participants' feedback. Information collected from the above channels is presented at the relevant meetings of the CPCE to facilitate members to deliberate on and plan for next year's work, and consider improvements if needed. Taking the Community Participation Scheme (the Scheme) (which is the largest funding scheme administered by the CPCE) as an example, 92% of participants of projects sponsored by the Scheme in 2019-20 considered the projects useful in enhancing their understanding of the relevant subject matter.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB031****(Question Serial No. 1862)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to, among other things, work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education outside schools and in the community. In this connection, would HAB inform this Committee of:

1. the expenditure estimated and spent on the promotion of national education in the past 3 years;
2. the ways to evaluate the effectiveness of promoting national education in Hong Kong;
3. the respective results of effectiveness evaluation in each of the past 3 years; and
4. whether there is a review of the effectiveness of the current evaluation methods? If yes, what are the findings of the review? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau has been working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education including national education outside schools and in the community. The expenditures on activities that are primarily related to the promotion of national education outside schools and in the community from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are tabulated below:

Year	Amount (\$ million)
2017-18 Actual Expenditure	7.8
2018-19 Actual Expenditure	7.2
2019-20 Actual Expenditure	6.8

The promotion of national education represents a sustained task, unsung but worthwhile. The CPCE has been monitoring the effectiveness of various projects and activities on

promoting civic education, including national education, and believes that the feedback from participants and the proper use of sponsorship by organisers should be taken into account under the monitoring mechanism. As stipulated in the relevant funding guidelines, organisations which receive sponsorship from the CPCE for organising civic education activities, including national education activities, are required to submit relevant activity and financial reports, as well as surveys on participants' feedback to the CPCE. Moreover, CPCE members are entitled to observe the conduct of the activities and submit their own evaluation reports to the CPCE afterwards. As regards activities organised by the CPCE, surveys are also conducted to gauge participants' feedback. Information collected from the above channels is presented at the relevant meetings of the CPCE to facilitate members to deliberate on and plan for next year's work, and consider improvements if needed. Taking the Community Participation Scheme (the Scheme) (which is the largest funding scheme administered by the CPCE) as an example, 92% of participants of projects sponsored by the Scheme in 2019-20 considered the projects useful in enhancing their understanding of the relevant subject matter.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB032

(Question Serial No. 0499)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the subsidies provided to local non-governmental organisations under the Youth Development Fund to offer support and incubation services to Hong Kong young people starting businesses in Hong Kong and other cities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA), please advise:

- (1) What is the estimated number of Hong Kong young people receiving funding support in this financial year, with a breakdown for Hong Kong and other GBA cities respectively?
- (2) Please provide the numbers of Hong Kong young people receiving funding support in the past 3 years (if any), with a breakdown for Hong Kong and other GBA cities respectively.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

The Youth Development Commission (YDC) has rolled out the following 2 funding schemes under the Youth Development Fund (YDF):

1. **Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Entrepreneurship Scheme):** the funding scheme consists of 2 components, namely entrepreneurial support and incubation services, and start-up capital -
 - (a) the entrepreneurial support and incubation services component: the services component aims to subsidise non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Hong Kong to offer deeper, broader, more specific and sustainable entrepreneurial support and incubation services for Hong Kong young people, including helping them settle in youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases (the entrepreneurial bases) in Hong Kong and/or Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA); and

- (b) the start-up capital component: this component aims to provide youth start-ups with seed funding through subsidising funded organisations in the form of a matching fund.

2. **Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Experiential Scheme)**: the scheme aims to subsidise NGOs in Hong Kong to organise short-term experiential programmes at the entrepreneurial bases in Mainland cities of the GBA, with a view to enriching Hong Kong young people's understanding of the entrepreneurial bases in the Mainland cities of the GBA, as well as the relevant policies and supporting measures on innovation and entrepreneurship in the Mainland. This will in turn assist young people to consider settling in the relevant entrepreneurial bases and starting businesses therein in the future.

The above 2 funding schemes were well received by various sectors of the community and more than 40 Hong Kong NGOs in total submitted their funding applications. The application results were announced in February this year. About \$130 million under the Entrepreneurship Scheme was granted for 16 NGOs to organise youth entrepreneurship projects, providing capital subsidy to about 230 youth start-ups (involving more than 800 Hong Kong young entrepreneurs) and rendering entrepreneurial support and incubation services to about 4 000 young people. As for the Experiential Scheme, about \$5 million was granted for 15 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the entrepreneurial bases in Mainland cities of the GBA, benefiting the first batch of about 700 young people. Since the funded NGOs are in the process of recruiting youth start-ups, relevant figures in relation to the subsidised youth start-ups are not available at this stage. The lists of funded NGOs, the funded projects and the amounts of funding under the 2 schemes are at **Annex**.

**Projects funded under the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area**

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
1	Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Limited	NewGen Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area	7,941
2	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited	Fusion – GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Sponsorship Scheme	9,060
3	Hong Kong Youth Synergy Foundation Ltd	HKYS G-Rocket Micro Fund Programme	8,840
4	Kowloon Federation of Associations	Klnfas Youth StoS Fund Scheme	6,959
5	Po Leung Kuk	‘Star Agent’ – Po Leung Kuk Youth Entrepreneurship Development Service	9,300
6	Proactive Think Tank Limited	GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (GBA-YES)	7,058
7	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Expansion and Enhancement of Current Entrepreneurship Supporting Schemes in CUHK	6,860
8	The Education University of Hong Kong	The EdUHK Education And Social Entrepreneurs (EASE) Fund – The GBA Youth Entrepreneur Funding Scheme	9,016
9	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Supportive Scheme for Young Startup Pioneer in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area	9,057
10	The Hong Kong General Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Youth Start-up Programme	8,827
11	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	PolyU Maker Fund Programme	8,510
12	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	HKUST GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Fund Program	9,060
13	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	Startup Generation	4,380

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
14	The University of Hong Kong acting through HKU Innovation & Entrepreneurship Hub - iDendron	Gear Up Startup Seed Fund & Incubation Programme	9,234
15	The Y.Elites Association Limited	Innovative Elite @ Qianhai	7,872
16	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	YEE (Youth.Entrepreneurship.Empowerment)	7,863
Total			129,837

**Projects funded under the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at
Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area**

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
1	Creative Innovative Design Association	文化創意品牌經營體驗團	230
2	Dynamic Youth of Huizhou Limited	大灣區創未來・青年創新創業惠州體驗之旅	92
3	Hong Kong Life Planning Association Limited	「敢創我夢」大灣區創新創業體驗項目	152
4		「大灣創夢」大灣區創新創業體驗項目	152
5	Hong Kong Tech-Inno Association Limited	新創力・內地模擬創業體驗團	267
6	Hong Kong Tertiary Student Service Alliance Limited	Super Agent In Bay Area	634
7	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited	Fusion – GBA Youth Entrepreneurs Experimental Sponsorship Scheme	101
8	Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association Limited	「敢夢敢創」粵港澳大灣區創新創業基地體驗計劃	56
9	Hong Kong Youth Leadership College Limited	「雙創新挑戰」肇慶創新創業基地體驗計劃	178
10		「創業新機遇」肇慶創新創業基地體驗計劃	178
11	Hong Kong Youths Unified Association Limited	Greater Bay Area Entrepreneurship Trip	111
12	Hong Kong Zhong Shan Youth Association Limited	未來CEO	128
13	Innovation and Entrepreneurship Society of Hong Kong	Innovate Your Own Way In Qianhai	634
14	New Home Association Limited	「四海一家・粵港聯動」香港創業青年灣區行計劃	688
15		「築夢灣區」香港青年創業體驗計劃	632
16	The Hong Kong Wuyi Association Company Limited	Well StartUp Friendly Youth Programme	614

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
17	Wofoo Leaders' Network Limited	The Innovative Exploration for Youth Career Development Programme	96
18	Youth Among The Mainland & Hong Kong and Taiwan Exchange Promotion Association Limited	青年成就夢想 – 粵港澳大灣區創業培訓體驗計劃	123
Total			5,066

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB033****(Question Serial No. 2473)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) CultureControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. What is the latest progress of various facilities and works projects of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)? What are their completion/opening schedules?
2. Does the Government have any plans to expand public transport options to facilitate public access to the WKCD? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? What measures will be taken to tackle illegal parking in the vicinity of WKCD?
3. What is the latest progress of the improvement and widening works of the public landing steps and footpaths of the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, and the feasibility study for the construction of marine landing facilities at WKCD respectively?
4. What is the anticipated schedule for the provision of ferries/water taxis to connect WKCD with other districts?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)Reply:

1. The main facilities currently under construction in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) include the Lyric Theatre Complex, the M+ building and the Hong Kong Palace Museum. The respective construction progress and completion/opening schedules of these facilities, the integrated basement and infrastructure works of WKCD already approved by the Legislative Council for construction are listed below -

Facility	Current progress	Scheduled date of completion/opening
Lyric Theatre Complex	- Main works in progress	- Scheduled for completion in 2024
M+ building	- Occupation permit secured in December 2020 - Fit-out works in progress	- Scheduled for opening in late 2021

Facility	Current progress	Scheduled date of completion/opening
Hong Kong Palace Museum	- Main works in progress	- Scheduled for opening in mid-2022
Integrated basement of WKCD		
First and second stages of design, site investigation and construction works	- Main works largely completed in 2019	- The underground road in Zone 3A has already been opened for public use to synchronise with the opening of the public car park.
Third stage of construction works	- Main works in progress	- The integrated basement and the underground road in Zone 3B are scheduled for completion to synchronise with the opening of the Lyric Theatre Complex.
Remaining works	- Foundation works in Zone 2A in progress	- The integrated basement and underground road in Zone 2 are scheduled for completion to synchronise with the opening of the topside development of Zone 2 of WKCD.
Infrastructure works for WKCD		
Phase 1 – First construction package	- Works largely completed in 2018	- The infrastructures were already commissioned in late 2018 in phases to tie in with the development of WKCD.
Phase 1 – Second construction package	- Works largely completed in 2020	- The beautification works for the existing pedestrian subway across the junction of Austin Road West and Canton Road were largely completed, while the Austin Road Pedestrian Linkage System was opened in March 2021.
Phase 1 – Third construction package	- Works in progress	- The Artist Square Bridge is scheduled for completion in mid-2022.

2. The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCD) has maintained close communication with the Transport Department (TD) and public transport operators on enhancing the external public transport services for WKCD. Railway has been the primary transport mode to and from WKCD. Austin Station of MTR West Rail Line and Kowloon Station of MTR Tung Chung Line are located within a 10-minute walking distance from the Xiqu Centre and the Art Park respectively via the existing pedestrian subway and at-grade footways. The pedestrian linkage system across Austin Road West, to be opened in March 2021, will link up MTR Austin Station (Exit F) and the basement of the Xiqu Centre. This new subway will greatly enhance the connectivity of the Xiqu Centre located on the east side of WKCD. In addition, green minibus (GMB) is currently the most convenient and direct means of transport to the western part of WKCD. Under the arrangement of the TD, 2 GMB routes were introduced for WKCD to connect to MTR Kowloon Station, Jordan and Yau Ma Tei commercial districts in late 2019. The 2 GMB routes are routed to serve WKCD with stops at the Art Park. The WKCD will further discuss with relevant departments and public transport operators and formulate plans to enhance the public transport services to and from WKCD to tie in with the successive completion and opening of other facilities in WKCD, together with the increase in the number of visitors, in the future.

No-stopping restriction zones have been set up in the road design in the vicinity of WKCD (e.g. Museum Drive). Under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), drivers are not allowed to park on public roads except designated parking spaces and offenders are liable to prosecution. The WKCD has always maintained contact with the Police to combat illegal parking activities in the vicinity of WKCD. The WKCD has also made available more than 200 public parking spaces in Zone E Car Park on Museum Drive and about 150 public parking spaces in Zone F Car Park in M+ for public use. Moreover, the car park of the Project Site Office of WKCD has about 70 parking spaces open to public on weekends and public holidays while there are about 50 temporary public parking spaces available at the Xiqu Centre. Taken together, a total of about 480 public parking spaces are provided on the east and west sides of WKCD to alleviate the situation and meet the parking demand during weekends and public holidays.

3. A marine stop for WKCD is currently arranged at the existing landing steps of the New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter. To enhance visitor experience, the Government and the WKCD have made joint effort to beautify the landing areas by widening the footpath, lightening up the area and providing benches. To better serve the visitors to WKCD in the future, a new marine landing point for use by the public and designated water transport will be provided on the south side of the WKCD. We gazetted the marine works of the Southern Landing Facility under the Foreshore and Seabed (Reclamation) Ordinance (Cap. 127) for public consultation on 12 March 2021, so as to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council in 2021. Upon obtaining the FC's funding approval, we will commence the works as soon as practicable with planned substantial completion scheduled for 2023/2024. The Southern Landing Facility will serve as one of the calling points of "water taxi", which will greatly enhance the connectivity of WKCD to Hong Kong Island and other places.

4. The Transport Department selected Fortune Ferry Company Limited as the operator of the “water taxi” service after conducting an open tender exercise. The operator is gearing up for the service. Subject to the development of the pandemic and rebound of the tourism sector, it is expected that “water taxi” licensed ferry service will launch trial services in the second half of 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB034

(Question Serial No. 0314)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On account of the Government's commitment to the policy to address young people's concerns about education, career pursuit and home ownership, and to encourage their participation in politics, public policy discussion and debate, the Commission on Youth was formed under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in 2018. It has organised a number of exchange schemes, including the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The Programme concerned revealed a substantial reduction in the number of participants under the above schemes last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Why is HAB so confident that the estimate number of participants this year can rebound to a level comparable to the actual number of participants in 2019?
2. Upon completion of the projects under the above schemes, did HAB collect views from the participants and evaluate the effectiveness of the schemes? If yes, what were the findings? If no, what were the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

1. In response to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have requested all funded organisations under the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange to suspend/postpone their youth exchange projects since last year until further notice. Subject to the development of the pandemic, we will resume various exchange projects when it is safe and practicable to do so. We are confident that the number of participants of the schemes will rebound when the circumstances permit, as we have all along been in close liaison with our active partner organisations and understand that they will continue to give full support to the schemes. Therefore, when preparing the estimates for 2021-22, we have still set aside sufficient funds and quotas to ensure the availability of necessary resources for organisations to resume their exchange projects

when circumstances permit. We will monitor closely the development of the pandemic. The pandemic's impact on the budget for the 2 schemes will be reflected as necessary when we prepare the revised estimates in the future.

2. Based on the feedback collected from the last round of participants, over 90% of respondents considered that the schemes had served their respective objectives of, among others, broadening their horizon and deepening their understanding of the Mainland/countries visited. The effectiveness of the above schemes will be kept under continuous review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB035

(Question Serial No. 0316)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Youth Hostel Scheme (the Scheme) aims to provide short-term accommodation for working youth aged 18 to 30. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the names of the respective non-governmental organisations responsible for various projects, the numbers of hostel places, the progress of the construction works and the completion or expected completion dates concerned in tabulated form;
2. the staff establishment and expenditure on emoluments for handling matters relating to the Scheme; and
3. While the Government announced the Scheme in the 2011-12 Policy Address, the one in Tai Po is so far the only project with resident intake completed. Has the Home Affairs Bureau reviewed the reasons for the slow progress in implementing the policy? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

- 1.& 3. A total of 7 projects are currently in progress under the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), namely, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' (HKFYG) project in Tai Po, Po Leung Kuk's (PLK) project in Yuen Long, the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association's (HKGGA) project in Jordan, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' (TWGHs) project in Sheung Wan, the Hong Kong Association of Youth Development's (HKAYD) project in Mong Kok, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited's (SKH) project in Yuen Long and The Salvation Army's project in Wan Chai. These projects will provide at least 3 300 youth hostel places.

The above projects vary in size, building design and technical requirements, involving different planning and land procedures. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has been assisting individual non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in

liaising with the relevant government departments to resolve technical issues and expedite the progress. Among the 7 projects concerned, the one by HKFYG in Tai Po was completed and came into operation last year while the one by PLK in Yuen Long is currently under construction. Those by HKGGA in Jordan and TWGHs in Sheung Wan have just obtained support from Legislative Council members at the Panel on Home Affairs meeting in January and at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting in April respectively this year, and we will proceed to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee. The remaining 3 projects are going through various pre-construction stages and procedures, such as conducting technical feasibility studies and detailed design. We will continue to work closely with the relevant NGOs to assist them in taking forward the projects.

Details of the 7 youth hostel projects are as follows –

NGO	Site Location	Number of hostel places provided	Expected completion date
1. HKFYG	Tai Po	80	Project completed and in operation
2. PLK	Yuen Long	1 680	First half of 2022
3. HKGGA	Jordan	576	Construction works will commence right after funding approval from the Finance Committee is obtained and is expected to be completed in around 4 years.
4. TWGHs	Sheung Wan	302	
5. HKAYD	Mong Kok	90	To be confirmed
6. SKH	Yuen Long	About 190	
7. The Salvation Army	Wan Chai	About 510	

2. The YHS is administered by a team of HAB staff comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Administrative Officer and 2 Executive Officers I among their other duties. The manpower requirements for the coming year are expected to remain similar.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB036

(Question Serial No. 0317)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As many young people in Hong Kong are interested in starting a business, the Youth Development Commission of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) rolled out the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the GBA under the Youth Development Fund. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What were the numbers of applications received and the success rates of application under the above two schemes respectively?
2. What were the funding amounts for approved projects and the numbers of businesses benefitted under the above two schemes respectively?
3. How did HAB promote the above two schemes to young people? What were the expenditures for publicity and promotion?
4. Will HAB introduce similar entrepreneurship schemes in the future to encourage young people to pursue their career in the GBA? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The Youth Development Commission (YDC) has rolled out the following 2 funding schemes under the Youth Development Fund (YDF):

1. **Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Entrepreneurship Scheme):** the funding scheme consists of 2 components, namely entrepreneurial support and incubation services, and start-up capital -

- (a) the entrepreneurial support and incubation services component: the services component aims to subsidise non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Hong Kong to offer deeper, broader, more specific and sustainable entrepreneurial support and incubation services for Hong Kong young people, including helping them settle in youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases (the entrepreneurial bases) in Hong Kong and/or Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA); and
- (b) the start-up capital component: this component aims to provide youth start-ups with seed funding through subsidising funded organisations in the form of a matching fund.

2. **Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Experiential Scheme)**: the scheme aims to subsidise NGOs in Hong Kong to organise short-term experiential programmes at the entrepreneurial bases in Mainland cities of the GBA, with a view to enriching Hong Kong young people's understanding of the entrepreneurial bases in the Mainland cities of the GBA, as well as the relevant policies and supporting measures on innovation and entrepreneurship in the Mainland. This will in turn assist young people to consider settling in the relevant entrepreneurial bases and starting businesses therein in the future.

The above 2 funding schemes were well received by various sectors of the community and more than 40 Hong Kong NGOs in total submitted their funding applications. The application results were announced in February this year. About \$130 million under the Entrepreneurship Scheme was granted for 16 NGOs to organise youth entrepreneurship projects, providing capital subsidy to about 230 youth start-ups (involving more than 800 Hong Kong young entrepreneurs) and rendering entrepreneurial support and incubation services to about 4 000 young people. As for the Experiential Scheme, about \$5 million was granted for 15 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the entrepreneurial bases in Mainland cities of the GBA, benefiting the first batch of about 700 young people. Since the funded NGOs are in the process of recruiting youth start-ups, relevant figures in relation to the subsidised youth start-ups are not available at this stage. The lists of funded NGOs, the funded projects and the amounts of funding under the 2 schemes are at **Annex**.

On 26 February this year, the YDC held a launching ceremony and promoted the 2 schemes to young people through television, social media platforms and the networks of funded NGOs. On the same day, the YDC launched the dedicated We Venture website (www.weventure.gov.hk) to supply details about the funded NGOs and their entrepreneurship or experiential projects, including background of the NGOs, project content, eligibility criteria and methods of application, information about the entrepreneurial bases, enquiry channels, etc. This can give young people access to more practical information about the funded NGOs and their projects under the schemes. We will also step up promotion and publicity efforts through online and social media platforms and advertisements in MTR train compartments. The estimated expenditure for publicity and promotion is about \$870,000. In addition, we will maintain close liaison with the funded NGOs to identify more publicity and promotion opportunities and encourage collaboration among funded NGOs to achieve synergy. Also, the Government will in due course establish the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovative and Entrepreneurial Bases in the

Greater Bay Area to serve as a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform to further support innovation and entrepreneurship by Hong Kong youth in the GBA.

We will continue to work closely with the YDC to monitor the operation and effectiveness of the 2 schemes, and formulate the way forward pertaining to the schemes.

**Projects funded under the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area**

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
1	Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Limited	NewGen Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area	7,941
2	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited	Fusion – GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Sponsorship Scheme	9,060
3	Hong Kong Youth Synergy Foundation Ltd	HKYS G-Rocket Micro Fund Programme	8,840
4	Kowloon Federation of Associations	Klnfas Youth StoS Fund Scheme	6,959
5	Po Leung Kuk	‘Star Agent’ – Po Leung Kuk Youth Entrepreneurship Development Service	9,300
6	Proactive Think Tank Limited	GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (GBA-YES)	7,058
7	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Expansion and Enhancement of Current Entrepreneurship Supporting Schemes in CUHK	6,860
8	The Education University of Hong Kong	The EdUHK Education And Social Entrepreneurs (EASE) Fund – The GBA Youth Entrepreneur Funding Scheme	9,016
9	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Supportive Scheme for Young Startup Pioneer in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area	9,057
10	The Hong Kong General Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Youth Start-up Programme	8,827
11	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	PolyU Maker Fund Programme	8,510
12	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	HKUST GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Fund Program	9,060
13	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	Startup Generation	4,380
14	The University of Hong Kong acting through HKU Innovation & Entrepreneurship Hub - iDendron	Gear Up Startup Seed Fund & Incubation Programme	9,234
15	The Y.Elites Association Limited	Innovative Elite @ Qianhai	7,872
16	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	YEE (Youth.Entrepreneurship.Empowerment)	7,863
Total			129,837

**Projects funded under the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at
Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area**

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
1	Creative Innovative Design Association	文化創意品牌經營體驗團	230
2	Dynamic Youth of Huizhou Limited	大灣區創未來・青年創新創業惠州體驗之旅	92
3	Hong Kong Life Planning Association Limited	「敢創我夢」大灣區創新創業體驗項目	152
4		「大灣創夢」大灣區創新創業體驗項目	152
5	Hong Kong Tech-Inno Association Limited	新創力・內地模擬創業體驗團	267
6	Hong Kong Tertiary Student Service Alliance Limited	Super Agent In Bay Area	634
7	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited	Fusion – GBA Youth Entrepreneurs Experimental Sponsorship Scheme	101
8	Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association Limited	「敢夢敢創」粵港澳大灣區創新創業基地體驗計劃	56
9	Hong Kong Youth Leadership College Limited	「雙創新挑戰」肇慶創新創業基地體驗計劃	178
10		「創業新機遇」肇慶創新創業基地體驗計劃	178
11	Hong Kong Youths Unified Association Limited	Greater Bay Area Entrepreneurship Trip	111
12	Hong Kong Zhong Shan Youth Association Limited	未來CEO	128
13	Innovation and Entrepreneurship Society of Hong Kong	Innovate Your Own Way In Qianhai	634
14	New Home Association Limited	「四海一家・粵港聯動」香港創業青年灣區行計劃	688
15		「築夢灣區」香港青年創業體驗計劃	632
16	The Hong Kong Wuyi Association Company Limited	Well StartUp Friendly Youth Programme	614
17	Wofoo Leaders' Network Limited	The Innovative Exploration for Youth Career Development Programme	96

	Organisation	Funded project	Funding amount approved (\$'000)
18	Youth Among The Mainland & Hong Kong and Taiwan Exchange Promotion Association Limited	青年成就夢想 — 粵港澳大灣區創業培訓體驗計劃	123
Total			5,066

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB037

(Question Serial No. 2018)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the responsibility to “encourage co-operation among stakeholders in the community to foster a strong sporting culture”, please advise:

- In the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-20), what were the numbers of hours, viewership ratings and the expenditures involved in broadcasting local sports events (including inter-school ones) on local free-to-air television channels? Please list the details by event.
- Will the Government work with other organisations to encourage local free-to-air television channels to broadcast local sports events so as to arouse public interest in local sports, foster a strong culture of supporting local sports and promote local sports development? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) broadcasted over 50 local sports matches in 2018-19 and over 60 such matches in 2019-20 on its channels TV 31 and TV 32, involving 8 different sports events in both years. Details are at **Annex**. In 2020-21, most local sports matches were cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. As a result, RTHK could not arrange the broadcasting of any local sports matches.

We do not collate statistics on sports programmes broadcasted by domestic free television programme services licensees.

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to, among other things, encourage the publicity of local sports events to help foster a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong. For major sports events which have applied for and been awarded “M” Mark status by the Major Sports Events Committee, the relevant organisers may apply for a one-off grant of \$1 million for marketing the events concerned and make use of slots in the television programme Sports A New Horizon and online media SportsRoad as arranged by HAB to advertise the events free of charge.

**Details of Local Sports Events Broadcast on
RTHK TV 31 and TV 32 in 2018-19 and 2019-20**

2018-19

	Name of local sports event	RTHK TV channel	Hours of live or repeated broadcast
1.	HK Inter-School Basketball Marathon	TV 31	9
		TV 32	64.4
2.	Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championships	TV 31	3
		TV 32	28
3.	Jockey Club Youth Football Academy Summit	TV 32	64.2
4.	37th Hong Kong Volleyball Open Marathon	TV 31	15
		TV 32	57
5.	Inter-School Table Tennis Competition	TV 31	4
		TV 32	17.6
6.	Inter-School Badminton Competition	TV 31	4.5
		TV 32	26
7.	Hong Kong Dance Sport GrandSlam 2018	TV 31	2.5
		TV 32	33.9
8.	Chinese New Year Cup 2019	TV 32	68.6

2019-20

	Name of local sports event	RTHK TV channel	Hours of live or repeated broadcast
1.	The 7th Hong Kong Games	TV 32	672.3
2.	Hong Kong Inter-School Basketball Marathon 2019	TV 32	120
3.	Asian Youth Single Dance Championship Hong Kong 2019	TV 32	72.1
4.	The 20th Asian School Tenpin Bowling Championships	TV 32	60
5.	The 3rd All Hong Kong Inter-Area Primary Schools Swimming Competition	TV 32	33.7
6.	Chinese New Year Cup 2019	TV 32	24.6
7.	Finals of Jing Ying Football Competition and USFHK Men Soccer Competition	TV 32	23.1
8.	The 37th Hong Kong Marathon Volleyball Tournament (Division A – Men)	TV 31	6

Note: The expenditure involved in broadcasting local sports events was absorbed within existing resources. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure. Regarding the viewership ratings, given the rapid development of technology and online platforms coupled with changes in lifestyle, viewers may enjoy the live broadcast of RTHK programmes on new media platforms and also repeated broadcasts via a variety of online platforms, resulting in a long tail effect. They can view the programmes through the mobile application “RTHK Screen”, RTHK’s webpage, YouTube channel and specific Facebook Fan Pages. In 2018 and 2019, the total accumulated numbers of views of RTHK television programmes across the platforms were about 153 million and 229 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB038****(Question Serial No. 2068)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the continued implementation of the Major Sports Events Matching Grant Scheme (the Matching Grant Scheme), please tabulate below the details in terms of the number of application received, the event concerned, the name of organiser and sponsor, the amount of matching grant received and the number of spectators since the launch of the Matching Grant Scheme.

Name of event applying for Matching Grant Scheme	Event date	Event venue	Organiser	Sponsor	Amount of matching grant received	Number of spectators

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)Reply:

Since the launch of the Major Sports Events Matching Grant Scheme (the Matching Grant Scheme) in April 2019, we have received a total of 26 “M” Mark event applications.

16 were recognised by the Major Sports Events Committee as “M” Mark events, of which 8 were cancelled due to social incidents or the COVID-19 pandemic. Details are as follows:

Name of event applying for Matching Grant Scheme	Event date	Event venue	Organiser	Sponsor*	Amount of matching grant received	Number of spectators
Hong Kong Sevens 2019 (Rugby)	5 to 7 April 2019	Hong Kong Stadium	Hong Kong Rugby Union	N.A.	No funding application	114 447

Name of event applying for Matching Grant Scheme	Event date	Event venue	Organiser	Sponsor*	Amount of matching grant received	Number of spectators
FIVB Volleyball Nations League Hong Kong 2019	4 to 6 June 2019	Hong Kong Coliseum	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	China Life Insurance (Overseas) Company Limited	\$4 million#	32 137
2019 ITTF World Tour - Hong Kong Open (Table Tennis)	4 to 9 June 2019	Queen Elizabeth Stadium	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	Hang Seng Bank and Seamaster	\$4 million# (plus \$1 million direct grant)	9 546
Kitchee vs Manchester City - Jockey Club Kitchee Centre Cup	24 July 2019	Hong Kong Stadium	Hong Kong Football Association	The Hong Kong Jockey Club	\$10 million (plus \$1 million direct grant)	20 926
2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships	1 to 3 November 2019	Victoria Harbour	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	Dah Sing Bank	\$4 million (plus \$8 million direct grant)	30 000
Hong Kong Open Badminton Championships	12 to 17 November 2019	Hong Kong Coliseum	Hong Kong Badminton Association	Yonex Company Limited and Sunrise Sports Limited	\$4.8 million#	16 627
2019/20 UCI Track Cycling World Cup	29 November to 1 December 2019	Hong Kong Velodrome	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong Parkview	\$3.5 million#	3 642
Hong Kong Open 2019 (Golf)	9 to 12 January 2020	Fanling Golf Course	Hong Kong Golf Association	N.A.	No funding application	36 910
2019 Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races	14 to 16 June 2019	Central Harbourfront Event Space	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	Event cancelled due to social incidents		
Hong Kong Tennis Open 2019	5 to 13 October 2019	Victoria Park	Hong Kong Tennis Association	Event cancelled due to social incidents		
Harbour Race 2019	27 October 2019	Victoria Harbour	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	Event cancelled due to social incidents		
Hong Kong Squash Open 2019	2 to 8 December 2019	Hong Kong Squash Centre and West Kowloon Cultural District	Hong Kong Squash	Event cancelled due to social incidents		

Name of event applying for Matching Grant Scheme	Event date	Event venue	Organiser	Sponsor*	Amount of matching grant received	Number of spectators
Hong Kong Marathon 2020	9 February 2020	Roads on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon and the New Territories	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates	Event cancelled due to the pandemic		
Masters of Hong Kong 2020 (Equestrian)	14 to 16 February 2020	AsiaWorld-Expo	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	Event cancelled due to the pandemic		
Hong Kong Sevens 2020 (Rugby)	3 to 5 April 2020	Hong Kong Stadium	Hong Kong Rugby Union	Event cancelled due to the pandemic		
2020 Hong Kong Open (Table Tennis)	5 to 10 May 2020	Queen Elizabeth Stadium	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	Event cancelled due to the pandemic		

* Only title sponsors and major cash sponsors are included.

Approval was also granted for using Leisure and Cultural Services Department venues at a notional charge.

As for the remaining 10 applications, the events concerned were either cancelled or postponed by the organisers at the vetting stage due to the pandemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB039

(Question Serial No. 2306)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The estimated provision for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) for 2021-22 is only 2% higher than the revised estimate for 2020-21. What are the reasons?
- (b) Please provide the following information on grant schemes implemented by the HKADC for the past and current (estimate) financial years respectively: i) the total amount of grants; ii) the number of arts groups/artists receiving a grant; iii) the number of arts groups/artists receiving a grant for the first time under the relevant grant schemes.
- (c) The HKADC launched the Matching Fund Scheme in 2016, which is open for 2 rounds of applications in each financial year to provide a matching fund to eligible arts groups/organisations for the amount of donations and sponsorships they raised. Please tabulate the numbers of applications received, the numbers of applications approved and the amounts of matching fund approved in the previous 4 rounds of applications respectively.
- (d) Please tabulate the amount of grants provided for various scholarship and internship programmes by the HKADC and the number of grantees involved in the past financial year, and also the estimated amount of grants provided for the various scholarship and internship programmes and the estimated number of grantees to be involved in the current financial year.
- (e) In the past financial year, did the HKADC conduct researches on arts and culture? If yes, what were the respective detailed expenditures on the projects? Does the HKADC have a plan to conduct a research on arts and culture in the current financial year? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure on the research project? If no, what are the reasons?

- (f) As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the HKADC will continue to run the Arts-in-School Partnership Scheme to foster further collaboration between arts groups and schools. Please tabulate the numbers of arts groups and schools whose applications were received/approved or will be received/approved, and the relevant expenditures for the past and current (estimate) financial years respectively. What measures has the Government taken to promote and encourage schools and arts groups to take part in a pilot scheme?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

- (a) The estimate for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) for 2021-22 is 2% higher than the revised estimate for 2020-21. This is mainly due to the lower actual cash flow base of the Arts-in-School Partnership Scheme in 2020-21 resulting from social incidents and the pandemic. The increased resources for 2021-22 are mainly for meeting the HKADC's cash flow expenditure on the Arts-in-School Partnership Scheme.
- (b) Information on various grant schemes implemented by the HKADC in 2020-21 and 2021-22 is provided below –

Year	Project Grant		Year Grants (including Literary Arts Platform Scheme)		Venue Subsidy Scheme	
	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)	Estimated number of arts groups/artists receiving a grant*	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)	Estimated number of arts groups receiving a grant*	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)	Estimated number of arts groups/artists receiving a grant*
2020-21	44.5	289 (117)	62.8	60 (2)	2.5	62 (41)
2021-22	43.5	290 (117)	62.8	60 (2)	2.5	64 (42)

* The number in brackets denotes the estimated number of arts groups/artists receiving a grant for the first time in the year.

The above figures for 2021-22 are estimated figures and the final allocation of funding to various grant schemes will be determined by the HKADC.

- (c) Under the Matching Fund Scheme (MFS) launched by the HKADC, eligible small and medium-sized arts groups may apply for a matching fund from the HKADC for the amount of donations/sponsorships they raised. The HKADC will then seek matching grants from the Government on behalf of the small and medium-sized arts groups in one go. The application results of the previous 4 rounds of MFS are as follows –

Round	No. of valid applications received	No. of applications approved	Amount of matching fund approved# (\$ million)
6th	30	16	9.8
7th	19	12	6.9
8th	23	15	7.4
9th	16	11	4.6

The final amount of matching fund to be disbursed to each successful applicant is subject to the submission of documentary proof of the actual amount of donations and sponsorships successfully raised by the applicant, and other terms and conditions set out in the funding agreement.

- (d) The Government has set aside an additional provision of \$216 million for 6 years starting from 2018-19 to continue its support for training art administrators of various levels of experience. The support includes the provision of more opportunities for internship, further studies and diversified professional training. It is expected that about 700 quotas in total can be provided. Details of the internship and scholarship opportunities provided by the HKADC under this initiative in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are set out below –

Training scheme	2020-21		2021-22	
	Number of recipients^	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)	Estimated number of recipients	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)
Attachment/internship opportunities for new arts administrators in local organisations through the Arts Administration Internship Scheme	58	11.3	36	6.9
Internship opportunities at renowned overseas museums and cultural organisations (including overseas personalised training for artistic/executive heads) for mid-career arts administrators and curators	7	1.6	12	2.7

Training scheme	2020-21		2021-22	
	Number of recipients [^]	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)	Estimated number of recipients	Estimated grant amount (\$ million)
Scholarships for arts administrators/curators to pursue an overseas Master degree or professional training programmes on arts administration related disciplines	4	1.8	5	2.3
Scholarships for arts administrators/curators to pursue a local Master degree or professional training programmes on arts administration related disciplines	7	0.6	4 to 5	0.5
Intensive executive in-service training programmes for local middle to senior arts administrators (biennially)	0	0	30	0.8

[^] Estimated figures are provided in this column as some assessments are still in progress.

- (e) In 2020-21, with the subvention provided by the Home Affairs Bureau under Head 53, the HKADC has allocated about \$3.3 million for participation in the World Cities Culture Forum 2020 (including the conduct of a relevant research) and carrying out the Oral History and Archives Project. Apart from the above projects funded under Head 53, the HKADC also launched the Hong Kong Annual Arts Survey 2020/21 by allocating about \$1.5 million from other sources of funding.

For 2021-22, the HKADC plans to continue conducting the above 2 research projects funded under Head 53 at an estimated cost of about \$3.3 million, and launching 1 research project by using other sources of funding.

- (f) The HKADC launched the Arts-in-School Partnership Scheme (the Partnership Scheme) in May 2018 to foster further collaboration between arts groups and schools. Under the Partnership Scheme, participating schools open up their facilities during weekends, school holidays and/or on weekdays after school to facilitate their partnering arts groups to do artistic creations, rehearsals, arts activities, etc. Since the launch of the Partnership Scheme, the HKADC has been actively promoting it to schools and arts groups and encouraging their participation, including holding

briefings in various places, visiting school associations and arranging the successfully paired schools and arts groups to share their experience. The HKADC finished processing the second round of applications in 2020-21, and is currently conducting the third round of pairing. The relevant results are tabulated below –

Round	Number of eligible applications received from arts groups	Number of eligible applications received from schools	Successfully paired schools and arts groups	Amount of funding approved (\$ million)
Second round	24	10	6 pairs [@]	1.5
Third round	46	40	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

[@] Each successfully paired partner include 1 arts group and 1 school.

The HKADC launched the third round of applications in January 2020, with relaxed requirements under which arts groups and schools may be paired up with a maximum of 2 partners and co-partnership applications from arts practitioners were accepted in the hope of utilising the resources of schools and the arts community more flexibly. With the suspension of schools due to the pandemic, the submission of applications from schools was delayed to October 2020. A total of 40 applications have been received and are currently being paired up by the HKADC. The final number of participating arts groups and schools will be subject to the pairing results. It is expected that the grantees will begin their collaboration in the second quarter of 2021. Application for the fourth round of the Partnership Scheme is expected to commence in August 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB040****(Question Serial No. 2307)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Culture; (6) Subvention: Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Hong Kong Arts Development Council and Major Performing Arts GroupsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The amount of subvention to be provided to major performing arts groups (MPAGs) in 2021-22 is comparable to that in 2020-21. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The amount of recurrent subvention approved for each of the MPAGs in the past financial year and for the current financial year in tabulated form as follows:

MPAG	Subvention amount in 2020-21	Subvention amount in 2021-22

- (b) As all the 9 MPAGs are eligible for the Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme (the Matching Scheme), what were the approved projects of the MPAGs under the Matching Scheme in the past 2 years respectively? What was the amount of matching grant awarded to each of the projects?
- (c) In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has the Government provided special financial assistance to the MPAGs? If yes, what was the amount of Government subvention provided to each of the MPAGs?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)Reply:

- (a) The amount of recurrent subvention provided by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to the 9 major performing arts groups (MPAGs) in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are as follows:

MPAG	Subvention amount in 2020-21 (\$)	Subvention amount in 2021-22 (\$)
Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	94,278,476	91,768,141
Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	80,425,123	80,780,231
Hong Kong Sinfonietta	36,415,557	37,437,365
Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	46,200,800	46,334,321
Chung Ying Theatre Company	18,163,493	18,184,326
Zuni Icosahedron	13,932,069	14,373,167
Hong Kong Dance Company	44,906,369	44,995,382
Hong Kong Ballet	48,092,239	48,269,792
City Contemporary Dance Company	20,909,443	20,530,844
Total	403,323,569¹	402,673,569²

¹ Excluding the funding commitment of \$0.36 million for previously approved projects that was originally estimated to be disbursed in 2020-21 under the Contestable Funding Scheme.

² Excluding the funding commitment of \$1.01 million for previously approved projects that was estimated to be disbursed in 2021-22 under the Contestable Funding Scheme.

The total amount of subvention to be provided by HAB to the 9 MPAGs in 2021-22 will remain at the same level as in 2020-21.

- (b) The Art Development Matching Grants Scheme (ADMGS) provides matching grants to eligible arts groups/organisations for the amount of donations and sponsorships they raised, with a view to widening their sources of funding and encouraging community support for arts and cultural development. Under the ADMGS, MPAGs must meet the relevant requirements, and the sum of matching grant is based on the amount of donations/sponsorships the MPAGs raised at a 1:1 ratio, subject to a ceiling of \$10 million. In 2019, in response to the impacts of social incidents on the fundraising activities of arts groups, a one-off relaxation measure was implemented under the 2019-20 ADMGS, including the increase of the matching ratio for the MPAGs from 1:1 to 1:1.2 and the matching grant ceiling from \$10 million to \$12 million. The funds were disbursed in 2020-21.

In 2019-20 and 2020-21, we have disbursed a total of \$116,546,503 of matching grants to the 9 MPAGs under ADMGS as set out below:

MPAG	Amount of the matching grant disbursed in 2019-20 (\$)	Amount of the matching grant disbursed in 2020-21 (\$)
Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	10,000,000	12,000,000
Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	6,760,601	9,785,975
Hong Kong Sinfonietta	9,140,774	11,196,638
Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	9,985,480	9,934,165
Chung Ying Theatre Company	4,866,327	6,746,134
Zuni Icosahedron	902,700	706,536
Hong Kong Dance Company	1,220,720	4,295,243
Hong Kong Ballet	7,433,102	6,507,132
City Contemporary Dance Company	2,186,862	2,878,114
Total	52,496,566	64,049,937

- (c) In light of the pandemic, in March 2020, HAB provided the 9 MPAGs with a one-off subsidy equivalent to 8% of the baseline subvention that they received in 2020-21 under the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) in order to benefit freelancers and frontline staff hired by the MPAGs. The aforesaid additional subsidy provided to the MPAGs under the AEF does not form part of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates on the General Revenue Account. The respective amount of subsidy provided to the MPAGs are as follows:

MPAG	One-off subsidy under the AEF (\$)
Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	6,997,598
Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	5,889,330
Hong Kong Sinfonietta	2,708,445
Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	3,491,264
Chung Ying Theatre Company	1,421,125
Zuni Icosahedron	1,082,611
Hong Kong Dance Company	3,455,976
Hong Kong Ballet	3,575,039
City Contemporary Dance Company	1,608,846
Total	30,230,234

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB041

(Question Serial No. 2308)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On promoting the development of the cultural and creative industries, please tabulate the following:

- (a) the specific supportive measures provided by the Government for sectors of the cultural and creative industries (such as arts, antiques and crafts, music and performing arts) respectively and the expenditures involved in the past year; and
- (b) the specific supportive measures drawn up by the Government for sectors of the cultural and creative industries (such as arts, antiques and crafts, music and performing arts) respectively and the estimated expenditures involved in the coming year. What other supportive measures will be taken to help the cultural and creative industries counter the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and make a speedy recovery?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

On the promotion of arts and culture, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) continues to strengthen support for the development of arts and cultural software through developing, sponsoring and supporting quality arts and cultural activities with a view to stepping up audience building, enhancing arts and cultural education and promotion, nurturing arts and cultural talents, and enriching cultural exchange activities. These objectives are achieved through performances, public art programmes, museum services and library services provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), as well as the funding support to various arts groups and arts organisations including the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), the major performing arts groups, Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, etc. The above work undertaken by HAB and the LCSD covers a wide range of areas, including arts, cultural heritage, crafts, music, performing arts, intangible cultural heritage, etc. The Government's estimated expenditure on the above measures in 2020-21 and 2021-22 was/is about \$5.45 billion and \$5.7 billion respectively.

In addition, an amount of \$30 million from the arts portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) is earmarked each year for projects/programmes recommended or implemented by the HKADC, which in turn supports local arts groups and artists. Separately, with HAB's annual allocation under the ASDF (arts portion) for implementing the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) having been increased from about \$30 million to \$40 million since 2020-21, this funding support for large-scale and cross-year arts and cultural projects/activities will in turn enhance capacity development of promising arts groups and arts practitioners and also encourage sponsorship from society and private sector for arts and culture.

To widen the sources of funding for the arts groups/organisations concerned and encourage community support for arts and cultural development, the \$300 million Art Development Matching Grants Scheme (ADMGS) was launched in June 2016 to provide matching grants to eligible arts groups/organisations for the amount of donations and sponsorships they raised. Following the additional provision of \$500 million to the ADMGS by the Government in 2018-19, its matching parameters have been relaxed since June 2018 so as to further encourage donations/sponsorships from the business sector and private organisations. The Government will allocate an additional \$900 million to the ADMGS in 2021-22 to continue the implementation of ADMGS and to further promote sponsorship of arts and culture.

Apart from continuing the above policies and relevant deployment of resources, HAB provided multiple rounds of subsidies to arts groups and arts practitioners through the \$150 million Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) in response to the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic (disbursements under the AEF do not form part of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates on the General Revenue Account). Moreover, since arts groups have been hard hit by the closure of performance venues of LCSD, apart from funding allocated under the AEF, HAB deployed its own resources to provide an additional subsidy to 44 arts groups funded by the HKADC, 14 venue partners under LCSD and 41 ACDFS grantees, involving a total funding of \$7.84 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB042****(Question Serial No. 2310)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to implement the Major Sports Events Matching Grant Scheme (the Matching Grant Scheme) under the enhanced "M" Mark system with a view to encouraging more sponsorship from the private and the business sectors to support the hosting of more new and high level sports events, thereby enhancing public interest in sports and promoting Hong Kong as a capital for major events. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the "M" Mark major sports events held in 2020-21 and the relevant details in tabulated form as follows:

Event name	Event date	Organiser	Number of participating athletes	Size of local audience	Size of overseas audience	Funding amount received

- (b) How many "M" Mark major sports events were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21? Did the Government provide assistance to organisers of these sports events? If yes, what were the details?
- (c) What "M" Mark major sports events are expected to be held in 2021-22? What are the expected dates of such events and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (d) What measures has the Government taken to promote the Matching Grant Scheme to the sports sector as a way to encourage application from the sector?
- (e) Will the Government consider introducing tax concessions for private enterprises which have made donations or provided sponsorships to local sports organisations so as to encourage sponsorship from various sectors for local sports activities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, all “M” Mark events originally scheduled for 2020-21 have either been cancelled or postponed.
- (b) While a total of 12 “M” Mark event applications were received in 2020-21, 2 events which had already been recognised by the Major Sports Events Committee as “M” Mark events were cancelled due to the pandemic. In addition, another 8 annual “M” Mark events and 2 new major sports events were either cancelled or postponed by the organisers at the vetting stage of applications. Details are as follows:

Application item	Event name	Organiser	Date originally scheduled	Remarks
Recognised “M” Mark events				
1.	Hong Kong Sevens (Rugby)	Hong Kong Rugby Union	3 to 5 April 2020	Cancelled
2.	Hong Kong Open (Table Tennis)	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	5 to 10 May 2020	Cancelled
Annual “M” Mark events cancelled or postponed by organisers prior to vetting of the application				
3.	Volleyball Nations League	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China	9 to 11 June 2020	Cancelled
4.	Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	19 to 21 June 2020	Cancelled
5.	Hong Kong Tennis Open	Hong Kong Tennis Association	10 to 18 October 2020	Cancelled
6.	Harbour Race	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	25 October 2020	Cancelled
7.	Hong Kong Open Badminton Championships	Hong Kong Badminton Association	10 to 15 November 2020	Cancelled
8.	Hong Kong Open (Golf)	Hong Kong Golf Association	26 to 29 November 2020	Cancelled
9.	Hong Kong Squash Open	Hong Kong Squash	30 November to 6 December 2020	Cancelled
10.	Hong Kong Marathon	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates	24 January 2021	Postponed
New major sports events cancelled or postponed by organisers prior to vetting of the application				
11.	“Belt & Road” International Basketball Tournament cum Tokyo Olympic Warm-up series	Hong Kong Basketball Association	10 to 11 July 2020	Cancelled

Application item	Event name	Organiser	Date originally scheduled	Remarks
12.	World Match Racing Tour (Sailing)	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	28 October to 1 November 2020	Postponed

For “M” Mark events affected by the pandemic, the Government has decided to provide a special direct grant with a view to alleviating the financial burden of relevant “national sports associations” (NSAs) . The amount to be granted will be based on the reasonable expenditure actually incurred for the event concerned (such as venue charges paid and publicity expenses), with a ceiling of \$2 million for each event.

- (c) Based on the applications and preliminary information submitted by NSAs as at end February 2021, we have set aside about \$89.5 million in 2021-22. We plan to support 12 regular “M” Mark events, including cycling (in May), volleyball and dragon boat (both in June), marathon, table tennis, tennis and swimming (all in October), rugby, basketball and badminton (all in November) as well as squash and golf (both in December). In addition, we plan to support another 4 new “M” Mark events, including sailing (in May), billiard sports (in June), dragon boat (in November) and tennis (in February next year). Subject to the impact of the pandemic and the actual number of applications to be received later, we will consider increasing the funding support to assist and encourage NSAs to organise major sports events in Hong Kong.
- (d) While we will continue to promote the “Major Sports Events Matching Grant Scheme” to NSAs and other potential sports event organisers through meetings and briefings, efforts have been made to upload the information about application for “M” Mark events to the relevant webpage for browsing by NSAs. We will work closely with the sports sector to identify potential new major sports events that can be staged in Hong Kong and provide financial support and logistic assistance as necessary.
- (e) If a commercial entity sponsors an NSA in order to promote its own business, the sponsorship would be treated as marketing expenses and could be used to apply for tax deduction. In recent years, some in the sports sector suggested the Government to provide new tax concessions, such as a 200% tax deduction for sponsorship of sports events, in order to encourage commercial organisations to sponsor sports events. Upon a comprehensive review, including on the implications on other charitable causes following the introduction of special tax deduction under a certain policy, the Government has decided not to introduce new tax concessions for private enterprises sponsoring local sports organisations.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB043****(Question Serial No. 2311)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) On sports development, the Government's strategy is to promote sports for all, to support elite sports and to promote Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events. Please list the Government's direct expenditures on each aspect of the above strategy in the past year.
- (b) For this financial year, what will be the Government's estimated direct expenditures on promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports development and promoting Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events respectively?
- (c) Will the Government consider conducting a comprehensive review of local sports policies? If yes, what are the relevant details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)Reply:

- (a) & (b) A breakdown of the Government's expenditures^{Note} on sports by policy objectives is set out below -

Objective	2020-21 (Latest estimate) (\$ million)	2021-22 (Estimate) (\$ million)
1. Promoting sports for all	5,079	5,439
2. Supporting elite sports	831	909
3. Promoting Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events	72	227
Total:	5,982	6,575

Note

The figures include expenditures of the Home Affairs Bureau (Head 53) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (Head 95), and the funding provided under the Elite Athletes Development Fund, the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Main Fund and its sub-funds (including the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Sports Portion) and the Hong Kong Athletes Fund).

- (c) The above sports policy objectives are well supported by the sports sector and have been effective in guiding the Government and key stakeholders in promoting the development of sports in Hong Kong. As an integral part of our work, we would continue to maintain a close dialogue with the sports sector and, where warranted, enhance the existing programmes and introduce new initiatives as appropriate.

In 2021-22, we will give Hong Kong athletes our full support to prepare for the Tokyo Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. After these two major international multi-sport games, we will conduct a comprehensive review on the Elite Vite Support System and support for elite sports.

We will continue to take forward the on-going initiatives including the Kai Tak Sports Park project, the Five-year Plan on Sports and Recreation Facilities, the Five-year Development Programme for Team Sports, the Major Sports Events Matching Grant Scheme and the expansion of the Hong Kong Sports Institute.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB044

(Question Serial No. 2312)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, comprehensive support will be provided to Hong Kong athletes to prepare for and participate in major international multi-sports events, including the Tokyo Olympic Games (OG) and Paralympic Games (PG) to be held in the summer of 2021. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In 2020-21, what were the approved amounts of funding allocated to athletes who were to participate in the Tokyo OG and PG originally scheduled to be held in the summer of 2021 and those who participated in other major international sports events respectively? What were the amounts of funding received by participating athletes and sports organisations respectively?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure for 2021-22 on providing support for athletes to prepare for major international sports events, including the Tokyo OG and PG to be held in the summer of 2021?
- (c) What are the vetting and approval criteria for funding? What are the measures to ensure that the funding is appropriately used for supporting elite athletes to participate in competitions?
- (d) How will the Government make use of the opportunities of participating in major sports events, in particular the OG and PG, to enhance promotion and publicity of local sports? What are the specific plans? What is the expenditure involved? What measures will the Government take to enable the local community to access information about major sports events and ensure that the general public can watch live or relay broadcasts of such major events?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

- (a) In 2020-21, funding in the amounts of \$3.72 million and \$720,000 was approved under the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to support Hong Kong athletes' preparation for the Tokyo Olympic Games (OG) and the Paralympic Games (PG) respectively, both of which are to be held in 2021. The details are set out below -

Item	2020-21 (as at 28 February 2021)		
	Funding amount approved (\$ million)	No. of sports organisations involved	No. of athletes involved
Preparation for the Tokyo OG to be held in 2021	3.72	6	18
Preparation for the Tokyo PG to be held in 2021	0.72	2	4
Total:	4.44	8	22

Under the existing mechanism, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) only disburses the approved funding from the ASDF to the relevant sports organisations that made the applications, but not to the individual athletes concerned. HAB has yet to receive the funding applications for athletes' participation in the Tokyo OG and PG to be held in 2021. Moreover, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) also provides support for athletes of elite sports to prepare for and participate in major sports events through the Elite Training Programme. The relevant expenditure has been included in the overall expenditure of the HKSI.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most major international sports events were cancelled or postponed in 2020-21 which resulted in a substantial decrease in the number of funding applications received by HAB. For the applications received, all events were eventually postponed until further notice. Therefore, no sports organisation has received funding for the preparation for or participation in other major international sports events.

- (b) While funding has been earmarked for athletes' preparation for and participation in major international games in 2021-22 under the sports portion of the ASDF, the actual amount of allocation will depend on the applications received. We have yet to receive applications from the sports organisations concerned.
- (c) When making funding applications for the preparation for and participation in major sports events, the organisations concerned must provide supporting information and documents, such as background information of the event, a detailed budget and a list of delegation. Upon completion of the event, organisations receiving the funding are required to submit an evaluation report and an auditor's report or an audited statement of accounts, as well as a list of athletes and officials supported by the funding.
- (d) We will make use of the opportunities of Hong Kong athletes' participation in various major games and events to nurture a greater interest in sports from the community and to boost their support for our athletes. This year, we plan to produce promotional programmes on athletes' preparation for and participation in both the OG and PG, which will be released through the mass media, with a view to enhancing the

promotion of sports in Hong Kong. We will also work with the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled to disseminate information on the events and the achievements of Hong Kong athletes to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB045

(Question Serial No. 2313)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, based on the recommendations of a consultancy study and feedback from public consultation, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to implement measures to enhance support to athletes with disabilities (AWDs) and disability sports and to promote sports participation by people with disabilities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) regarding Government's support to AWDs, please provide the amount of funding allocated in 2020-21 and to be allocated in 2021-22 (estimate) for promoting participation, providing training and supporting athletes to participate in competitions, and organising international sports events in Hong Kong respectively;
- (b) in 2021-22, what ongoing measures will the Government take to enhance its support to AWDs and disability sports? What will be the amount of expenditure on each of those measures?
- (c) in 2020-21, what was the financial support given to the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled, the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability and the Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf respectively? In 2021-22, what will be the estimated financial support to be given to the above 3 sports organisations respectively?
- (d) are there any measures in place to provide financial assistance and support to sports organisations for the disabled other than those under the above 3 sports organisations? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

- (a) The Government's expenditure ^{Note} on supporting athletes with disabilities (AWDs) in 2020-21 is set out below -

Category of expenditure	2020-21 (\$ million)
1. Support provided to elite AWDs (including Sports Aid Grant for AWDs)	41.01
2. Training programmes on disability sports	10.28
3. Participation in local and overseas competitions	6.63
4. Support provided under the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund to AWDs, and employment facilitating grant for retired AWDs	5.97
5. Preparation for and participation in major international events	0.72
6. Hosting of international competitions in Hong Kong	0.37
Total:	64.98

Note: The figures include expenditures borne by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and grants provided by the Social Welfare Department under the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund.

For 2021-22, the Government's expenditure on supporting AWDs is estimated to be about \$80 million. In consultation with relevant organisations, we will firm up the details of the plans and expenditures shortly.

- (b) In 2021-22, we will continue to provide assistance to AWDs and give them our full support in their preparation for and participation in the Tokyo Paralympic Games. In addition, we will continue to take forward various ongoing initiatives on disability sports including sending coaches or tutors to workshops or centres for persons with disabilities (PWDs) to provide them with outreach recreation and sports services; promoting coaching development programmes to cater for the needs of PWDs in sports participation and the sustainable development of various disability sports. We will also continue to assist the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD) in its re-organisation with a view to establishing the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee as an independent body.

In sum, the Government's total expenditure on supporting AWDs and promoting various disability sports in 2021-22 is estimated to be over \$100 million. In consultation with relevant organisations, we will firm up the details of the plans and expenditures shortly.

- (c) Financial support provided by the Government to the 3 disability sports organisations in 2020-21 is listed below, whereas the details of allocation in 2021-22 have yet to be finalised -

Year	HKPC&SAPD (\$ million)	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability (HKSAPID) (\$ million)	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf (HKSAD) (\$ million)	Total (\$ million)
2020-21	42.94	24.26	2.70	69.90

- (d) In addition to the 3 disability sports organisations as mentioned in (c) above, the HAB has also provided financial support to the Hong Kong Equestrian Federation (HKEF) and the Hong Kong Triathlon Association (TriHK) in 2020-21 in the amounts of \$540,000 and \$180,000 respectively to support their athletes to prepare for the Tokyo Paralympic Games. In 2020-21, the LCSD has also provided funding of about \$230,000, \$420,000 and \$610,000 to the HKEF, the TriHK and the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association respectively to support their AWDs to participate in local training and overseas competitions.

Furthermore, the LCSD will continue to work with the relevant disability organisations (including the HKSAD, the Hong Kong Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied Association, the Hong Kong Blind Union, the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and the Community Rehabilitation Network under the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation) to support them in the organisation of recreational and sports activities that meet the needs and interests of PWDs. In 2020-21, in consultation with relevant “national sports associations” (such as the HKPC&SAPD, the HKSAPID and the HKSAD), the LCSD has reviewed the existing provision of community recreational and sports programmes. With their support, the LCSD has organised more dedicated programmes suitable for PWDs such as badminton, bocce, floor hockey, body-mind stretch, table tennis and fitness exercise, with a view to encouraging them to do more exercise.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB046****(Question Serial No. 2314)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please provide the amount of funding given to various elite sports by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) and the number of athletes involved in the past year in tabulated form as follows:

“Tier A” sports		
	2020-21	
Elite sport	Amount of funding received	Number of athletes involved
“Tier B” sports		
	2021-22	
Elite sport	Amount of funding received	Number of athletes involved

- (b) Please provide the estimated amount of funding to be given to various elite sports by the HKSI and the number of athletes to be involved in the coming year in tabulated form as follows:

“Tier A” sports		
	2020-21	
Elite sport	Amount of funding received	Number of athletes involved
“Tier B” sports		
	2021-22	
Elite sport	Amount of funding received	Number of athletes involved

- (c) What are the measures taken by the Government and the expenditure required to support and subsidise athletes of non-elite sports in order to facilitate the development of non-elite sports? Will the Government consider reviewing the assessment criteria for elite sports, such as expanding the coverage of elite sports to promote the development of more sports, and enhancing the funding mechanism to avoid lowering or denying the original funding level of an elite sport where athletes of the sport failed to receive a medal in any major international competition?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The level of funding provided by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) to each sport in Tier A and Tier B under the Elite Training Programme (ETP) and the number of athletes involved in 2020-21, as well as the estimated figures for 2021-22, are set out below -

Sport		2020-21*		2021-22 (estimate)	
		Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved	Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved
Tier A					
1.	Athletics	2.9	47	7.6	47
2.	Badminton	8.7	77	15.6	77
3.	Billiard sports	2.6	35	6.4	35
4.	Cycling	16.1	63	26.1	62
5.	Equestrian	5.1	27	7.4	27
6.	Fencing	5.8	115	13.7	124
7.	Gymnastics	4.6	43	7.5	43
8.	Karatedo	5.3	46	10.7	43
9.	Rowing	5.7	33	10.4	32
10.	Rugby sevens	4.0	61	8.9	56
11.	Sailing	6.2	15	7.3	14
12.	Skating	4.6	26	7.4	25
13.	Squash	3.5	36	6.7	36
14.	Swimming	4.1	94	7.0	91
15.	Table tennis	9.3	53	16.0	53
16.	Tennis	3.7	22	7.0	27
17.	Tenpin bowling	1.3	19	4.6	19
18.	Triathlon	2.4	24	6.7	25
19.	Windsurfing	7.6	35	14.3	26
20.	Wushu	4.5	93	7.6	92
Total (Tier A sports):		108.0	964	198.9	954
Tier B					
1.	Contract bridge	1.435	57	1.5	57
2.	Dance sport	1.5	190	1.5	190
3.	Dragon boat	1.425	62	1.5	62
4.	Golf	1.5	170	1.5	170
5.	Judo	1.5	64	1.5	64
6.	Karting	0.75	86	1.5	86
7.	Lawn bowls	1.5	30	1.5	30

Sport		2020-21*		2021-22 (estimate)	
		Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved	Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved
8.	Life saving	1.44	42	1.5	48
9.	Mountaineering	0.75	47	1.5	47
10.	Orienteering	1.5	59	1.5	60
11.	Roller sports	0.75	111	1.5	111
12.	Shuttlecock	0.75	61	1.5	92
13.	Taekwondo	1.5	150	1.5	150
Total (Tier B sports):		16.3	1129	19.5	1167

* Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most major international events were cancelled or postponed in 2020-21 and the Tokyo Olympics Games was also postponed to 2021. Therefore, the amounts of funding required by all Tier A sports and some Tier B sports under the ETP in 2020-21 were reduced.

Disability sport		2020-21^		2021-22 (estimate)	
		Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved	Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved
Tier A					
1.	Boccia (physical disability)	5.0	21	6.0	21
2.	Wheelchair fencing (physical disability)	3.5	13	4.5	13
3.	Table tennis (physical disability)	3.0	20	4.0	20
4.	Badminton (physical disability)	3.0	7	4.0	7
5.	Table tennis (intellectual disability)	3.5	19	4.0	19
6.	Swimming (intellectual disability)	3.5	13	4.0	13
Total (Tier A disability sports):		21.5	93	26.5	93
Tier B					
1.	Lawn bowls (physical disability)	1.0	15	1.5	15

Disability sport		2020-21 [^]		2021-22 (estimate)	
		Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved	Funding support (\$ million)	No. of athletes involved
2.	Tenpin bowling (physical disability)	1.0	13	1.5	13
3.	Athletics (intellectual disability) [@]			1.5	12
Total (Tier B disability sports):		2.0	28	4.5	40

[^] Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most major international events were cancelled or postponed in 2020-21 and the Tokyo Paralympic Games was also postponed to 2021. Therefore, the amounts of funding required by all Tier A and Tier B disability sports under the ETP in 2020-21 were reduced.

[@] The HKSI evaluated sports' results between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020. In 2021-22, athletics (intellectual disability) will become a Tier B disability sport.

- (c) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and other sports organisations every year through the Sports Subvention Scheme to assist them in the promotion of their respective sports. The subvention involved in 2020-21 was about \$409 million.

Through the Individual Athletes Support Scheme (IASS), the HKSI also provides financial assistance to NSAs to support those athletes who have achieved outstanding results in international competitions but whose sports do not meet the criteria to be included in the ETP. In 2020-21, the total expenditure on the IASS was about \$12.4 million.

The Home Affairs Bureau provides grants under the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) for NSAs to support eligible athletes in non-elite sports to prepare for and participate in major international sports events. The amount of funding approved and the number of athletes supported in the past 3 years are as follows -

Year	Preparation		Participation	
	No. of athletes supported	Amount (\$ million)	No. of athletes supported	Amount (\$ million)
2018-19	240	5.51	1,429	29.94
2019-20	553	19.28	1,253	24.72
2020-21 [#]	22	4.44	0	0

[#] Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most major international events were cancelled or postponed in 2020-21, resulting in a lack of opportunities for athletes to compete. Therefore, the amount of funding approved under the ASDF decreased substantially.

The Five-Year Development Programme for Team Sports (the Programme) covers 8 team sports with team size of 5 persons or more competing in the 2018 Asian Games, namely baseball, basketball, handball, hockey, ice hockey, softball, volleyball and water polo. It provides additional funding for the 8 relevant NSAs to formulate and implement training programmes for their team sports to compete in the Asian Games. It also provides financial support to over 200 members of Hong Kong teams. An amount of \$130 million from the ASDF (Sports Portion) has been earmarked for implementing the Programme with the aim of enhancing the performance of team sports progressively and increasing their chances of attaining elite sports status in future. The Programme was launched in January 2018.

The Elite Vote Support System currently adopted by the HKSI aims to ensure an objective assessment of sports basing on their athletes' recorded achievements for determining which sports can be justified for funding support through allocation of resources under the ETP. The Sports Commission regularly reviews and, where appropriate, makes modifications to the system to ensure that it achieves the required objectives. We will continue to work with the HKSI to ensure that resources are efficiently used in the development of elite sports.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB047

(Question Serial No. 2315)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the current operation of the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF), would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the current operation of the EADF? What was the investment income generated over the past financial year?
- (b) What was the amount of funding allocated from the EADF to the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited over the past financial year? How did the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) use the funding, with a breakdown of the relevant figures provided?
- (c) How will the Government ensure the effective use of funding from the EADF by the HKSI to achieve its objectives of promoting the development of elite sports in Hong Kong and helping local elite athletes achieve a high level of performance in major international competitions?
- (d) What are the details of the support programmes currently provided by the Government through the EADF for serving and retired athletes? What is the funding involved in the 2020-21 financial year?
- (e) Regarding the provision of sports medicine services to athletes, what is the number of sports medical staff members (including physiotherapists, dietitians, psychotherapists, etc.) to serve athletes in the HKSI at present? What was the expenditure involved last year? Will additional staff be recruited to enhance the services in the coming year? If yes, what are the relevant details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) Of the \$7 billion provided by the Government in 2011-12 for establishing the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF), \$5 billion is deposited with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) to earn an investment return linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund up to 29 February 2024 (inclusive). In addition, the Government made an injection of \$6 billion into the EADF in 2018-19, of which \$5.2 billion has also been deposited with the HKMA to earn an investment return linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund up to 13 January 2026 (inclusive).

In 2020-21, the investment income of the EADF was \$399.8 million, and the Government allocated \$737 million from the EADF to support the operation of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI). Besides funding allocation under the EADF, the HKSI has other revenues such as sponsorships, donations and income from community engagement programmes. Due to the pandemic, most major international events were cancelled or postponed in the year, while the Tokyo Olympic Games and Paralympic Games were also postponed to 2021. As a result, the estimated expenditure of the HKSI in 2020-21 was reduced from the original \$788.1 million to \$678.7 million. The HKSI has transferred the remainder of the funding allocated under the EADF into its reserve to meet the expenditure items in the coming year and contingency needs. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure of the HKSI in 2020-21 is as follows -

Expenditure item	2020-21 (Latest Estimate) (\$ million)
• Direct financial support to athletes	157.9
• Elite Training Programme	180.4
• Staff cost	236.8
• Operating expenses	92.1
• Others	11.5
Total:	678.7

- (c) Government representatives oversee the operation of the HKSI through their membership on the HKSI board of directors and its committees. The HKSI is required to submit annual plans and budgets to the Sports Commission for consideration before allocations are approved by the Secretary for Home Affairs. The HKSI is also required to sign a deed of undertakings with the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) annually which prescribes the performance levels and the operational requirements to be met. The key performance measures in respect of the HKSI are set out in the Controlling Officer's Report of the HAB.
- (d) The HKSI operates the Athlete Lifestyle Support Programme (the Programme) to provide athletes with assistance including academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, post-retirement career planning and vocational training. Full-time athletes are also given integrated and flexible education opportunities in secondary schools and universities through the HKSI Partnership School Programme and the relevant Memoranda of Understanding. The latest estimated expenditure on the Programme for 2020-21 is about \$16.92 million and the estimated expenditure for 2021-22 is about \$16.79 million.

- (e) The HKSI provides medical and scientific support (including medical clinic, physiotherapy, scientific conditioning training, Chinese traditional medicine, massage, biomechanics, psychology, nutrition, applied research, etc.) to enhance the elite training services for athletes to improve their performance. In 2020-21, there were 104 full-time and 8 part-time staff members at the HKSI providing the above services to athletes. An estimated total of \$42.74 million was budgeted in 2020-21 to cover the relevant costs and the relevant estimated expenditure is expected to increase to \$50.09 million in 2021-22.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB048****(Question Serial No. 2316)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing; (5) CultureControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

With regard to projects supported by the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) and the grants involved, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the investment income generated from both the arts and sports portions of the ASDF in the past year; the amounts of grants approved for projects under the 2 portions respectively; and the current balance under the 2 respective portions?
- (b) the details on the use of grants from the arts portion of the ASDF in the past year; the respective amounts of grant approved to support the arts community through the Hong Kong Arts Development Council; and the measures taken to monitor the use of grants from this portion?
- (c) the amount of funds to be earmarked under the arts portion of the ASDF for projects that promote the integration of arts and technology this year?
- (d) the details on the use of grants from the sports portion of the ASDF in the past year and the projection about the use of such grants this year in tabulated form as follows, and the measures taken to monitor the use of grants from this portion?

Nature of projects	Number of projects	Amount approved (\$)
Supporting athletes to prepare for major international and national games		
Supporting athletes to participate in major international and national games		

Nature of projects	Number of projects	Amount approved (\$)
Locally held international sports events (including “M” Mark events and major international sports events)		
Developing local football		
Five-Year Development Programme for Team Sports		
Other projects		
Total		

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

- (a) As at 28 February 2021, the investment income generated by the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) in 2020-21 was \$798.9 million; the amounts of grant approved from the arts and sports portions of the ASDF in 2020-21 were about \$47.6 million and \$86.24 million respectively; and the estimated balances of the arts and sports portions of the ASDF were \$1.94 billion and \$2.62 billion respectively.
- (b) For the arts portion of the ASDF, about \$30 million is earmarked each year to fund projects implemented or recommended by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to support the development of budding artists and small and medium-sized arts groups, and enhance arts education and arts promotion. In 2020-21 (as at 28 February 2021), 3 applications from the HKADC involving a total grant of \$9.13 million were approved. The HKADC is required to submit to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) a progress report and/or a final project report, together with an audited account report, for each of its projects for reimbursement of grants.

In addition, funding has been earmarked for the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) under the arts portion of the ASDF. In 2020-21, 13 applications were supported under the 9th round of the ACDFS, involving a total of \$38.47 million. Grantees are required to submit progress report(s), a final report and an audited account report for each of the approved initiatives/projects to HAB for endorsement by the Advisory Committee on Arts Development.

- (c) When the 10th round of funding application under the ACDFS, as mentioned in (b) above, was launched in 2020-21, a new “Arts Technology” category was added to draw the attention of the arts and cultural community to technology and encourage members of the sector to apply technology in different arts projects. The final amount granted will be subject to the projects approved. Previously, a considerable number of applications were received in each round of the ACDFS. Assessment panels will duly consider all eligible applications and assess them in accordance with the established criteria. There is no pre-set proportion of funding for individual art forms/categories under the ACDFS.

- (d) As at 28 February 2021, the allocation of funding under the ASDF (Sports portion) in 2020-21 is set out below -

	2020-21	
Nature of projects	No. of projects	Amount Approved (\$ million)
Supporting athletes to prepare for major international and national games	2	4.44
Supporting athletes to participate in major international and national games	0	0
Hosting international sports events locally (including “M” Mark events and major international sports events)	76	29.26
Developing local football	1	33.00*
Five-Year Development Programme for Team Sports	1	19.54
Other projects	0	0
Total	80	86.24

* In 2020-21, an amount of \$33 million was earmarked by HAB for the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) to implement its Vision 2025 Strategic Plan. Upon the Football Task Force’s examination of the further information submitted by the HKFA on the implementation of football development initiatives, HAB eventually approved an allocation of \$31.96 million to the HKFA.

Upon completion of projects, organisations receiving grants from the sports portion of ASDF are required to submit evaluation reports and auditor’s reports or audited statements of account. Any unspent balances must be returned to the Government. The amounts of funding to be provided to respective national sports associations (NSAs) in 2021-22 will depend on the applications from individual NSAs. We have yet to receive such applications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB049

(Question Serial No. 2317)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will enhance the software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training, and nurturing a culture of donation and sponsorship in the arts community with an enhanced matching grants scheme. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the balance of the grants under the Art Development Matching Grants Scheme (ADMGS) by 2020-21;
- (b) the respective amounts of matching grants allocated under the ADMGS by the Government in the past 3 years to i) arts groups which have completed 2 rounds of Springboard Grants under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS), ii) the 9 major performing arts groups, iii) the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society and iv) the Hong Kong Arts Development Council;
- (c) the effectiveness of the Springboard Grants, a scheme set up under the ACDFS of HAB to provide financial support to arts groups in the form of a matching grant, including the number of applications received and projects approved, the number of commercial or private organisations involved, the amount of sponsorship obtained from the business or private sector and the amount of matching grants provided by the Government in the past year;
- (d) the number of arts groups that are supported by the Springboard Grants and eligible for ADMGS so far; and among them, the number of those who have applied for the ADMGS and the number of successful applications; the amount of matching grant received by each of the successful arts group applicants;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any measures in the 2020-21 financial year to help local arts groups solicit donations or sponsorships during the COVID-19 pandemic and, if yes, the details; and

- (f) whether HAB will consider introducing tax concession for private enterprises which have made donations or provided sponsorships to local arts groups so as to encourage the wider community to sponsor cultural activities in Hong Kong. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (a) The Government launched the Art Development Matching Grants Scheme (ADMGS) with a provision of \$300 million in 2016, followed by an injection of \$500 million in 2018-19. A further injection of \$900 million will be made in 2021-22 to sustain and encourage efforts from arts groups to seek non-Government resources and support in a more active manner. As at 28 February 2021, the balance of the grants available for matching under the ADMGS was about \$220 million (excluding the additional \$900 million allocated in 2021-22).
- (b) From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the amounts of matching grants approved for eligible arts groups under the ADMGS were as follows:

	Amount of grants (\$)		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Arts groups which have completed 2 rounds of Springboard Grants under the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme	15,136,000	26,559,000	33,120,000
Major performing arts groups	52,496,566	64,049,937	54,276,484
Hong Kong Arts Festival Society	27,040,217	30,000,000	30,000,000
Hong Kong Arts Development Council	33,776,228	35,698,763	45,669,615
Total amount of grants	128,449,011	156,307,700	163,066,099

- (c) Introduced in 2011, the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS) includes the Springboard Grants with a matching element through which grantees will receive an amount of matching grant equivalent to 200% of the donation amount they raised. The matching grants will provide support to promising arts groups in their overall development, elevate their level of professional operation and encourage sponsorship from society and private organisations for arts activities conducted by arts groups. A total of 13 arts groups have benefited from the Springboard Grants since its launch, and the upper limit of grants approved is \$87.45 million in total. We do not maintain the number of commercial or private organisations who have funded arts groups or the amount of funding involved.

- (d) As at 28 February 2021, a total of 10 arts groups completed 2 rounds of Springboard Grants under the ACDFS and became eligible to apply for grants under the ADMGS. Please refer to the reply in (b) above for the number of arts groups having successfully applied for matching grants and the amount approved.
- (e) Application for the fifth round of ADMGS commenced in August 2020. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, small and medium-sized arts groups face pressure in fund-raising. We have introduced a one-off relaxation of the matching parameters for arts groups that have completed 2 rounds of Springboard Grants, including raising the matching ratio from 1:1.5 to 1:1.8 and the matching grant ceiling from \$4 million to \$4.5 million.
- (f) At present, donations made to arts groups registered as charitable bodies under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance are eligible for tax exemption. If a commercial entity sponsors cultural activities in order to promote its own business, the sponsorship would be treated as marketing expenses, and a tax deduction may be applied. We have no plan to introduce new tax concession for those private enterprises that sponsor local arts groups.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB050

(Question Serial No. 2321)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau will endeavour to revive cultural co-operation and exchanges, as well as promoting local arts groups and artists in the Mainland and other places. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the amount of expenditure involved in developing cultural co-operation and exchanges under Head 53 in the past financial year and the relevant estimated expenditure for the current financial year;
- (b) the numbers of cultural co-operation and exchanges, as well as promotional work or programmes concerning local arts groups and artists, in the Mainland or other places cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic in the past year respectively; the number of cultural co-operation and exchanges and promotional work successfully conducted and the amount of expenditures involved;
- (c) the amount of Government expenditure on supporting Hong Kong arts groups and artists to give performances and stage exhibitions outside Hong Kong in the past financial year, and the respective numbers of arts groups and artists receiving support each year;
- (d) the estimated expenditure on supporting Hong Kong arts groups and artists to give performances and stage exhibitions outside Hong Kong for the current financial year; the estimated numbers of arts groups and artists receiving support; the actions to be taken by the Government if the arts groups and artists receiving support are unable to finish their projects due to the pandemic; and the support measures for the relevant arts groups and artists;
- (e) the expenditure involved in the past 2 financial years as the Government announced in the 2018-19 Budget that an amount of \$140 million would be provided in the ensuing 5 years to support local arts groups and artists for cultural exchanges in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Greater Bay Area); the efforts

made by the Government to support local arts groups and artists for cultural exchanges in the Greater Bay Area; the number of beneficiary/participating arts groups or artists; the initiatives to be introduced by the Government in the current financial year, the estimated amount of expenditure and the current balance of the commitment concerned; and

- (f) the considerations to be taken into account by the Government when selecting local arts groups and artists for promotion in the Mainland and other places.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

- (a) In 2020-21, the expenditure involved in developing cultural co-operation and exchanges under Head 53 was about \$22.9 million.

In 2021-22, we have reserved about \$70 million under Head 53 for promoting cultural co-operation and exchanges.

- (b) The Government provided funding to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland and overseas cities in 2020-21 to support Hong Kong arts groups/artists to organise performances and exhibitions outside Hong Kong. Due to the pandemic, 24 performances and events scheduled for the year were cancelled or postponed. Moreover, 4 Hong Kong cultural programmes involving 27 performances arranged for the Third China Import Expo in 2020 and 3 performing arts programmes for an exchange to Taiwan were also cancelled and postponed respectively due to the pandemic. On the other hand, 19 programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to promote cultural exchanges in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Greater Bay Area) were postponed or given online instead (see reply in (e) for details). About 90 cultural exchange programmes funded by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) were cancelled or postponed in 2020-21 because of the pandemic.

In addition to Head 53, cultural exchange activities of the HKADC supported by the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Arts Portion), the Classical:NEXT, CINARS and OzAsia Festival originally scheduled for 2020 were postponed to 2021 under the shadow of the pandemic.

- (c) & (d) Under Head 53, the Home Affairs Bureau administers the recurrent subvention to the HKADC. The HKADC uses the subvention to operate different grant schemes, of which the Cultural Exchange Grant is dedicated to providing support to arts groups/artists for cultural exchange. The grant information related to 2020-21 and the estimated grant amount for 2021-22 are summarised below -

Year	Estimated number of applications approved by the HKADC	Estimated total grant amount approved by the HKADC (\$ million)
2020-21 (estimate)	93	18
2021-22 (estimate)	91	17

The HKADC also provides “year grants” to eligible arts groups with which arts groups receiving grants can promote their work, including cultural exchange activities.

Furthermore, the Government provides recurrent subvention under Head 53 to the 9 major performing arts groups (MPAGs), who may use the subvention for cultural exchange activities including performances outside Hong Kong. The estimated total annual subventions to the MPAGs in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are \$403.7 million¹. We do not keep a detailed breakdown of the amount of expenses incurred by the MPAGs for giving performances outside Hong Kong.

Owing to the pandemic, arts groups/artists may not be able to engage in cultural exchange activities supported by the Government as planned. The Government will, having regard to the actual circumstances, carefully consider using funding to cover the expenses incurred for overseas performance arrangements by arts groups/artists to alleviate the loss they suffered due to suspension of performances. Meanwhile, as travel restrictions are imposed around the world, the Government is actively considering alternative arrangements for arts groups/artists to conduct cultural exchanges and performances online to promote Hong Kong’s arts and culture overseas continuously.

- (e) With the provision of a 5-year funding of \$140 million in 2018-19, the LCSD has actively promoted cultural exchange activities in the Greater Bay Area to showcase Hong Kong’s arts and culture, provide new opportunities to Hong Kong artists and arts groups and nurture future administrative staff and impresarios.

The LCSD worked with Mainland venue operators in the Greater Bay Area to establish a collaboration network and a regular communication mechanism. In 2018-19 and 2019-20, the LCSD organised 36 performances of various art forms in 7 cities of the Greater Bay Area. The content of activities covered different areas like curating artistic productions, joining local arts festivals or festive occasions, and organising technical and arts administration workshops for arts practitioners in the Greater Bay Area to strengthen touring support.

In 2020-21, 19 originally scheduled programmes were postponed or launched online instead due to the COVID-19 pandemic, of which 3 were already launched online in the second half of October 2020 and received positive response with over 2.5 million views.

¹ The estimated total annual subvention for the MPAGs is \$403,683,569 in 2020-21, including the recurrent subvention of \$403,323,569 and the funding commitment of \$360,000 for previously approved projects under the Contestable Funding Scheme (CFS). However, the projects were not completed as scheduled due to the pandemic. As such, the payment of \$360,000 originally estimated for disbursement in 2020-21 would be deferred to 2021-22. The total annual subvention for the MPAGs remains the same in 2021-22, including the recurrent subvention of \$402,673,569 and the funding commitment of \$1,010,000 for previously approved projects under the CFS.

In 2021-22, the LCSD will continue to strengthen the collaboration with different theatre lines in the Greater Bay Area to actively develop new brands and provide more performance opportunities to local arts groups while promoting different online and offline programmes in parallel. Efforts will be made to extend the programme coverage to the whole country through collaboration with the WeChat platform of the theatre lines and various online platforms in the Mainland in order to enhance the awareness of Hong Kong arts groups among Mainland audience and widen their audience base.

The actual expenditure on the above activities in 2019-20 was \$22.09 million, while the estimated amount of expenditure is \$3.74 million in 2020-21 and \$22.78 million in 2021-22.

- (f) The LCSD will consider a number of factors when recommending suitable programmes to Mainland and overseas partners. These factors include artistic merits, audience appeal, overall programme balance, financial implications, venue availability and technical feasibility of the programmes as well as the relevant experience and organisational capability of the artists/arts groups.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB051****(Question Serial No. 2323)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

In January 2019, a provision of \$100 million was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to launch the five-year District Sports Programmes Funding Scheme (the Funding Scheme). In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the Government's expenditure on funding support for various district sports associations (DSAs) to organise district sports programmes in the past year, and the respective numbers of district sports programmes organised by various DSAs with government funding;
- (b) the respective numbers of applications received and approved under the Funding Scheme and the expenditures involved in 2019-20 and 2020-21; the estimated number of applications to be approved and the estimated expenditure to be involved in this financial year.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)Reply:

- (a) At present, we provide funding support to district sports associations (DSAs) in organising sports programmes from District Council funds via Community Involvement Projects (CI Project). The amount of funding received by DSAs under CI Projects and the number of programmes organised last year were as follows -

Financial Year	CI Projects	
	Funding received by DSAs (\$ million)	Number of programmes organised
2020-21	8.97	232

Apart from CI Projects, DSAs also receive funding from the Community Sports Subvention Scheme (CSSS) for their administrative and operational expenses. The amount of funding received by DSAs under the CSSS in 2020-21 was \$3 million.

- (b) An amount of \$100 million has been earmarked by the Government to implement the five-year District Sports Programmes Funding Scheme (Scheme) in 2021. The actual expenditure of the Scheme will depend on the number of applications to be received and approved by the Government.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB052

(Question Serial No. 2326)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the allocation of resources to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the channels or schemes for providing funding support to district football teams?
- (b) What were the amounts of funding allocated to district football teams in 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively? What are the estimated amounts of funding to be allocated to them for this financial year?
- (c) What are the criteria adopted by HAB in determining the levels of funding for different district football teams?
- (d) Does HAB have any plans for promoting futsal in this financial year? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has HAB provided any additional assistance to district football teams in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (a)-(c)&(e) The Government provides funding support to district football teams through the District Football Funding Scheme (DFFS), under which all such teams playing in the leagues of the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) receive funding support from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). In the 2020-21 football season, HAB increased the levels of funding for district football teams playing in the Hong Kong Premier League (HKPL), the First Division, the Second Division and the Third Division to \$2 million, \$660,000, \$460,000 and

\$400,000 respectively, representing an increase of about 20% compared to the amounts in the 2019-20 football season. The relevant details are set out in the table below -

	2019-20 football season		2020-21 football season	
League/ Division	District Football Team	Amount of funding (\$'000)	District Football Team	Amount of funding (\$'000)
HKPL	Southern	1,650	Southern	2,000
	Tai Po	1,650		
	Yuen Long	1,650		
First Division	Central & Western	550	Tai Po	660
	Eastern	550	Yuen Long	660
	North	550	Central & Western	660
	Sha Tin	550	Eastern	660
	Sham Shui Po	550	North	660
	Wong Tai Sin	550	Sha Tin	660
			Sham Shui Po	660
			Wong Tai Sin	660
Second Division	Kowloon City	385	Kowloon City	460
	Kwai Tsing	385	Kwai Tsing	460
	Kwun Tong	385	Kwun Tong	460
	Tuen Mun	385	Tuen Mun	460
	Wan Chai	385	Wan Chai	460
	Yau Tsim Mong	385	Yau Tsim Mong	460
Third Division	Islands	330	Islands	400
	Sai Kung	330	Sai Kung	400
	Tsuen Wan	330	Tsuen Wan	400

Upon conclusion of the 2020-21 football season, all 18 district football teams are required to submit reports. We will review their reports and determine the levels of funding to be provided to district football teams for the following year.

- (d) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides recurrent subvention to the HKFA for the development and promotion of local football including futsal through the Sports Subvention Scheme. The amount of subvention received by the HKFA in 2020-21 was about \$20.26 million, of which about \$3.5 million was used for the promotion of futsal programmes.

To support the implementation of the Vision 2025 Strategic Plan (V2025 Plan) by the HKFA, the Government has agreed to provide time-limited funding to the HKFA from the 2020-21 to the 2022-23 football seasons. The funding provided is mainly for subventing various posts in the HKFA to provide the required administrative and technical capabilities to implement the V2025 Plan.

Those subvented posts relating to the development and promotion of futsal locally include Chief Executive Officer, Technical Director, Futsal Manager, Futsal Football Coach, Coach Education Manager and Referees Manager. In 2020-21, the Government approved the allocation of \$31.96 million* to the HKFA for the implementation of the V2025 Plan.

* In 2020-21, an amount of \$33 million was earmarked by HAB for the HKFA to implement its V2025 Plan. Upon the Football Task Force's examination of the further information submitted by the HKFA on the implementation of football development initiatives, HAB eventually approved an allocation of \$31.96 million to the HKFA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB053****(Question Serial No. 2336)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has implemented since January 2018 the Five-year Development Programme for Team Sports (the Programme) covering 8 team sports with a team size of 5 persons or more, namely, baseball, basketball, handball, hockey, ice hockey, softball, volleyball and water polo to provide additional funding for the 8 relevant “national sports associations” to formulate and implement training programmes for the Hong Kong teams. It also provides direct financial support to over 200 members of Hong Kong teams on a monthly basis. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the information on the funding provided by HAB to 8 team sports under the Programme in the past 2 years in tabulated form as follows:

Year:		
	Amount of funding received	Number of athletes supported
Baseball		
Basketball		
Handball		
Hockey		
Ice hockey		
Softball		
Volleyball		
Water polo		

- (b) the effectiveness of the Programme as evaluated by the Government.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)Reply:

- (a) The amount of funding provided to 8 team sports by the Home Affairs Bureau through the Five-year Development Programme for Team Sports (the Programme) and the number of athletes eligible for the funding in each of the sports are tabulated below -

Year: 2019		
	Amount of funding received (\$'000)	No. of athletes eligible for the funding
Baseball	2,044	28 (men)
Basketball	2,359	14 (men), 14 (women)
Handball	2,638	18 (men), 18 (women)
Hockey	3,184	21 (men), 21 (women)
Ice hockey	3,288	26 (men), 24 (women)
Softball	1,064	20 (women)
Volleyball	2,292	16 (men), 16 (women)
Water polo	2,280	15 (men), 15 (women)

Year: 2020		
	Amount of funding received (\$'000)	No. of athletes eligible for the funding
Baseball	2,044	28 (men)
Basketball	2,184	14 (men), 14 (women)
Handball	3,316	21 (men), 21 (women)
Hockey	3,316	21 (men), 21 (women)
Ice hockey	3,120	26 (men), 24 (women)
Softball	1,144	20 (women)
Volleyball	2,136	16 (men), 16 (women)
Water polo	2,280	15 (men), 15 (women)

- (b) The Programme launched by the Government was well received by the 8 relevant “national sports associations” and athletes. With the support of the Programme, plans for regular training for the 8 team sports have been drawn up and the support provided to athletes in areas such as physical fitness, sports science and sports medicine have been enhanced as well. In the 2018 Asian Games, 3 teams (i.e. the baseball (men) team, the handball (men) team and the hockey (women) team) achieved their target results. Furthermore, in 2019-2020, 4 teams (i.e. the baseball (men) team, the ice hockey (men) team, the water polo (men) team and the water polo (women) team) achieved their target results during the period. However, there was a lack of opportunities for teams to achieve their set targets in 2020 because most major international events were cancelled or postponed as a result of the pandemic. We will continue to keep track of the development of the team sports covered under the Programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB054

(Question Serial No. 2339)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Regarding the research studies on sports-related topics conducted by the Government in the past year, please provide the information of each study, including its objectives, the expenditure involved, its progress and the responsible organisation(s).
- (b) Does the Government have any plans and reserve any funding for research studies on subjects relating to local sports this year? If yes, what are the details of each study, including its objectives, the expenditure involved and the responsible organisation(s)? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) Has the Government also considered developing a programme for community organisations to submit applications for conducting sports-related research studies this year? If yes, what are the details? If no, what measures does the Government have to promote the development of research studies on local sports?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) In 2017-18, Deloitte Advisory (Hong Kong) Limited, together with MVA Hong Kong Limited and Townland Consultants Limited, were appointed to carry out a study on the demand and supply of sports facilities in Hong Kong and make recommendations on future provision of sports facilities to serve the Government's policy objectives on sports development. The consultancy study, incurring an expenditure of \$6.7 million, is near completion. In 2020-21, the Government re-appointed the above consultants to consult stakeholders on the recommendations of the above study and consider how the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines should be revised. The relevant work is expected to be completed in 2021, with an estimated expenditure of \$1.8 million.
- (c) In line with the established practice, we will commission research studies on specific sports-related subjects as and when necessary through an open,

transparent and objective process. In this connection, organisations with the required expertise, knowledge and experience are welcome to submit proposals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB055****(Question Serial No. 2343)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) CultureControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

To mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on arts practitioners and arts groups, the Government set up the Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme (ACSSS) under its Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) to support arts practitioners and arts groups. Please provide the following information:

- (a) Please provide the details of the subsidies disbursed to arts practitioners through the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong (Barwo) under the ACSSS in the first, third and fourth rounds of the AEF in tabulated form as follows:

	No. of subsidy recipients	Total amount of subsidy (\$)
First-round AEF		
Third-round AEF		
Fourth-round AEF		

- (b) What is the amount of subsidy provided to Le French May?
- (c) Apart from those under the AEF, what other measures has the Government taken to support local arts groups and arts practitioners in response to the pandemic? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)Reply:

The following subsidies under the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) do not form part of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates on the General Revenue Account.

- (a) Details of subsidies disbursed by the Government to practitioners of the Cantonese opera sector through the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong (Barwo) under multiple rounds of the AEF are as follows:

AEF	No. of subsidy recipients	Total amount of subsidy disbursed (\$)
First round of subsidy	786	11,481,085
Third round of subsidy	779	3,895,000

Note: Barwo commenced the disbursement of the fourth round of subsidy on 21 February 2021. Since the subsidy is still being disbursed, information on the number of subsidy recipients and the amount disbursed is not yet available.

- (b) Under the first round of the AEF, the Government disbursed a one-off subsidy of \$2.5 million to Le French May Arts Festival. In addition, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) deployed its own resources to provide Le French May Arts Festival with other support, including venue and ticketing services sponsorship for performing arts programmes, and cash support for some of the programmes. The LCSD also collaborated with Le French May Arts Festival in presenting the “Mythologies: Surrealism and beyond - Masterpieces from the Centre Pompidou, Paris” exhibition, providing venue sponsorship and covering part of the exhibition’s budget.
- (c) Given the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has provided subsidies to arts groups and arts practitioners with the \$150 million provision from the Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme under the AEF. Since arts groups have been hard hit by the complete closure of LCSD performance venues, apart from funding allocated under the AEF, HAB deployed its own resources in early 2021 to provide additional subsidy to 44 arts groups funded by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, 14 venue partners of LCSD venues and 41 Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme grantees, involving a total of \$7.84 million in funding.

Owing to venue closure caused by the pandemic, the LCSD has made arrangements for hirers to reschedule their programmes or obtain a refund, together with a reduction in hire charges which includes a 75% reduction of basic hire charges of facilities in LCSD civic centres for hirers until 30 September 2021. Noting the prevailing trend of making recorded or online programmes as a result of the pandemic, the LCSD has provided a 75% reduction of charges for hiring a venue for livestreaming and recording purposes. To further support the recovery of the performing industry so that large scale cultural and entertainment performances can be relaunched for the public after the pandemic, and to alleviate the operational burden faced by the industry, the LCSD has reduced the hire charge percentage based on the gross ticket proceeds from 20% to 10% for 4 performance venues, including the Hong Kong Coliseum, the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and the Hong Kong City Hall, for a period of 2 years. For programmes presented/sponsored by the LCSD and some programmes organised by hirers which have been cancelled, the LCSD has also arranged for ticket refund at the relevant venues.

For programmes presented/sponsored by the LCSD, LCSD will also closely communicate and discuss with the relevant arts groups to explore the feasibility of postponing the performances or recording the performances for broadcast. In addition, the LCSD will negotiate with arts groups and revise the budgets based on the actual changes of the programmes, and make discretionary arrangements for performance fee adjustments and payment to help arts groups tide over liquidity issues.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB056****(Question Serial No. 2344)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

To mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on sports organisations and their employees, the Government has set up various funding schemes under the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) to support them. Please provide the following information:

- (a) Please provide the relevant details of the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme implemented in the second, third and fourth rounds of the AEF in tabulated form as follows:

	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected	No. of applications pending vetting and approval	Amount granted	Remaining commitment amount
Second-round AEF						
Third-round AEF						
Fourth-round AEF						

- (b) Please provide the relevant details of the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme implemented in the third and fourth rounds of the AEF in tabulated form as follows:

	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected	No. of applications pending vetting and approval	Amount granted	Remaining commitment amount
Third-round AEF						
Fourth-round AEF						

- (c) Please provide the relevant details of the One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches implemented in the second, third and fourth rounds of the AEF in tabulated form as follows:

	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected	No. of applications pending vetting and approval	Amount granted	Remaining commitment amount
Second-round AEF						
Third-round AEF						
Fourth-round AEF						

- (d) What other measures has the Government taken to support sports organisations and their employees to tide over the pandemic apart from those under the AEF? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The financial assistance provided to operators of fitness centres and sports premises as well as registered sports coaches under the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) does not form part of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates on the General Revenue Account. The reply to the four-part question is as follows:

- (a) As at 5 March 2021, details of the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme implemented under the second, third and fourth rounds of the AEF are as follows:

	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected	No. of applications pending vetting and approval	Amount granted	Remaining commitment amount
Second-round AEF	1 920	1 660	260	0	\$166 million	0
Third-round AEF	1 642	1 517	125	0	\$75.85 million	\$7.15 million
Fourth-round AEF	1 875	1 350	0	525	\$135 million	\$31 million

- (b) As at 5 March 2021, details of the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme implemented under the third and fourth rounds of the AEF are as follows:

	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected	No. of applications pending vetting and approval	Amount granted	Remaining commitment amount
Third-round AEF	126	89	37	0	\$2.67 million	\$2.18 million
Fourth-round AEF	142	57	0	85	\$5.7 million	\$14.3 million

- (c) As at 5 March 2021, details of the One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches implemented under the second, third and fourth rounds of the AEF are as follows:

	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of applications rejected	No. of applications pending vetting and approval	Amount granted	Remaining commitment amount
Second-round AEF	11 252	8 496	2 756	0	\$63.72 million	0
Third-round AEF	9 962	9 561	401	0	\$47.81 million	\$1.19 million
Fourth-round AEF	11 191	9 964	209	1 018	\$74.73 million	\$270,000

- (d) For “M” Mark events affected by the pandemic, the Government has decided to provide a special direct grant with a view to alleviating the financial burden of relevant “national sports associations” arising from the cancellation or postponement of the events. The amount to be granted will be based on the reasonable expenditure actually incurred for the event concerned (such as venue charges paid and publicity expenses), with a ceiling of \$2 million for each event. In 2020-21, the expenditure involved was about \$7.2 million.

Moreover, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has also helped part-time sports coaches and sports and recreational programmes personnel tide over difficulties. For those coaches and relevant personnel affected due to the cancellation of sports training and sports and recreational programmes organised or subvented by the LCSD due to the pandemic, they were granted 3 rounds of ex-gratia payment which involved an expenditure of \$107 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB057

(Question Serial No. 2353)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. Regarding the substantial increase of 30.2% in the Government's estimated expenditure under Programme (3) compared to the original estimate last year, what are the reasons?
2. Please list the amount of expenditure on and the details of public education, counselling and treatment services as well as other activities in addressing gambling problems in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

1. The estimated provision under Programme (3) for 2021-22 is \$15.3 million (40.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2020-21 mainly due to an increase in the provision for staff salaries and the relevant expenditure for 2021-22, including the creation of posts for assisting in the co-ordination of major celebration activities.
2. The Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to finance various preventive and remedial measures for problems arising from gambling. In 2021, the following measures will be financed by the PWF -
 - (a) Counselling and treatment services for people with gambling disorder and those affected by them:

A total funding of about \$24.2 million will be provided under the PWF to support the operation of 4 counselling and treatment centres, covering both baseline services and other enhanced services such as online counselling and treatment services, and also outreach services for street gamblers and people working in specific industries. In addition, the PWF will fund the Project i-Change, a pilot project featuring a virtual counsellor that provides 24-hour counselling support service to problem gamblers. The project involves \$2.3 million of funding;

- (b) Public education and other publicity measures to prevent and alleviate problems relating to gambling:

Funding support will be provided under the PWF for non-profit-making organisations, statutory bodies and schools to organise public education and publicity programmes or activities to prevent or tackle gambling-related problems through 2 annual funding schemes, namely the PWF Sponsorship Scheme and the PWF School Project Grants. An amount of \$6 million has been earmarked for the above 2 sponsorship schemes in 2021. We have set aside \$2.4 million to continue public education and publicity work through both online and traditional media. Separately, noting the strategic importance of raising public awareness of gambling-related problems in the peak of mega football events, the PWF has set aside \$6 million for stepping up efforts in publicity work during the UEFA European Championship; and

- (c) Research studies into problems and issues relating to gambling:

In early 2021, the PWF launched a new round of study on Hong Kong people's participation in gambling activities at a cost of about \$1 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB058****(Question Serial No. 2357)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) District, Community and Public RelationsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- Regarding the number of data subjects and their curriculum vitae contained in the Central Personality Index (CPI) database, please provide the respective numbers and percentage of persons in each of the following age groups in the CPI and those among them appointed to advisory or statutory bodies in 2020.

Age	Number of persons/% in the CPI	Number of persons/% appointed to advisory or statutory bodies
Under 24		
25 to 34		
35 to 44		
45 to 54		
55 to 65		
Over 66		

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)Reply:

- To provide more opportunities for young people to participate in policy discussion, the Government has set a target of increasing, within the current-term Government, the overall ratio of youth members (aged between 18 and 35) appointed to advisory and statutory bodies to 15%. As at 31 December 2020, the age distribution of appointed non-official members on their first appointment to the relevant advisory and statutory bodies is tabulated below. Of the appointed members, those aged 35 or below on their first appointment accounted for 13.7%.

	As at 31 December 2020
Appointed non-official members with age information (by post-holders)	6 297
Aged under 24	66 (1.1%)
Aged 24 to 35	795 (12.6%)

	As at 31 December 2020
Aged 36 to 44	1 267 (20.1%)
Aged 45 to 54	1 956 (31.0%)
Aged 55 to 65	1 882 (29.9%)
Aged 66 or above	331 (5.3%)

As at 31 December 2020, the number and percentage of persons with age information available in the Central Personality Index database are as follows –

	As at 31 December 2020
Persons with age information	17 463
Aged under 24	302 (1.7%)
Aged 24 to 35	2 883 (16.5%)
Aged 36 to 44	1 918 (11.0%)
Aged 45 to 54	2 678 (15.3%)
Aged 55 to 65	5 396 (31.0%)
Aged 66 or above	4 286 (24.5%)

Note: The above table includes only those persons who have provided age information and, in the past 3 years, responded to the invitation for updating their curriculum vitae and/or served on advisory and statutory bodies.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB059****(Question Serial No. 2368)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment LicensingControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the items under the Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF) and the funding involved, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the numbers of applications received, the numbers of applications approved and the amounts of grants approved under i) the Education Grant, ii) the Elite Athletes Performance Recognition Scheme and iii) the Youth Athletes Scholarship Awards of the HKAF in the past 3 financial years respectively in tabulated form; and
- (b) its measures to encourage athletes to apply for the relevant grants?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)Reply:

- (a) The numbers of applications received, the numbers of applications approved and the amounts of grants approved under the Education Grant, the Sports Certificate Grant (introduced in 2020-21) and the Elite Athletes Performance Recognition Scheme (EAPRS) of the Hong Kong Athletes Fund (HKAF) in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively are as follows -

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Education Grant			
Number of applications received	25	16	66
Number of applications approved	21	14	61
Amount of grants to applications approved (\$)	3,012,760	1,875,100	8,907,284
Sports Certificate Grant			
Number of applications received	(Not applicable)	(Not applicable)	9
Number of applications approved	(Not applicable)	(Not applicable)	7
Amount of grants to applications approved (\$)	(Not applicable)	(Not applicable)	66,127

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
EAPRS			
Number of applications received	7	0*	20
Number of applications approved	7	0	20
Amount of grants to applications approved (\$)	1,982,400	0	13,662,990

* The Government announced in the 2019-20 Budget an injection of \$250 million into the HKAF. One of the aims of the injection was to provide more cash incentives for eligible full-time athletes when they retire from sports. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the funding application on 17 July 2020. We understand that some eligible retired athletes applied for cash incentives under the EAPRS only after the above funding application was approved.

The numbers of eligible medallists and the amounts of scholarships granted under the Youth Athletes Scholarship Awards (the Scholarship Awards) of the HKAF in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively are as follows -

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of eligible medallists	2	0	2
Amount of scholarships granted (\$)	34,667	0	4,308

- (b) The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) operates the Athlete Lifestyle Support Programme (the Programme), which provides athletes with assistance including academic guidance, consultation and tutorial services, career planning and vocational training. Full-time athletes are also given integrated and flexible education opportunities in secondary schools and universities through the HKSI Partnership School Programme and the relevant Memoranda of Understanding. The above support can help encourage athletes to apply for the Education Grant and the Sports Certificate Grant to facilitate dual career development, and to make applications under the EAPRS for their pursuit of a second career upon retirement.

The Scholarship Awards provides scholarships to eligible medallists participating in major international events. Athletes are not required to make applications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB060

(Question Serial No. 2369)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In the Policy Address published in October 2017, it was announced that, in the following 6 years, an additional funding of \$216 million would be allocated to provide continuous support for the training of arts administrators. With regard to the training of arts administrators, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the training programmes introduced in 2020-21 by the Government for arts administrators with different levels of experience? What were the respective amounts of expenditure involved in the above programmes?
- (b) What are the training programmes to be introduced in 2021-22 by the Government for arts administrators with different levels of experience? What are the respective amounts of expenditure to be involved in the above programmes?
- (c) Did the Government take any follow-up action to check whether participants of the programmes continued to work in the field of arts administration after training and evaluate the effectiveness of individual programmes? If yes, what are the findings? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) In 2020-21, arts administrator training programmes arranged by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) are set out below –

LCSD

- (i) the internship programme implemented by the LCSD;
- (ii) the internship scheme for LCSD's Venue Partners and the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society;
- (iii) training opportunities for LCSD staff handling arts administration duties;

HKADC

- (iv) attachment/internship opportunities in local organisations through the Arts Administration Internship Scheme for junior arts administrators;
- (v) internship and training opportunities at museums and cultural organisations outside Hong Kong for mid-level arts administrators and curators, and financial allowance for employers to engage temporary staff to stand in for the staff selected for attachments outside Hong Kong; and
- (vi) scholarships for arts administrators/curators to pursue master's degree or to join professional training programmes in arts administration-related disciplines in Hong Kong, the Mainland and abroad.

The LCSD and the HKADC were provided with \$36 million in 2020-21 for implementing the training programmes above.

In 2021-22, the LCSD and the HKADC will continue to implement the training programmes outlined above with an estimated expenditure of around \$36 million.

- (c) The LCSD and the HKADC have been collecting feedback from trainees and partner institutions under various training programmes. They also conduct surveys on the career development of trainees. Among the respondents to the surveys, more than 80% will pursue a career in the arts and cultural profession or further their study in relevant fields after completing the internships/training.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB061

(Question Serial No. 2373)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will enhance software in the arts and culture through arts programme development, audience building, arts education and manpower training, and nurturing a culture of donation and sponsorship in the arts community with an enhanced matching grants scheme. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the number of arts and cultural television (TV) programmes that HAB has produced in the past year? What was the channel for broadcasting these programmes? What were the expenditure involved and the audience size?
- (b) What is the specific plan to produce arts and cultural TV programmes in 2021-22? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Are there any plans to reserve funding for launching a TV channel on arts and culture in order to provide TV programmes in this respect in 2021-22? If yes, what are the specific work plans, the estimated expenditure and the manpower involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

In 2020-21 and 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has made no productions and does not have production plans in relation to arts and cultural television (TV) programmes. HAB also does not have plans to launch a TV channel on arts and culture in 2021-22. The Government has teamed up with its partners in promoting arts and culture to the public through a multi-pronged and holistic approach, cultivating a cultural ambience in society and turning arts into a part of the citizens' life. Moreover, the Government encourages arts groups and artists to widen their audience base and enhance public understanding and interest related to arts through various arts education programmes and community activities. Arts groups and artists will choose the suitable promotional channels based on their needs to reach out to audience. As early as in 2011, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council

(HKADC) has collaborated with Cable TV and Radio Television Hong Kong respectively to produce TV programmes on local arts groups, artists and their works. Given that online channels and social media have matured and become popular nowadays, the HKADC has developed thematic websites and online channels as promotional platforms to promote arts and culture. Likewise, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched a one-stop online platform “LCSD Entertainment Channel” in 2020 for the public to enjoy a variety of online performing arts programmes. During the pandemic, many arts groups and artists have conducted various arts and cultural activities through online channels and social media to reach out to their audience. The Government and other partners will keep up with the times and continue to promote arts and culture to the public and disseminate cultural information through different platforms.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB062

(Question Serial No. 3128)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In November 2019, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), through provision of extra funding at an increased matching ratio under its Hong Kong Arts Development Fund, rolled out the one-off Support Scheme for Arts & Cultural Sector (the Support Scheme) to offer support to arts groups and arts practitioners affected by social incidents. How many arts groups and arts practitioners have submitted applications to the Support Scheme? How many of them have their applications approved? What is the expenditure involved?
- (b) To mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on arts practitioners and arts groups, the HKADC's Support Scheme received \$50 million from the first round of the Government's Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) to support arts practitioners and arts groups. Please provide the following information:
- (i) the numbers of grantees under the HKADC's 2019-20 Year Grant, Literary Arts Platform Scheme and Eminent Arts Group Scheme having received subsidies from the Support Scheme, and the amounts of money involved;
 - (ii) the number of HKADC funded projects having received subsidies from the Support Scheme, and the amounts of money involved;
 - (iii) the number of applications submitted to the Support Scheme for non-HKADC funded arts projects, the number of applications approved and the amounts of money involved;
 - (iv) the number of applications submitted to the Support Scheme by individual arts practitioners, the number of applications approved and the amounts of money involved;
 - (v) the commitment balance of the said \$50 million, and the way of disposal of the remaining sum.

- (c) Regarding the Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme under the third round of the AEF, please provide the following information:
- (i) the number of arts practitioners subsidised through the HKADC, the total amount of subsidies disbursed to the arts practitioners, the commitment balance and the way of disposal of the remaining sum;
 - (ii) the amounts of money involved in providing rent concessions to tenants of arts space and the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre respectively.
- (d) What are the number of arts practitioners subsidised through the HKADC in the fourth round of the AEF, the total amount of subsidies disbursed to the arts practitioners and the amount of commitment balance? How will the remaining sum be disposed of?
- (e) Apart from assisting the AEF in the disbursement of subsidies, what other measures did the HKADC take to alleviate the impacts of the pandemic suffered by local arts practitioners and arts groups in the past year? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

- (a) The social incidents in mid-2019 impacted upon many arts and cultural activities to varying degrees. In response, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) rolled out the Support Scheme for Arts & Cultural Sector in January 2020 with a grant of \$5 million from the Art Development Matching Grants Scheme with a view to alleviating the operational burden faced by small and medium-sized arts groups and artists during that period. The HKADC received a total of 185 applications and approved 174 of them, involving subsidies of about \$3.64 million.
- (b) The Government allocated \$150 million to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in the first round of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) to implement the Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme. The Scheme seeks to assist the arts and culture sector to tide over difficulties brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Scheme, \$50 million were allocated to the HKADC to strengthen its Support Scheme for Arts & Cultural Sector. Beneficiaries included grantees under the HKADC's Year Grant, Literary Arts Platform Scheme and Eminent Arts Groups Scheme and Project Grant projects, as well as arts groups and freelancers not receiving any HKADC funding. Details of the subsidies for different categories of beneficiaries are as follows:

	Grantees under the Year Grant, Literary Arts Platform Scheme and Eminent Arts Group Scheme	HKADC funded projects
No. of grantees/ funded projects	42*	342
Amount (\$ million)	3.36	7.95

* Excluding 19 arts groups which separately received the relevant subsidy through the Venue Partnership Scheme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) or the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS)

	Non-HKADC funded arts and cultural projects	Individual arts practitioners (as at 9 March 2021)#
No. of applications	536	6 484
No. of applications approved	165	4 170
Amount (\$ million)	2.48	26.42

For individual arts practitioners, application closed on 22 February 2021. As at 9 March 2021, the HKADC was still processing about 970 applications of which 500 were expected to be approved, involving \$3.75 million in subsidies. The amount is not reflected in the above table.

The HKADC expects that, upon completion of assessment and approval for all applications, about \$6.05 million will remain in the \$50 million funding. The HKADC will retain the remainder as reserve funding so that it may provide further support to the arts and culture sector in case the pandemic cause further impacts in future.

- (c) & (d) In response to the volatility of the pandemic, the Government further tightened social distancing measures and completely closed all LCSD performance venues. In this connection, the Government provided one-off subsidies of \$5,000 and \$7,500 in the third and fourth rounds of the AEF respectively to eligible individual arts practitioners and freelancers who had successfully applied for subsidies from the HKADC and the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong. As at 9 March 2021, the HKADC disbursed subsidies of about \$20 million to 4 005 persons in the third round and \$29 million to 4 069 persons in the fourth round of AEF.

Furthermore, in order to alleviate the rent burden on tenants of arts spaces, the Government has offered a 6-month concession of 75% on rent from October 2020 to March 2021 for tenants of the arts spaces operated by the HKADC and the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre through the Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme in the third-round of AEF, involving about \$1.6 million and \$4.6 million respectively.

Disbursements under the AEF mentioned in (b), (c) and (d) above do not form part of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates on the General Revenue Account.

- (e) Given the severity of the pandemic and that arts groups were hard hit by the complete closure of LCSD performance venues, apart from funding allocated under the AEF, HAB deployed its own resources in early 2021 to provide an additional subsidy to 44 arts groups funded by the HKADC (excluding 19 arts groups which separately received the relevant subsidy through the LCSD Venue Partnership Scheme or the ACDFS), involving subsidies of \$3.52 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB063

(Question Serial No. 3129)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) will continue to run the arts space at different premises by renting them to eligible artists and arts groups at below market rent. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) For each of the spaces (for example, the ADC Artspace, the Tai Po Arts Centre, etc.) operated by the HKADC, please tabulate:
 - (i) the number of art studios
 - (ii) the average rent per square foot of the art studios
 - (iii) the operating expenditure in 2020-21
 - (iv) the estimated expenditure for 2021-22
 - (v) the rent income in 2020-21
 - (vi) the rent income for 2021-22
- (b) Apart from the above projects, does the HKADC have any plans to operate other arts spaces? If yes, what are the relevant details?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

- (a) With the support of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) actively expands arts spaces to provide art studios at below market rent level for artists to engage in creation and conduct rehearsals. The HKADC introduced the first arts space scheme in 2014 which lasted until early 2021 under which art studios were provided for rent to visual artists and media artists through a "Community-Business-Government" tripartite partnership at a building (Genesis) in Wong Chuk Hang. Adopting the operation mode of the "ADC Artspace (Genesis)", the HKADC also provides 3 arts spaces for rent in Po Shau Centre, Pan

Asia Centre and The Globe to arts groups and artists of different arts interests under the Space Sharing Scheme for Youth. In addition, the Tai Po Arts Centre, a project jointly planned by the Tai Po District Council and the HKADC with the support of the Government, opened at the end of September 2019. The Tai Po Arts Centre is a signature project in Tai Po district. Commissioned and funded by the Home Affairs Department, Tai Po Arts Centre is operated by HKADC. It is provided to promote the arts development in Tai Po by allowing performing arts groups to make the Centre a base for offering arts courses and arts and cultural activities for the district. The Tai Po Arts Centre provides not only art studios, but also facilities like dance studio, black box, white box and music rooms for hire on a short-term basis by the public. Information on the above arts spaces is as follows –

	Artspace (Genesis) [#]	Artspace (Po Shau Centre)	Artspace (Pan Asia Centre)	Artspace (The Globe)	Tai Po Arts Centre
(i) Number of art studios	17	3	8	4	21
(ii) Average monthly rent per square foot for an art studio [@]	\$8*	\$8.8	\$4.5	\$4.3	\$6
(iii) Estimated operating expenditure in 2020-21	\$1,466,000	\$688,000	\$521,000	\$262,000	\$7,500,000
(iv) Estimated expenditure in 2021-22	N.A.	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$7,900,000
(v) Estimated rental income in 2020-21 [^]	\$108,000	\$115,000	\$117,000	\$14,000	\$676,000
(vi) Estimated rental income in 2021-22	N.A.	\$502,000	\$510,000	\$256,000	\$2,950,000

[#] ADC Artspace (Genesis) concluded in January 2021.

^{*} Eligible emerging artists may receive a subsidy equivalent to 50% rent reduction under the Arts Student/Graduate Rental Subsidy Scheme.

[@] Apart from rent payment, tenants of Genesis, Po Shau Centre, Pan Asia Centre and The Globe are also required to pay management fees, while tenants of the Tai Po Arts Centre are required to pay rates.

[^] The lower estimated rental income in 2020-21 is due to the provision of 100% rent reduction (from February 2020 to April 2020) and 75% rent reduction (from May 2020 to March 2021) by the Government to tenants of the arts spaces operated by the HKADC and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre through the Arts and Culture Sector Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund. The rent reduction was provided to alleviate the rent burden on arts space tenants.

- (b) In 2016, the Government awarded the tender for land sale of the ex-Aberdeen Fire Station site to a private developer who is required to complete the works by December 2022, including the provision of 28 art studios, an exhibition gallery and an arts information centre to be managed by the HKADC.

Apart from the above, the HKADC will continue to explore opportunities to provide spaces for artists and arts groups to support their artistic creation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB064

(Question Serial No. 3137)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations; (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing; (5) Culture

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1) Would the Bureau please provide the annual balance, amount of Government's injection, return on investment or other sources of income and total expenditure of the following funds in 2019-20? Should there be other funds within the purview of the Bureau but not being listed below, please also provide information as per the items above.

1. Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas
2. Cantonese Opera Development Fund
3. Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR) – Main Fund
4. SDTFR – Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund
5. SDTFR – Sports Aid Foundation Fund
6. SDTFR – Hong Kong Athletes Fund
7. SDTFR – Arts and Sport Development Fund
8. SDTFR – Arts Development Fund
9. Elite Athletes Development Fund
10. Community Care Fund
11. Brewin Trust Fund
12. Chinese Temples Fund
13. Ex-Chinese Public Dispensaries Fund
14. General Chinese Charities Fund
15. Grantham Scholarships Fund
16. Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund
17. Lord Wilson Heritage Trust
18. Lord Wilson United World Colleges Scholarship Fund
19. Ping Wo Fund
20. Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund
21. Sir Jack Cater Scholarship Fund
22. Sir Murray MacLehose Trust Fund
23. Sir Robert Black Trust Fund
24. The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries
25. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

The requested information is at **Annex**.

Funds under the Home Affairs Bureau's purview in 2019-20

	Fund Name	2019-20			
		Government injection amount (\$ million)	Investment income or other income (\$ million)	Total expenditure (\$ million)	Fund balance (\$ million)
1	Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas	Nil	1.45	3.39	63.40
2	Cantonese Opera Development Fund	Nil	2.41	15.25	83.56
3	Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (SDTFR) – Main Fund	Nil	(8.04)	14.39	130.23
4	SDTFR – Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund	Nil	0.25	0.00 (Note)	9.06
5	SDTFR – Sports Aid Foundation Fund	Nil	1.45	0.00 (Note)	48.75
6	SDTFR – Hong Kong Athletes Fund	Nil	0.13	1.97	22.36
7	SDTFR – Arts and Sport Development Fund	Nil	(177.82)	196.53	3,849.78
8	SDTFR – Arts Development Fund	Nil	0.01	0.00 (Note)	0.30
9	Elite Athletes Development Fund	Nil	248.30	664.50	11,424.30
10	Community Care Fund	Nil	532.37	1,061.63	19,024.74
11	Brewin Trust Fund	Nil	18.01	11.17	301.41
12	Chinese Temples Fund	Nil	76.29	170.75	896.12
13	Ex-Chinese Public Dispensaries Fund	Nil	0.15	0.00 (Note)	2.94
14	General Chinese Charities Fund	Nil	36.17	64.74	194.47
15	Grantham Scholarships Fund	Nil	9.93	23.54	232.67
16	Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund	Nil	2.19	12.29	87.17
17	Lord Wilson Heritage Trust	Nil	(1.94)	2.20	71.45
18	Lord Wilson United World Colleges Scholarship Fund	Nil	2.25	2.10	56.38
19	Ping Wo Fund	Nil	67.53	28.74	92.22
20	Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund	Nil	3.04	8.80	99.66

	Fund Name	2019-20			
		Government injection amount	Investment income or other income	Total expenditure	Fund balance
		(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)
21	Sir Jack Cater Scholarship Fund	Nil	0.09	0.00 (Note)	4.87
22	Sir Murray MacLehose Trust Fund	Nil	1.87	10.94	76.77
23	Sir Robert Black Trust Fund	Nil	3.14	14.45	68.14
24	The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries	Nil	409.64	219.40	8,077.88
25	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund	Nil	0.07	3.63	46.36

Note: The amount of expenditure was either less than \$10,000 or \$0.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB065

(Question Serial No. 0211)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to Programme 2, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to encourage youth's participation in government advisory and statutory bodies through various channels in the coming financial year. While the overall ratio of youth members appointed to advisory and statutory bodies has reached 13% in mid-2020 compared to the Government's target of 15%, will HAB raise the target for more young people to become members of government advisory and statutory bodies? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? Starting from Phase IV of the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY), the number of participating committees in each phase will be increased from 10 to 15. Will HAB also increase the number of appointed seats in each committee from 2 at present to 3 or more? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? What are the manpower and expenditure involved in the MSSY?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

To provide more opportunities for young people to participate in policy discussions and understand government operation, we have regularised the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY) launched by the current-term Government and expanded it to cover more boards and committees. The first 3 phases of the regularised MSSY cover 30 committees with 60 seats offered in total. Given the positive feedback, starting from the upcoming Phase IV, the number of participating committees in each phase will be increased from 10 to 15, covering a wider spectrum of policy areas. There will be 2 appointed seats in each committee.

So far, around 400 posts are currently held by young people who have been appointed directly or indirectly to the advisory and statutory bodies through the MSSY. The overall ratio of appointed youth members in the advisory and statutory bodies has increased from 7.8% in 2017 to 13.7% at present, gradually approaching the target of 15% set by the current-term Government. In fact, in addition to the seats open for recruitment under the MSSY, the Government has invited applicants attending the interviews to authorise the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to include their personal particulars in the Central Personality

Index database so that relevant bureaux and departments may retrieve the information for reference during selection of candidates for appointment as members to other advisory and statutory bodies under their purview. The Government will continue to create a favourable environment to enable more young people to be appointed.

The expenditure and additional workload arising from the implementation of the MSSY have been absorbed by the existing resources of HAB.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB066****(Question Serial No. 1897)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

According to Programme 2, the Home Affairs Bureau will continue to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education in promoting civic education including national education outside schools and in the community in the coming financial year. What are the manpower and expenditure involved? Have any indicators been set for the promotion work? If yes, what are the details? What were the numbers of visitors to the Civic Education Resource Centre and participants of civic education activities in each of the past 3 years respectively? While the number of civic education projects dropped in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, why has the estimated indicator for 2021 not been raised to recover the lost progress in promotion work? Will more interesting methods of promotion be included at the same time to increase the number of target recipients?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 318)Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has been working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education including national education outside schools and in the community through various channels and projects, such as providing sponsorship to eligible organisations for organising civic education (including national education) activities; producing publicity programmes and publications or organising exhibitions/talks on relevant themes (e.g. the Basic Law); disseminating information through the CPCE's website and social media pages; and providing relevant reference materials in the Civic Education Resource Centre, etc.

HAB will continue to provide manpower for the CPCE Secretariat with its existing manpower resources to support the CPCE and provide assistance in organising programmes. Support for the CPCE Secretariat is undertaken by a team of HAB staff currently comprising a total of 18 members (including 15 civil servants and 3 non-civil service contract staff members), with 4 of them among their other duties. The expenditures involved in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are tabulated below:

Year	Expenditure on the promotion of civic education outside schools (figure in brackets is the expenditure on the promotion of national education) ^{Note 1} (\$ million)
2020-21 (Revised Estimate)	22.0 (10.6 ^{Note 2})
2021-22 (Estimated Expenditure)	23.2 (8.0)

Note 1 This refers to the expenditure on activities that are primarily related to the promotion of national education outside schools.

Note 2 The expenditure relating to the promotion of national education is generally about \$7 to \$8 million per year. Since 2020 was the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law, the CPCE allocated funds during the year for co-organising a publicity campaign with the Hong Kong United Youth Association to commemorate the event, to promote the Basic Law to the public through television programme productions, etc. As a result, the revised estimate for the promotion of national education in 2020-21 was higher.

The promotion of civic education (including national education) represents a sustained task, unsung but worthwhile. The CPCE has been monitoring the effectiveness of various projects and activities on promoting civic education, including national education, and believes that the feedback from participants and the proper use of sponsorship by organisers should be taken into account under the monitoring mechanism. As stipulated in the relevant funding guidelines, organisations which receive sponsorship from the CPCE for organising civic education activities, including national education activities, are required to submit relevant activity and financial reports, as well as surveys on participants' feedback to the CPCE. Moreover, CPCE members are entitled to observe the conduct of the activities and submit their own evaluation reports to the CPCE afterwards. As regards activities organised by the CPCE, surveys are also conducted to gauge participants' feedback. Information collected from the above channels is presented at the relevant meetings of the CPCE to facilitate members to deliberate on and plan for next year's work, and consider improvements if needed. Taking the Community Participation Scheme (the Scheme) (which is the largest funding scheme administered by the CPCE) as an example, 92% of participants of projects sponsored by the Scheme in 2019-20 considered the projects useful in enhancing their understanding of the relevant subject matter. In the Controlling Officer's Report over the years, the number of civic education projects sponsored under the CPCE's funding schemes each year has been taken as one of the indicators for measuring performance. However, the number of applications as well as their scale and mode, etc. differ and, therefore, the number of funded projects vary from year to year. For the coming year, we will, as in the past, roll out more diversified activities and make appropriate improvement, taking into consideration the feedback of organisers and activity participants.

The numbers of visitors to the Civic Education Resource Centre in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 were 42 130, 42 361 and 32 436 respectively. In each of the past 3 financial years, more than 200,000 people participated in civic education (including national education) activities sponsored or organised by the CPCE.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB067****(Question Serial No. 1006)**Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) CultureControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (Mrs Cherry TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Secretary for Home Affairs has told the media that the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) is considering a multi-pronged approach to promote “relaunching Hong Kong”, starting with curating local in-depth tours to facilitate Hong Kong people to explore unnoticed items of cultural interests around. What plans does HAB have to promote local in-depth tours in 2021-22? What is the relevant estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)Reply:

The Government is considering a multi-pronged approach to promote “relaunching Hong Kong”, including drawing public enthusiasm to exploring unnoticed items of cultural interests. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently manages 14 public museums^{Note 1} covering art, history, science, intangible cultural heritage (ICH), astronomy, etc., 2 visual art centres^{Note 2} and the Hong Kong Film Archive, which collect artefacts of local history, artworks, technological relics and preserve cultural heritage. Located in different districts across Hong Kong, the museums organise various thematic exhibitions, renew permanent exhibitions and also organise education and extension programmes from time to time, including large-scale exhibitions from around the world, enriching the cultural life of the public and offering them important attractions to explore the local culture. Furthermore, the ICH Office under LCSD organises a variety of activities, including exhibitions, demonstrations, researches, talks and site visits, on a regular basis to promote Hong Kong's ICH items. Besides, the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust under the Home Affairs Bureau also organises heritage walks on an ad hoc basis to deepen public understanding of the heritage of Hong Kong. Expenditures on the above measures have been absorbed by the recurrent operating expenses of the department/bureau.

^{Note 1} The 14 public museums managed by the LCSD include Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Science Museum, Hong Kong Space Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, Law Uk Folk Museum, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum, Sam Tung Uk Museum, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.

^{Note 2} The 2 visual art centres are Oi! and Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre.

In addition, the Government granted a one-off upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion in 2008 for the implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). With an area of 40 hectares, the WKCD is the most important cultural infrastructure investment of Hong Kong. Comprising a mix of local, traditional and international elements, WKCD provides various world-class performing venues and museums and is a new landmark in Hong Kong. The M+ Museum and the Hong Kong Palace Museum located in the district are expected to open in 2021 and mid-2022 respectively. The two world-class museums and the expanded Hong Kong Museum of Art will stand as unique landmarks for culture, arts and tourism on the Victoria Harbour waterfront, offering locals and tourists fruitful and in-depth tours of arts and culture.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB068

(Question Serial No. 1454)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, how many young people were provided with deepened opportunities for international and Mainland internships and exchanges through collaboration between the Home Affairs Bureau and the Youth Development Commission in 2020-21? Which countries and regions were covered? What was the difference in places available compared to the original estimate before the pandemic? How many places are expected to be available for internship and exchange in 2021-22? What will be the difference in terms of the countries and regions to be covered?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

Before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, we originally estimated that over 20 000 Mainland and international exchange and internship opportunities, covering various Mainland provinces/cities and overseas countries, would be provided for young people in 2020-21. In response to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, all exchange and internship schemes/programmes have been suspended or postponed since early 2020. The requirement is still in force. Subject to the development of the pandemic, we will resume various exchange and internship schemes/programmes when it is safe and practicable to do so.

When preparing the estimates for 2021-22, we have still set aside sufficient funds and quotas to ensure the availability of necessary resources for organisations to resume their projects when circumstances permit. We will continue to monitor closely the development of the pandemic. The pandemic's impacts on the budget for various exchange and internship schemes/programmes will be reflected as necessary when we prepare the revised estimates in the future. We do not have a breakdown of destinations by countries and Mainland provinces/cities at the moment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB069

(Question Serial No. 1480)

Head: (53) GS: Home Affairs Bureau

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

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

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will continue to work closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) in promoting civic education including national education outside schools and in the community. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. For the financial year, what new policies and initiatives will HAB introduce to promote national education to different professions outside schools and at the community level, including understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. Does the CPCE have any new programmes and activities for the promotion of national education for the financial year? If yes, what are the details? Please list in detail the content of each activity, the expected number of participants, the anticipated results and resources involved. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has been working closely with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) to promote civic education including national education outside schools and in the community through various channels and projects, such as providing sponsorship to eligible organisations for organising civic education (including national education) activities; producing publicity programmes and publications or organising exhibitions/talks on relevant themes (e.g. the Basic Law); disseminating information through the CPCE's website and social media pages; and providing relevant reference materials in the Civic Education Resource Centre, etc. For the coming year, we will, as in the past, roll out more diversified activities and make appropriate improvement, taking into consideration the feedback of organisers and activity participants.

The estimated expenditure on activities primarily related to the promotion of national education outside schools and in the community for 2021-22 is about \$8 million. As always, the CPCE will receive applications from different organisations. The CPCE and the organisations concerned need to consider how to adjust the activities and funding arrangements, having regard to the impacts of the pandemic. We do not have information on the expected number of participants for 2021-22 at the moment.

The promotion of national education represents a sustained task, unsung but worthwhile. The CPCE has been monitoring the effectiveness of various projects and activities on promoting civic education, including national education, and believes that the feedback from participants and the proper use of sponsorship by organisers should be taken into account under the monitoring mechanism. As stipulated in the relevant funding guidelines, organisations which receive sponsorship from the CPCE for organising civic education activities, including national education activities, are required to submit relevant activity and financial reports, as well as surveys on participants' feedback to the CPCE. Moreover, CPCE members are entitled to observe the conduct of the activities and submit their own evaluation reports to the CPCE afterwards. As regards activities organised by the CPCE, surveys are also conducted to gauge participants' feedback. Information collected from the above channels is presented at the relevant meetings of the CPCE to facilitate members to deliberate on and plan for next year's work, and consider improvements if needed.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB070

(Question Serial No. 1372)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 that the Home Affairs Department will continue to “provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities to facilitate their integration into the community”. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the support provided for ethnic minorities in relation to COVID-19 (such as the dissemination of information on the epidemic and the promotion of testing service), the number of service recipients and the expenditure involved in the past year?
- (b) What are the specific plans and the estimated manpower and expenditure for the work this year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) To raise the awareness of ethnic minorities (EMs) of COVID-19 prevention, the 8 support service centres of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has displayed posters promoting health information at prominent places since the outbreak. The centres also disseminate from time to time information about the latest health advice issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), preventive measures and the compulsory testing notices to service users through their webpages, Facebook pages, and WhatsApp and text messages in order to remind them to take preventive measures against pneumonia and respiratory tract infection and pay attention to the arrangements pertaining to compulsory testing notices.

In addition, HAD provided subtitles in EM languages for the anti-epidemic videos of CHP, translated and converted the content of the information pamphlets into audio files in 8 EM languages (Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese) and uploaded them to the webpages of the Race Relations Unit and the support service centres to assist EMs in obtaining the latest anti-epidemic information.

Regarding the Universal Community Testing Programme conducted in September 2020, HAD translated the content of the leaflets on the testing programme and the video “Experts take part in Universal Community Testing Programme” produced by the Information Services Department into 8 EM languages. Publicity videos in Hindi, Nepali and Urdu produced by HAD were also uploaded to the webpage. Besides, messages were disseminated through the radio programmes in EM languages to encourage EMs to participate in the testing programme.

In the operations to enforce restriction-testing declarations and compulsory testing notices conducted between January and February 2021, HAD deployed working staff who can speak Nepali, Urdu or Hindi to those districts with relatively more EM residents according to the actual needs to help the District Offices explain the arrangements regarding the restriction-testing declaration to EMs and assist them in undergoing testing in specimen collection stations.

HAD does not have the number of recipients of the above-mentioned support services or a breakdown of the expenses involved.

- (b) In 2021-22, HAD will continue to work with CHP in promoting the information on epidemic prevention, testing and vaccination programme to EMs in the light of the development of COVID-19 epidemic. The expenses involved have been included in the estimate for support services for ethnic minorities and no breakdown is available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB071

(Question Serial No. 0288)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Would the Department advise on the amount of resources allocated for preparing and conducting the Rural Representative Election? What are the specific details? Has the election timetable been finalised? What is the progress of the voter registration exercise?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

The Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) stipulates that a Rural Representative holds office for 4 years. The tenure of office of the Rural Representatives of the current term will end on 31 March 2023 and the next general election will be held in early 2023. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is actively planning and preparing for the election. In 2021-22, about \$16 million has been earmarked for employing 30 non-civil service contract staff and 2 post-retirement service contract staff to assist with the preliminary work, conducting public consultation on the delineation of areas for the boundary maps of Existing Villages and Market Towns for the period from 2023 to 2026, developing an IT system for recruiting electoral staff, conducting a feasibility study on electronic poll register, etc.

In every registration cycle, HAD will call upon, through different channels, eligible persons to register as voters and encourage registered voters to update their registration particulars. To facilitate the general election in 2023, a large-scale publicity campaign on voter registration will be launched in early May 2022. In addition, to ensure accuracy, a verification exercise is underway to update the particulars of registered voters.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB072

(Question Serial No. 0429)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) District Administration
Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the oath-taking requirement for District Council (DC) members to be introduced by the upcoming legislative amendments, what kind of assistance will be provided by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in the new financial year? What resources and manpower will be required for the work? What are the implementation details?

Besides, many organisations pointed out that DCs have been acting primarily out of political considerations when scrutinising applications for funding of activities held by district organisations since the commencement of the new DC term. Organisations with a different political stance were not granted the funds as a result. Will HAD consider, for the sake of fairness, assigning the District Offices to scrutinise such applications for funding instead, so that local organisations with different political stances will all have the opportunity to be granted the funds?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The Public Offices (Candidacy and Taking Up Offices) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2021 falls within the policy area of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.

As the controlling officer of the District Council (DC) Funds, the Director of Home Affairs has the responsibility to ensure that funding applications which fall within the ambit of the funds and are in compliance with the rules are processed fairly and impartially and that the proposals are implemented in a timely manner. The Home Affairs Department and District Offices will seriously follow up on cases involving breaches of the Manual on the Use of District Council Funds and the Code of Conduct for Members of a District Council or Its Committees to ensure the effective and proper use of public money. The Government has repeatedly urged the DCs through press releases and correspondence to strictly comply with the relevant rules and guidelines in their funding allocation and to process funding applications in a fair, objective and reasonable manner, so that the local residents can participate in various festive celebrations as well as cultural, arts and recreational activities that enhance community harmony.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB073****(Question Serial No. 2726)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

According to the Permitted Burial Ground (PBG) policy for the New Territories indigenous inhabitants, the burial sites of the deceased must be within the PBGs. Nonetheless, burials outside PBGs have been exposed by the media from time to time in recent years. In this connection, do the District Lands Offices inspect the burial grounds for the New Territories indigenous inhabitants on a regular basis? Please provide for the past 10 years (a) the number of burials outside PBGs identified during proactive inspections, (b) the number of complaints about burials outside PBGs received, (c) the number of confirmed cases of burial outside PBGs, and (d) the number of cases rectified by site code of PBG.

Calendar year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(a) Number of burials outside PBGs identified during proactive inspections										
Site code of PBG involved										
e.g. IS-SL-56										
(b) Number of complaints about burials outside PBGs received										
Site code of PBG involved										
e.g. IS-SL-56										

Calendar year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(c) Number of confirmed cases of burial outside PBGs										
Site code of PBG involved										
e.g. IS-SL-56										
(d) Number of removal operations of burials outside PBGs										
Site code of PBG involved										
e.g. IS-SL-56										

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 113)

Reply:

The hillside burial policy is jointly implemented by a number of departments, including the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the Lands Department (LandsD), the Food and Environment Hygiene Department, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, and the Water Supplies Department, within their respective purview. The departments concerned, in general, will take action only on receipt of complaints, except for country parks and catchment areas. The follow-up actions include confirmation of the burial eligibility of the deceased, liaison with the relevant parties, and acquisition of the necessary information from the relevant departments. If the eligibility of the deceased is confirmed, the District Office concerned will, out of respect for the deceased and the traditional customs, first advise the descendants of the deceased to relocate the grave to the Permitted Burial Ground (PBG). If it is confirmed that the grave is a case of illegal burial, that is, the deceased was not an eligible person, the case will be referred to the District Lands Office concerned for follow-up actions.

The departments introduced a pilot scheme to selected PBGs in 2016, under which improvement measures were carried out with a view to improving the management of PBGs and reducing the problem of illegal burials and burials outside PBGs. To date, the pilot scheme covers 15 PBGs.

Moreover, HAD has completed the setting of boundary markers for 45 PBGs to help Burial Certificate applicants identify PBG boundaries. HAD will continue setting boundary markers for an additional 30-odd PBGs with higher usage rate in phases.

Furthermore, the information on PBG boundaries has been uploaded to MyMapHK and GeoInfoMap by HAD in conjunction with LandsD to help applicants of the certificate identify PBG boundaries.

The numbers of (a) proactive inspections; (b) complaints about burials outside PBGs received; (c) cases required follow-up actions; and (d) removal operations of burials outside PBGs in the past 5 years are provided in the table below:

Calendar year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(a) Number of proactive inspections	8	8	15	15	10
(b) Number of complaints about burials outside PBGs received	6	6	9	16	41
(c) Number of cases required follow-up actions	4	5	6	13	38
(d) Number of removal operations	0	1	0	1	0

Proactive inspections have been conducted at the 15 participating PBGs of the pilot scheme, including KT-07, ST-29, TW-08&E, ND-FL-19, TW-01, YL-44, YL-78, TP-SK-N25, TP-E-13, TP-E-07, SK-52, SK-03, IS-LM-08, IS-TO-13 and TM-27. We do not have the site numbers of other relevant PBGs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB074****(Question Serial No. 2737)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

According to the direct investigation report on Management of Permitted Burial Grounds published by the Office of The Ombudsman in 2015, between 1983 and 2014, a total of 31 282 Burial Certificates were issued by District Offices in the New Territories. Since then, the Government has not proactively made public, on a regular basis, information on the approval of the certificates. In this connection, please provide a breakdown by year and by burial ground site code of the number of the certificates approved in the past 10 years.

Burial Ground Site Code	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Burial Ground Site Code	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Burial Ground Site Code	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Burial Ground Site Code	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Burial Ground Site Code	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 133)

Reply:

We do not have readily available information on the approval of Burial Certificates in respect of each of the Permitted Burial Grounds. A breakdown by year and by district of the number of the certificates approved in the past 5 years is provided in the table below:

District	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Islands	70	118	110	98	79
Sai Kung	90	94	103	153	87
Tai Po	143	135	113	141	148
Tsuen Wan	56	52	41	56	50
Yuen Long	207	199	231	209	328
Sha Tin	52	43	51	66	71
Tuen Mun	37	31	52	41	48
North	137	133	122	152	158
Kwai Tsing	16	10	11	5	7
Total	808	815	834	921	976

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB075****(Question Serial No. 2196)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) LicensingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Home Affairs Department is responsible for the licensing and monitoring of guesthouses in Hong Kong, as well as enforcing the revised licensing regime for hotels and guesthouses under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Amendment) Ordinance 2020. In view of the novel coronavirus epidemic, there is a substantial decrease in the number of inbound travellers. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The specific number of licensed guesthouses from January 2019 to date by year in each of the 18 districts;
- (b) The estimated number of people working in the hotel or guesthouse industry and the changes in the number in the past 2 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)Reply:

- (a) The number of licensed hotels and guesthouses in each of the 18 districts from 2019 to 2020 is as follows:

	2019		2020	
District	Hotel	Guesthouse	Hotel	Guesthouse
Central & Western	56	34	56	33
Eastern	13	23	14	22
Southern	9	7	10	7
Wan Chai	57	127	58	115
Kowloon City	16	41	16	40
Kwun Tong	7	6	7	6
Sham Shui Po	3	55	3	49
Wong Tai Sin	1	4	1	4

	2019		2020	
District	Hotel	Guesthouse	Hotel	Guesthouse
Yau Tsim Mong	111	1 269	112	1 233
Islands	14	143	16	138
Kwai Tsing	9	3	9	3
North	0	6	0	7
Sai Kung	3	15	3	15
Sha Tin	7	3	7	3
Tai Po	0	7	0	7
Tsuen Wan	7	44	7	43
Tuen Mun	3	0	3	0
Yuen Long	4	18	4	18
Sub-total	320	1 805	326	1 743
Total number of licensed hotels and guesthouses	2 125		2 069	

- (b) The operation of hotels or guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), the purpose of which is to ensure that premises intended to be used as hotels or guesthouses comply with the statutory standards in respect of building and fire safety in order to ensure the safety of lodgers and members of the public. The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department is responsible for administering HAGAO, including issuing licences and performing enforcement duties.

HAGAO mainly regulates the building and fire safety of hotels and guesthouses, and their actual mode of operation does not fall within its ambit. The OLA does not require hotels and guesthouses to provide the number of their staff for the purpose of issuing licences either. We therefore do not have information on the number of people working in the hotel or guesthouse industry.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB076

(Question Serial No. 2231)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What was the expenditure of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) on servicing the 18 District Councils (DCs) and their committees in the past year?
- (b) What is the number of times the staff of HAD had to walk out of the full council meetings of the 18 DCs due to incidents of disorder or contravention of the Standing Orders in the meetings and the amount of public money wasted on this account in the past year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The expenditure on servicing the 18 District Councils and their committees was absorbed within the operational expenses of the Home Affairs Department. We do not keep separate breakdown of the expenditure involved.

As for the number of times government officers walked out of meetings and the related expenditure requested in question (b), we do not keep such information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB077

(Question Serial No. 0870)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the matters on fishermen villages, please advise the Committee of the following:

- (a) The relevant information pertaining to the number of existing fishermen villages, their location, reasons for building the villages, year of completion, present population, number of buildings contained and their average size, and ownership of the land of such village sites.
- (b) For fishermen villages under different ownership, what are the application procedures when they are to carry out various types of maintenance and improvement of ancillary facilities in the villages? Does the Government currently have any schemes or funds to provide assistance for these maintenance and improvement works?
- (c) In the past 5 years (2016-17 to 2020-21), has the Government provided any support for maintenance works in fishermen villages? What are the expenditure involved and the details?
- (d) Some fishermen reflect that some fishermen villages are still faced with inconvenient water and electricity supply, lack of individual toilet facilities, and dilapidation despite the Government's effort to assist in their restoration through minor works programmes or other works. Will the Government review the situation in order to render genuinely suitable assistance to them?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- (a) Details about existing fishermen villages based on records of relevant Government departments are at the Annex.

- (b) to (d) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) carries out minor works programmes such as the Rural Public Works Programme to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural communities. Project proposals could be suggested by local residents, resident organisations, Rural Committees and Area Committees for the consideration by District Offices (DOs). The cost of each project is currently capped at \$50 million.

During the period from 2016-17 to 2020-21, HAD carried out improvement and maintenance works for various fishermen villages in Kwai Tsing, North, Sai Kung, Tai Po and Tsuen Wan districts under its minor works programmes. The works comprised mainly improvement and maintenance of access roads and storm water drains. The total cost of the works is about \$13.03 million.

DOs may, from time to time, receive requests for improvement works such as supply of electricity and potable water, and provision of toilet facilities, which are outside the ambit of HAD's minor works programmes. DOs would refer the requests as appropriate to relevant departments for consideration and follow-up actions.

Details about fishermen villages

<i>Name of fishermen village (Name of management body)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>	<i>No. of buildings (unit)</i>	<i>Average size of buildings (Area per unit/sq ft)</i>	<i>Land ownership Government Land Licence (GLL)/Short Term Tenancy (STT)</i>
North District							
1. Ap Chau Fishermen's Village (The Ap Chau Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Ap Chau	To improve living conditions	1960	About 20	48	About 200	GLLs issued to individual licence holders
Yuen Long							
1. Chung Hau Tsuen (The Yuen Long Shan Pui Chung Hau Village Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Shan Pui, Yuen Long	Established by the donation of Lutheran World Federation/ Department of World Service, Hong Kong Office	1967	About 400	103	About 220	The GLL was terminated for being affected by the project PWP Item No. 278 CL. The re-issue of GLL is being considered.
Tai Po							
1. Tap Mun Fishermen's New Village (The Tap Mun Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Tap Mun Island	To improve living conditions	1964	Around 50	Around 80	About 200 to 300	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use
2. C.A.R.E. Village (The Tai Po Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited and CARE Village Mutual Aid Committee)	Wong Yi Au, Tai Po Road (Yuen Chau Tsai)	To re-house fishermen's families who lost their boats during typhoon and fire	Mid 1960s to 1970s	Around 800	Around 110	About 200 (Phase 1) to 400 (Phase 2)	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use (The GLL was terminated in May 2005 for being affected by a works project. The re-issue of GLL is being considered.)
3. Sam Mun Tsai Fishermen's New Village (Partly managed by the Tai Po Sam Mun Tsai Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po	To re-house villagers affected by the construction project of Plover Cove Reservoir	1965	About 1 000	163 (36 of which are managed by the Co-operative Society)	The area of the 36 units managed by the Co-operative Society is about 200 sq ft. There is no record on the size of the other units.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partly covered by STTs or GLLs for individual holder's use. - Partly covered by private land. - Partly covered by a GLL for the Co-operative Society's use.

<i>Name of fishermen village (Name of management body)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>	<i>No. of buildings (unit)</i>	<i>Average size of buildings (Area per unit/sq ft)</i>	<i>Land ownership Government Land Licence (GLL)/Short Term Tenancy (STT)</i>
4. Luen Yick Fishermen Village (Hong Kong Kowloon Worker's Mutual Benevolent Co-operative Limited)	Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po	To improve living conditions	1975	About 500	123	About 400 to 700	By GLL for the association's use (The GLL was terminated in August 2000 for being affected by a works project. The re-issue of GLL is being considered.)
Tsuen Wan							
1. Ma Wan Fishermen's New Village	Ma Wan	To re-house villagers from Ma Wan Fishermen's Village (Ma Wan Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited) affected by the implementation of the project of Ma Wan Park Phase 2	2009	About 250	46	About 400	By STT for the individual holder's use
Sha Tin							
1. Ah Kung Kok Fishermen Village	A Kung Kok, Sha Tin	To re-house villagers affected by the reclamation works for building Sha Tin Race Course and Ma On Shan new town	1984	About 400	130	500	Land granted on an individual basis at a concessionary premium
2. To Tau Wan Village	Ma On Shan, Sha Tin	To improve living conditions	Around 1950	About 100	About 30	About 500	The information is not available
Kwai Tsing							
1. Tsing Yi Fishermen's New Village (The Tsuen Wan Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Tsing Yi	Established by the donation of The Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere	Around 1960s	About 240	53	About 400	By STT for the Co-operative Society's use

<i>Name of fishermen village (Name of management body)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>	<i>No. of buildings (unit)</i>	<i>Average size of buildings (Area per unit/sq ft)</i>	<i>Land ownership Government Land Licence (GLL)/Short Term Tenancy (STT)</i>
2. St. Paul's Village (The Tsing Yi St. Paul Village Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Tsing Yi	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1973	About 150	45	About 300	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use
Sai Kung							
1. Kwun Mun Fishermen Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To re-house villagers affected by the construction of the High Island Reservoir	1978	About 200	60	500	Private lot held in multiple ownership
2. Man Yee Fishermen Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To re-house villagers affected by the construction of the High Island Reservoir	1984	Less than 1 000	192	488	Private lot held in multiple ownership
3. Shui Bin Tsuen (The Hang Hau Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Hang Hau, Sai Kung	To improve living conditions	1970s	About 180	65	About 200	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use
4. Tui Min Hoi Fishermen's Village (The Sai Kung District Fishermen's Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To improve living conditions	1963	About 100	20	About 200 to 400	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use
5. St. Peter Village (The Sai Kung St. Peter's Ming Shun Village Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1964	About 180	67	About 100	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use
6. Ming Shun Village (The Sai Kung St. Peter's Ming Shun Village Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1976	About 320	62	About 300	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use

<i>Name of fishermen village (Name of management body)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>	<i>No. of buildings (unit)</i>	<i>Average size of buildings (Area per unit/sq ft)</i>	<i>Land ownership Government Land Licence (GLL)/Short Term Tenancy (STT)</i>
7. Tai Ping Village (The Sai Kung Tai Ping Village Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited)	Po Lo Che, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	Early 1970s	About 700	124	About 300 to 400	By GLL for the Co-operative Society's use

* The Government has not conducted any surveys on the population in fishermen villages.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB078****(Question Serial No. 0476)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Over the years, the Government has been providing funding to District Councils (DCs) for implementation of community involvement projects. DCs are responsible for identifying suitable projects for implementation or sponsorship and examining funding applications. Please list the organisations funded by the 18 DCs respectively in 2020 in 18 separate tables in the format shown below.

	Organisation	Number of applications	Number of successful applications	Total amount of funding approved
1.				
2.				
3.				

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)Reply:

District Councils (DCs) are provided with annual funding to organise and sponsor community involvement (CI) projects. The funding allocated to the 18 DCs in 2020-21 is set out below:

	District Council	Funding for 2020-21 (\$'000)
1.	Central & Western	18,498
2.	Eastern	28,024
3.	Kowloon City	22,102
4.	Kwun Tong	32,490
5.	Sham Shui Po	25,564
6.	Southern	18,158
7.	Wan Chai	16,057
8.	Wong Tai Sin	25,327

	District Council	Funding for 2020-21 (\$'000)
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	23,484
10.	Islands	19,094
11.	Kwai Tsing	27,907
12.	North	24,153
13.	Sai Kung	25,186
14.	Sha Tin	31,962
15.	Tai Po	22,533
16.	Tsuen Wan	20,385
17.	Tuen Mun	28,891
18.	Yuen Long	33,184
19.	Contingency	18,601
	Total :	461,600

DCs may identify and initiate programmes and activities for implementation to meet the needs of their districts. These activities can be organised by DCs and their committees, non-governmental organisations (including district organisations) or government departments.

As there are a large number of CI projects, we do not have readily available information on the details about the organisations funded by the 18 DCs, the number of applications and the funding involved in the current financial year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB079****(Question Serial No. 0491)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Following the epidemic outbreak in Yau Tsim Mong District after December 2020, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The expenditure incurred by the Government for the staff specifically assigned to cater for ethnic minority households. Please provide the hourly rate of the related staff by language and duty:

	Manning the Testing Centres	Conducting door-to-door visits	Others (If any, please specify)
Persons proficient in ethnic minority languages			
Cantonese-speaking persons			
English-speaking persons			
Others			

- (b) The details of the compulsory testing operations in restricted areas, the manpower involved and the details of expenditure as at March 2021.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

- (a) When conducting the enforcement operations on compulsory testing notices and restriction-testing declarations earlier in various districts, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) deployed helpers who can speak Nepali, Urdu or Hindi to serve as a communication link between the staff of respective districts and the ethnic minorities (EM) who do not speak Cantonese or English. EM helpers worked in those districts with relatively more EM residents according to the actual needs to assist the staff in explaining the relevant arrangements to EMs at different locations, such as mobile

specimen collection stations and registration counters, or during home visits. EM helpers were paid an allowance at an hourly rate of \$120. With regard to the operations conducted for compulsory testing notices and restriction-testing declarations in January and February 2021, the total number of service hours is about 7 000 and the total expenditure is about \$840,000.

- (b) From 23 January to 24 February 2021, the Government exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make restriction-testing declarations (declarations) in various districts, requiring people within the specified restricted areas to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing in accordance with the arrangement made by the Government, and conducted enforcement operations after the completion of compulsory testing.

During the above period, a total of 27 declarations and associated enforcement operations were made and conducted in various districts, including Yau Tsim Mong District, Eastern District, Kwun Tong District, Yuen Long District, Sham Shui Po District, Kowloon City District, Tuen Mun District, Sha Tin District and Wong Tai Sin District. In the operations, about 12 700 man-time of civil servants and part-time staff were mobilised and deployed for various tasks, such as conducting home visits in the buildings within the specified restricted areas, arranging for residents to undergo testing at mobile specimen collection stations, registering particulars of residents, distributing supplies and maintaining crowd control, etc. For details of the dates and places of the operations, please visit the webpage https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/compulsorytestingnotice_premises_ENG.pdf.

Civil servants who participated in the operations were from 40 government bureaux and departments, comprising disciplinary forces and civilian staff members, with some of them serving in a voluntary capacity. As civil servants who participated in the operations were from different departments and grades and their working hours varied, expenditure on salaries, time-off or overtime allowances incurred in individual operations by various departments are not readily available. The expenditure involved will be absorbed within the operational expenses of the relevant departments. As for part-time staff, the expenditure incurred by HAD in conducting the operations enforcing the declarations is about \$616,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB080****(Question Serial No. 0516)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or academic institutions that receive funding from the Home Affairs Department (HAD) to specifically provide support programmes to ethnic minority (EM) students from 2014/15 to 2019/20 school years;
- (b) Regarding the support service centres for EMs and the Cross-cultural Learning Youth Programme which provide tutorial classes and language classes for EM youths, please provide the details of each of the programmes, including the name of programme, target group, number of EMs enrolled, number of EMs completing the programme, their Chinese level at completion of programme, amount of funding received, and period covered, in the past 3 years.

Support service/ Type of programme	NGO/ institution	Programme	Target participant	Programme level	No. of enrolment	No. of participants completing the programme	No. of students on the waiting list	Expenditure	Assessment method

- (c) How does HAD monitor the effectiveness of these programmes? Does HAD have a list of indicators to assess the programmes? If yes, please provide the list. If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) How are the students' progress tracked? Does HAD provide assessment tools? If yes, please specify the tools. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

- (a) The services for ethnic minorities (EMs) are provided by different bureaux and departments according to their respective policy purviews. The provision of learning support programmes for EMs is under the purview of the Education Bureau (EDB). The Home Affairs Department (HAD) provides support services for EMs to facilitate their integration into the community. The non-governmental organisations (NGOs) which received funding to provide support services for EM students since the 2014-15 project year are as follows:

Support service	NGO operating the service
Support Service Centres for EMs	International Social Service – Hong Kong Branch Hong Kong Christian Service Christian Action Yuen Long Town Hall New Home Association The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Hong Kong Community Network
Cross-cultural Learning Youth Programme	Caritas-Hong Kong Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
Community Support Teams	Pakistan Islamic Welfare Union of Hong Kong Hong Kong Integrated Nepalese Society
Ambassador Scheme for EM youths	Christian Action New Home Association

- (b) The support service centres for EMs and the Cross-cultural Learning Youth Programme provide learning classes for EM youths from Primary One to Secondary Six. The details of the learning classes provided in the past 3 years are as follows:

Support service	Name of NGO	Learning class	Number of learning classes/ participants in project year ^{Note 1}		
			2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (committed ^{Note 2})
Support Service Centres for EMs	- International Social Service – Hong Kong Branch - Hong Kong Christian Service - Christian Action - Yuen Long Town Hall - New Home Association - The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council - Hong Kong Community Network	After-school tutorial classes	197 classes/ 1 969 participants	172 classes/ 1 375 participants	156 classes/ 1 458 participants
Cross-cultural Learning Youth Programme	- Caritas-Hong Kong - Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	After-school tutorial classes	76 classes/ 768 participants	71 classes/ 664 participants	72 classes/ 720 participants
		Cantonese classes	24 classes/ 354 participants	24 classes/ 290 participants	24 classes/ 360 participants

Note 1 The number of participants in each class may vary, depending on the actual demand. The operating organisations will make appropriate arrangements as far as practicable to meet the demand of those in the queue and therefore HAD does not have information on the number of people on the waiting list.

Note 2 The committed number of learning classes is the baseline of service delivery. Subject to demand, the commissioned organisations may organise additional learning classes, resulting in a higher actual output.

As the expenditure on these learning classes is included in the operating expenses of the support services, a breakdown of the funding involved is not available.

- (c) HAD has been closely monitoring the performance of NGOs commissioned to implement the support services, which include after-school tutorial classes and language classes for EM youths. HAD examines their progress reports and conducts programme observations and review meetings with them. The relevant performance indicators include, among others, the number of learning classes and training hours conducted, enrolment and attendance of students, and the results of users' surveys.
- (d) The tutors of the learning classes will observe and assess students' progress during lessons. As the operating organisations may draw up their own programme contents and teaching plans according to the abilities of students, HAD does not specify any means or tools for assessment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB081****(Question Serial No. 0517)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

One of the tasks of the Home Affairs Bureau is to provide support services for new arrivals from the Mainland and ethnic minorities to facilitate their integration into the community. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the annual expenditures and service details for providing support services for ethnic minorities in each of the past 3 years? Please provide the information in the table below:

Year	Name of support service	Service details	Number of service recipients	Manpower involved	Expenditure

- (b) What are the expenditure and service details for providing support services for ethnic minorities in 2021-22? Please provide the information in the table below:

Year	Name of support service	Service details	Number of service recipients	Manpower involved	Expenditure

- (c) Among the pamphlets published by the Home Affairs Department in the past 3 years, how many of them, in percentage, are also available in minority languages (including Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi (India), Punjabi (Pakistan) and Urdu)?
- (d) How many support service centres for ethnic minorities are there in Hong Kong? What is the ratio between full-time ethnic minority staff and full-time Chinese staff in the support service centres? Please provide the amount of funding, staff establishment and Key Performance Index statistics of each support service centre in the past 5 years and in the coming year; and

- (e) With regard to services of support service centres for ethnic minorities, including outreach services, home visits, case referrals, information seminars/workshops, assistance in completing application forms for government subsidy and allowance, employment support services and escort/interpretation services, please provide information for the past 5 years on (i) number of occasions of services provided; (ii) number of service recipients; (iii) ethnicity of service users; (iv) age distribution of service users; and (v) details of service. If such information is available, please provide a breakdown by year in the table below. If not, what are the reasons? If there are no such services, what are the reasons? Will they be provided in future? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

	Outreach services	Home visits	Case referrals	Information seminars/ Workshops	Assistance in completing application forms for government subsidy and allowance	Employment support services	Escort/ Interpretation services	Other services (Please specify: _____)
No. of occasions of services provided								
No. of service recipients								
Ethnicity of service users								
Details of service								

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

- (a) The details of the support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) provided by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Name of support services	Details of services	Number of service users ^{Note 1}	Manpower involved	Expenditure ^{Note 2} (\$ million)
2018-19	Support services for EMs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 support service centres for EMs (in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing) and 2 sub-centres (in Sham Shui Po and Tung Chung) - 2 community support teams - district-based integration programmes - ambassador scheme - ambassador scheme for EM youths - 5 radio programmes in EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Thai and Urdu) 	228 000	11 civil service staff 4 Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff familiar with EM cultures and languages	56.1

Year	Name of support services	Details of services	Number of service users ^{Note 1}	Manpower involved	Expenditure ^{Note 2} (\$ million)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - language and cross-cultural learning programmes - mobile information service at the airport - guidebooks in English and 6 EM languages (i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai and Urdu) - Harmony Scholarships Scheme 			
2019-20	Support services for EMs	In addition to the services provided in 2018-19, the following enhanced measures were implemented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthening the services in all support service centres and sub-centres for EMs - enhancing the interpretation and translation services in the CHEER Centre - organising more district-based activities 	194 000	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff familiar with EM cultures and languages	83.1
2020-21	Support services for EMs	Same as the services provided in 2019-20	208 000 (estimate)	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff familiar with EM cultures and languages	83.1 (revised estimate)

Note 1 The number of service users is presented on a project year basis.

Note 2 Excluding HAD staff cost.

(b) The details of the support services to be provided for EMs by HAD and the expenditure involved in 2021-22 are as follows:

Year	Name of support services	Details of services	Number of service users ^{Note 1}	Manpower involved	Expenditure ^{Note 2} (\$ million)
2021-22	Support services for EMs	Same as the services provided in 2020-21	209 000 (estimate)	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff familiar with EM cultures and languages	83.1 (estimate)

- (c) HAD produced service guidebooks and pamphlets in English and 6 EM languages (Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Thai, Tagalog and Urdu) and published them online to inform EMs about the services provided by government bureaux and departments as well as non-governmental organisations. Moreover, the Checklists of Measures under the Administrative Guidelines on Promotion of Racial Equality, the information note regarding oath/affirmation service, the pamphlet “How to apply for a Confirmation Notice in respect of small estate” and the pamphlet “How to apply for inspection of or removal of items from bank deposit box” published on HAD website are also available in Chinese, English, Punjabi, Vietnamese and the above 6 EM languages. As for other publications of HAD, Chinese and English versions are provided on a need basis.
- (d) HAD commissioned 7 non-governmental organisations to run the 8 support service centres for EMs in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tung Chung, providing various tailor-made support services to help EMs integrate into the community. There are a total of 74 full-time EM staff and 60 full-time Chinese staff currently employed in these centres. The funding and manpower establishment of the support service centres for EMs for the past 5 project years from 2015-16 project year to 2019-20 project year, the current 2020-21 project year and the coming 2021-22 project year are set out in **Annexes A and B** respectively.

The numbers of target and actual service recipients of the support service centres for EMs by service type for the past 5 project years from 2015-16 project year to 2019-20 project year and the numbers of target service recipients of the support service centres for EMs by service type for the current 2020-21 project year and the coming 2021-22 project year are set out in **Annex C**.

- (e) The services provided by the support service centres for EMs are categorised into 5 service types, i.e. (i) language classes, (ii) after-school tutorial classes, (iii) integration programmes, (iv) counselling, guidance and referral services, and (v) interpretation and translation services (only provided in the CHEER Centre). We do not collect information in the way as set out in the question. The numbers of service recipients of the support service centres for EMs by service type from 2015-16 project year to 2019-20 project year are already provided in **Annex C**.

The numbers of service recipients of support service centres for EMs by ethnicity and age group from 2015-16 project year to 2019-20 project year are set out in **Annexes D and E** respectively.

Funding for support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs)

Centre/ Sub-centre	Annual operating cost (\$ million)						
	2015-16 project year	2016-17 project year	2017-18 project year	2018-19 project year	2019-20 project year	2020-21 project year	2021-22 project year
HOPE Centre	5.43	5.43	5.84	6.04	7.51	7.51	9.10
CHEER Centre*	8.88	8.88	9.65	15.19	23.69	23.69	25.6
SHINE Centre / ONE Centre**	6.59	6.59	7.14	7.54	8.90	8.90	9.05
YLTH Centre	6.57	6.57	7.12	7.42	8.86	8.86	9.10
HOME Centre and Sub-centre	7.19	7.79	7.79	10.05	10.75	11.64	11.64
TOUCH Sub-centre	2.01	2.18	2.18	3.24	3.54	3.84	3.84
LINK Centre	5.10	5.51	5.51	6.60	7.10	7.67	7.67
Total	41.77	42.95	45.23	56.08	70.35	72.11	76.00

* The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services to facilitate EMs' access to public services.

** The SHINE Centre will cease operation in August 2021 and will be replaced by the ONE Centre.

**Manpower establishment of
support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs)**

Centre/ Sub-centre	2015-16 project year	2016-17 project year	2017-18 project year	2018-19 project year	2019-20 project year	2020-21 project year	2021-22 project year
HOPE Centre	12 (11 FT, 1 PT)	12 (11 FT, 1 PT)	12 (11 FT, 1 PT)	12 (11 FT, 1 PT)	14 (14 FT, 0 PT)	14 (14 FT, 0 PT)	15 (15 FT, 0 PT)
CHEER Centre*	34 (31 FT, 3 PT)	34 (31 FT, 3 PT)	33 (31 FT, 2 PT)	45 (45 FT, 0 PT)	53 (53 FT, 0 PT)	53 (53 FT, 0 PT)	55 (55 FT, 0 PT)
SHINE Centre / ONE Centre**	24 (16 FT, 8 PT)	24 (16 FT, 8 PT)	28 (16 FT, 12 PT)	31 (18 FT, 13 PT)	27 (20 FT, 7 PT)	27 (20 FT, 7 PT)	27 (22 FT, 5 PT)
YLTH Centre	22 (17 FT, 5 PT)	22 (17 FT, 5 PT)	22 (15 FT, 7 PT)	25 (17 FT, 8 PT)	26 (15 FT, 11 PT)	26 (15 FT, 11 PT)	26 (16 FT, 10 PT)
HOME Centre and Sub-centre	27 (24 FT, 3 PT)	26 (22 FT, 4 PT)	26 (22 FT, 4 PT)	33 (28 FT, 5 PT)	33 (28 FT, 5 PT)	32 (28 FT, 4 PT)	32 (28 FT, 4 PT)
TOUCH Sub-centre	8 (6 FT, 2 PT)	7 (7 FT, 0 PT)	7 (7 FT, 0 PT)	8 (8 FT, 0 PT)	8 (8 FT, 0 PT)	8 (8 FT, 0 PT)	8 (8 FT, 0 PT)
LINK Centre	19 (18 FT, 1 PT)	19 (14 FT, 5 PT)	19 (14 FT, 5 PT)	23 (17 FT, 6 PT)	23 (17 FT, 6 PT)	22 (16 FT, 6 PT)	22 (16 FT, 6 PT)
Total	146 (123 FT, 23 PT)	144 (118 FT, 26 PT)	147 (116 FT, 31 PT)	177 (144 FT, 33 PT)	184 (155 FT, 29 PT)	182 (154 FT, 28 PT)	185 (160 FT, 25 PT)

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FT – Full-time staff

PT – Part-time staff

**Numbers of target and actual service recipients of
support service centres for ethnic minorities by service type**

(Note: Number of target service recipients in brackets)

2015-16 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2015 to 30 May 2016	5 September 2015 to 4 September 2016	1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016	28 June 2015 to 27 June 2016	11 December 2015 to 10 December 2016	21 December 2015 to 20 December 2016	30 October 2015 to 29 October 2016
Language class	1 168 (1 150)	676 (640)	367 (316)	302 (300)	658 (600)	112 (150)	520 (540)
After-school tutorial class	96 (90)	150 (120)	214 (150)	143 (112)	929 (516)	159 (96)	366 (336)
Integration programme	4 671 (3 859)	9 002 (5 720)	11 575 (7 195)	19 877 (12 070)	15 648 (10 478)	3 714 (1 079)	16 579 (9 495)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	280 (456)	394 (372)	1 456 (1 300)	564 (255)	721 (579)	169 (100)	460 (309)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	4 354 (3 780)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	6 215 (5 555)	14 576 (10 632)	13 612 (8 961)	20 886 (12 737)	17 956 (12 173)	4 154 (1 425)	17 925 (10 680)

2016-17 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2016 to 30 May 2017	5 September 2016 to 4 September 2017	1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017	28 June 2016 to 27 June 2017	11 December 2016 to 10 December 2017	21 December 2016 to 20 December 2017	30 October 2016 to 29 October 2017
Language class	933 (1 150)	648 (640)	335 (316)	278 (300)	718 (600)	133 (150)	597 (540)
After-school tutorial class	158 (90)	158 (120)	229 (150)	116 (112)	992 (516)	224 (96)	355 (348)
Integration programme	5 159 (3 879)	9 499 (5 720)	12 014 (6 895)	19 424 (12 070)	14 906 (11 015)	3 201 (1 079)	12 886 (8 946)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	292 (456)	390 (372)	2 367 (1 300)	650 (255)	772 (486)	352 (100)	510 (309)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	5 077 (3 780)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	6 542 (5 575)	15 772 (10 632)	14 945 (8 661)	20 468 (12 737)	17 388 (12 617)	3 910 (1 425)	14 348 (10 143)

2017-18 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2017 to 30 May 2018	5 September 2017 to 4 September 2018	1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018	28 June 2017 to 27 June 2018	11 December 2017 to 10 December 2018	21 December 2017 to 20 December 2018	30 October 2017 to 29 October 2018
Language class	1 312 (1 150)	667 (640)	236 (316)	278 (300)	720 (600)	127 (150)	514 (540)
After-school tutorial class	131 (90)	141 (130)	249 (290)	124 (112)	895 (516)	168 (96)	406 (348)
Integration programme	6 997 (4 075)	10 163 (5 727)	11 652 (7 728)	20 294 (12 070)	15 336 (11 015)	3 051 (1 079)	12 970 (9 446)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	235 (456)	583 (390)	2 175 (1 300)	498 (295)	647 (486)	218 (100)	539 (309)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	4 768 (3 847)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	8 675 (5 771)	16 322 (10 734)	14 312 (9 634)	21 194 (12 777)	17 598 (12 617)	3 564 (1 425)	14 429 (10 643)

2018-19 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2018 to 30 May 2019	5 September 2018 to 4 September 2019	1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	28 June 2018 to 27 June 2019	11 December 2018 to 10 December 2019	21 December 2018 to 20 December 2019	30 October 2018 to 29 October 2019
Language class	704 (1 150)	561 (640)	353 (316)	280 (300)	615 (600)	131 (80)	267 (270)
After-school tutorial class	132 (90)	131 (130)	258 (290)	142 (112)	798 (516)	191 (96)	317 (324)
Integration programme	5 693 (4 045)	10 807 (6 721)	16 710 (7 526)	18 235 (12 165)	16 576 (12 402)	3 902 (1 895)	10 821 (9 725)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	132 (456)	638 (438)	2 280 (1 300)	518 (303)	523 (457)	321 (100)	464 (340)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	6 124 (4 616)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	6 661 (5 741)	18 261 (12 545)	19 601 (9 432)	19 175 (12 880)	18 512 (13 975)	4 545 (2 171)	11 869 (10 659)

2019-20 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020
Language class	939 (1 150)	436 (640)	299 (348)	238 (270)	343 (600)	64 (80)	279 (270)
After-school tutorial class	104 (60)	135 (140)	260 (210)	167 (112)	347 (516)	96 (96)	266 (324)
Integration programme	4 069 (4 919)	12 909 (8 331)	9 951 (8 458)	14 635 (11 600)	18 192 (13 530)	3 966 (2 927)	8 511 (11 243)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	80 (456)	726 (522)	4 108 (1 300)	389 (335)	601 (457)	73 (100)	501 (340)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	7 461 (6 256)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	5 192 (6 585)	21 667 (15 889)	14 618 (10 316)	15 429 (12 317)	19 483 (15 103)	4 199 (3 203)	9 557 (12 177)

2020-21 project year (target service recipients)

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2020 to 30 May 2021	5 September 2020 to 4 September 2021	1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021	28 June 2020 to 27 June 2021	11 December 2020 to 10 December 2021	21 December 2020 to 20 December 2021	30 October 2020 to 29 October 2021
Language class	(1 150)	(640)	(348)	(270)	(600)	(80)	(270)
After-school tutorial class	(60)	(140)	(210)	(112)	(516)	(96)	(324)
Integration programme	(4 989)	(8 331)	(8 458)	(11 600)	(13 955)	(3 427)	(11 134)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	(456)	(522)	(1 300)	(335)	(497)	(177)	(490)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	(6 256)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	(6 655)	(15 889)	(10 316)	(12 317)	(15 568)	(3 780)	(12 218)

2021-22 project year (target service recipients)

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	ONE Centre*	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2021 to 30 May 2022	5 September 2021 to 4 September 2022	1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022	28 June 2021 to 27 June 2022	11 December 2021 to 10 December 2022	21 December 2021 to 20 December 2022	30 October 2021 to 29 October 2022
Language class	(860)	(570)	(450)	(270)	(600)	(80)	(270)
After-school tutorial class	(72)	(150)	(336)	(108)	(516)	(96)	(324)
Integration programme	(5 420)	(9 193)	(8 331)	(8 662)	(13 955)	(3 452)	(11 384)
Counselling, guidance and referral service	(816)	(820)	(1 000)	(565)	(497)	(177)	(490)
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	(7 620)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	(7 168)	(18 353)	(10 117)	(9 605)	(15 568)	(3 805)	(12 468)

* The SHINE Centre will cease operation in August 2021 and will be replaced by the ONE Centre.

**Number of service recipients of
support service centres for ethnic minorities by ethnicity**

2015-16 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2015 to 30 May 2016	5 September 2015 to 4 September 2016	1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016	28 June 2015 to 27 June 2016	11 December 2015 to 10 December 2016	21 December 2015 to 20 December 2016	30 October 2015 to 29 October 2016
Indian	941	197	958	302	689	366	737
Nepalese	954	905	2 170	4 289	5 125	657	454
Pakistani	401	952	2 257	2 050	6 529	2 456	14 470
Filipino	1 549	264	218	210	123	492	4
Indonesian	926	1 710	241	3 863	102	74	4
Thai	221	152	35	6	17	34	38
Others	319	55	2 539	926	1 032	75	145
Not known*	904	10 341	5 194	9 240	4 339	0	2 073
Total	6 215	14 576	13 612	20 886	17 956	4 154	17 925

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

2016-17 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2016 to 30 May 2017	5 September 2016 to 4 September 2017	1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017	28 June 2016 to 27 June 2017	11 December 2016 to 10 December 2017	21 December 2016 to 20 December 2017	30 October 2016 to 29 October 2017
Indian	1 116	418	1 279	263	610	357	1 076
Nepalese	736	1 061	2 862	4 997	6 117	546	879
Pakistani	626	1 286	2 295	1 956	5 586	2 313	8 164
Filipino	1 553	644	421	390	266	344	29
Indonesian	506	1 780	945	4 092	65	78	3
Thai	133	179	124	8	2	5	4
Others	439	1 033	3 218	1 422	1 245	129	3 554
Not known*	1 433	9 371	3 801	7 340	3 497	138	639
Total	6 542	15 772	14 945	20 468	17 388	3 910	14 348

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

2017-18 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2017 to 30 May 2018	5 September 2017 to 4 September 2018	1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018	28 June 2017 to 27 June 2018	11 December 2017 to 10 December 2018	21 December 2017 to 20 December 2018	30 October 2017 to 29 October 2018
Indian	1 261	192	986	256	716	307	961
Nepalese	1 921	541	2 545	4 716	5 355	288	518
Pakistani	850	1 007	2 624	2 182	5 522	2 303	9 802
Filipino	2 915	618	405	260	347	469	115
Indonesian	605	1 580	332	4 379	112	97	67
Thai	216	90	22	49	27	2	35
Others	759	1 347	6 980	2 320	1 673	98	2 827
Not known*	148	10 947	418	7 032	3 846	0	104
Total	8 675	16 322	14 312	21 194	17 598	3 564	14 429

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

2018-19 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2018 to 30 May 2019	5 September 2018 to 4 September 2019	1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	28 June 2018 to 27 June 2019	11 December 2018 to 10 December 2019	21 December 2018 to 20 December 2019	30 October 2018 to 29 October 2019
Indian	1 084	302	1 281	233	1 043	181	725
Nepalese	1 346	601	2 618	4 662	5 823	381	463
Pakistani	1 065	634	2 558	1 867	5 433	2 529	8 839
Filipino	2 045	867	246	288	546	408	113
Indonesian	326	1 043	395	2 293	184	27	41
Thai	137	124	111	22	34	5	35
Others	578	3 870	8 044	1 687	1 850	440	1 648
Not known*	80	10 820	4 348	8 123	3 599	574	5
Total	6 661	18 261	19 601	19 175	18 512	4 545	11 869

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

2019-20 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020
Indian	1 379	521	718	243	2 017	404	1 976
Nepalese	550	434	1 953	4 403	5 710	160	2 695
Pakistani	567	780	1 927	1 825	4 866	1 461	3 497
Filipino	1 588	435	151	359	198	378	18
Indonesian	298	535	109	1 827	144	771	18
Thai	74	478	39	32	19	192	50
Others	717	16 594	8 813	6 287	6 174	72	1 303
Not known*	19	1 890	908	453	355	761	0
Total	5 192	21 667	14 618	15 429	19 483	4 199	9 557

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

**Number of service recipients of
support service centres for ethnic minorities by age group**

2015-16 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2015 to 30 May 2016	5 September 2015 to 4 September 2016	1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016	28 June 2015 to 27 June 2016	11 December 2015 to 10 December 2016	21 December 2015 to 20 December 2016	30 October 2015 to 29 October 2016
≤ 10	1 079	502	1 747	1 485	5 012	1 548	5 437
11 – 20	653	1 104	2 636	2 508	4 653	1 423	8 967
21 – 30	928	876	625	1 473	1 021	178	655
31 – 40	1 553	1 191	1 291	2 781	1 794	756	498
41 – 50	937	398	621	1 355	323	181	143
51 – 60	261	93	307	593	99	48	26
≥ 61	57	277	654	405	511	20	70
Not known*	747	10 135	5 731	10 286	4 543	0	2 129
Total	6 215	14 576	13 612	20 886	17 956	4 154	17 925

* Age group of some service recipients is not known.

2016-17 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2016 to 30 May 2017	5 September 2016 to 4 September 2017	1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017	28 June 2016 to 27 June 2017	11 December 2016 to 10 December 2017	21 December 2016 to 20 December 2017	30 October 2016 to 29 October 2017
≤ 10	893	477	2 450	1 822	5 375	1 337	2 789
11 – 20	726	2 103	2 922	2 005	4 445	1 386	4 577
21 – 30	793	878	828	1 106	864	143	1 387
31 – 40	1 596	1 355	1 176	3 112	1 835	723	920
41 – 50	845	461	533	1 595	406	147	205
51 – 60	230	145	504	460	167	25	74
≥ 61	39	166	1 249	339	519	11	34
Not known*	1 420	10 187	5 283	10 029	3 777	138	4 362
Total	6 542	15 772	14 945	20 468	17 388	3 910	14 348

* Age group of some service recipients is not known.

2017-18 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2017 to 30 May 2018	5 September 2017 to 4 September 2018	1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018	28 June 2017 to 27 June 2018	11 December 2017 to 10 December 2018	21 December 2017 to 20 December 2018	30 October 2017 to 29 October 2018
≤ 10	1 107	431	2 536	1 376	5 521	1 305	2 970
11 – 20	3 247	2 165	2 961	2 213	4 264	1 227	5 269
21 – 30	973	764	1 024	887	1 064	191	1 655
31 – 40	1 868	1 232	1 072	2 717	1 819	600	1 206
41 – 50	950	529	587	1 136	470	177	598
51 – 60	367	159	367	386	191	51	252
≥ 61	70	8	1 114	446	471	13	165
Not known*	93	11 034	4 651	12 033	3 798	0	2 314
Total	8 675	16 322	14 312	21 194	17 598	3 564	14 429

* Age group of some service recipients is not known.

2018-19 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2018 to 30 May 2019	5 September 2018 to 4 September 2019	1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	28 June 2018 to 27 June 2019	11 December 2018 to 10 December 2019	21 December 2018 to 20 December 2019	30 October 2018 to 29 October 2019
≤ 10	998	545	3 084	1 638	5 208	1 796	3 292
11 – 20	2 515	1 198	3 062	2 848	4 993	1 218	3 841
21 – 30	663	523	1 081	1 073	1 430	177	1 777
31 – 40	1 199	1 248	1 526	2 304	2 313	429	956
41 – 50	734	507	632	1 214	311	177	420
51 – 60	360	206	307	457	97	39	147
≥ 61	104	9	603	414	667	12	62
Not known*	88	14 025	9 306	9 227	3 493	697	1 374
Total	6 661	18 261	19 601	19 175	18 512	4 545	11 869

* Age group of some service recipients is not known.

2019-20 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020
≤ 10	810	825	2 502	2 153	4 011	1 016	2 844
11 – 20	1 273	403	2 576	1 514	4 867	1 135	2 844
21 – 30	670	549	524	1 062	2 209	283	807
31 – 40	1 298	924	636	2 485	2 485	405	1 597
41 – 50	697	497	376	565	496	331	460
51 – 60	284	147	131	300	122	117	171
≥ 61	113	27	511	271	508	105	87
Not known*	47	18 295	7 362	7 079	4 785	807	747
Total	5 192	21 667	14 618	15 429	19 483	4 199	9 557

* Age group of some service recipients is not known.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB082

(Question Serial No. 1811)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) In respect of the funding allocated by the Home Affairs Department to the 18 District Councils for procuring anti-epidemic supplies in the last financial year, please advise on the details of the expenditure involved, including the amount of expenditure, and the type and quantity of supplies procured;
- (b) Please provide a list of the District Council members or voluntary organisations that received the anti-epidemic supplies, the quantity, and the number of beneficiaries;
- (c) Has any provision been earmarked for procuring anti-epidemic supplies in this financial year? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

- (a) The amount of funding allocated to the 18 District Councils (DCs) under the community involvement (CI) programme in the 2020-21 financial year was \$461.6 million. DCs may identify and initiate programmes and activities for implementation to meet the needs of their districts. As there are a large number of CI projects, we do not have readily available information about the details of the funds approved by the 18 DCs to meet the expenditure on procuring anti-epidemic supplies, and the types and quantities of items procured in the past financial year.
- (b) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) arranged for distribution of anti-epidemic supplies to people in need having regard to the actual circumstances and district needs, mainly through the 18 District Offices (DOs) or DCs, district organisations, social welfare organisations, voluntary organisations, kaifong welfare associations, and other major community organisations such as clansmen associations and Rural Committees. As there are a large number of activities for distributing anti-epidemic supplies, we do not have readily available information about the quantity of anti-epidemic supplies allocated to DC members or voluntary organisations in the past financial year.

- (c) HAD and DOs will procure anti-epidemic supplies having regard to operational needs in the 2021-22 financial year. The expenditure involved will be absorbed within the operating expenses of the Department.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB083

(Question Serial No. 1883)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What are the number and prices of face masks which have been distributed to community organisations such as District Councils, district organisations, social welfare organisations, voluntary organisations, kaifong welfare associations, clansmen associations and Rural Committees respectively by the Home Affairs Department, and the expenditures involved from the last financial year to date?
- (b) Has the Department earmarked any provision for distributing face masks to community organisations in this financial year? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

- (a) In 2020-21, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) distributed about 32.33 million Government-procured face masks to people in need and residents through the 18 District Offices or District Councils, district organisations, social welfare organisations, voluntary organisations, kaifong welfare associations, clansmen associations and Rural Committees, etc. The departmental expenditure involved was about \$4.91 million.
- (b) In 2021-22, HAD will decide whether to continue the distribution of face masks to community organisations having regard to community need and the epidemic situation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB084

(Question Serial No. 1886)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Workgroup on Public Participation (the Workgroup) led by the Secretary for Home Affairs is one of the Workgroups under the Steering Committee cum Command Centre chaired by the Chief Executive. Please advise on the area of work, staff establishment and estimated expenditure on emoluments of the Workgroup; and the policy initiatives, staff establishment and estimated expenditure with respect to the anti-epidemic efforts of the Home Affairs Bureau in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has adopted 3 key principles, namely speed, rigour and transparency, to meet this public health challenge, and relied on science and the advice of world-renowned experts in developing its response. All Government bureaux and relevant units have stepped up their efforts on all fronts in preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19.

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and departments under its purview have been closely monitoring the development of the pandemic and endeavouring to continue providing public services to members of the public while fighting the virus. Upon implementation of targeted measures to reduce social contact and infection control measures to protect the health of our staff and members of the public, we have progressed from providing only emergency and essential services to gradually resuming full public services.

As regards HAB, we cancelled our organised or sponsored public events that would attract a large number of people, and made flexible work arrangements for our staff in order to achieve social distancing and contain the public health risk. We have also implemented various infection control measures in our offices to reduce the risks of infection and the spread of the virus.

Regarding support at the district level, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has provided telephone hotline services for people on home quarantine and arranged for evacuation and

compulsory quarantine for residents of affected buildings in collaboration with other relevant departments when necessary. Taking into account the situation of individual districts, HAD has also distributed sanitary packs to residents in need and enhanced its cleaning operations for streets, canopies and “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have owners’ corporations or any forms of residents’ organisations, and do not engage property management companies) to improve environmental hygiene. Moreover, District Offices (DOs) are responsible for coordinating testing arrangements upon the issue of compulsory testing notices, including liaising closely with local residents, coordinating the setting up of mobile specimen collection stations by testing contractors, arranging for registration of residents undergoing compulsory testing, conducting joint enforcement actions, as well as providing assistance and counselling support for those in need.

Amid the outbreak of the third wave of the pandemic, HAD promptly liaised with the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society Kowloon to provide immediate assistance for elderly singletons and families of elderly doubletons in need. In July and August 2020, more than 50 000 food packs were provided to the needy elderly living in Kowloon East. Moreover, during the fourth wave of the pandemic, HAD distributed 5 000 soup packs to the residents evacuated and under compulsory quarantine and showed care for the elderly affected in Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing.

In addition, taking into account the development of the pandemic, the Government announced a number of measures on the disease control requirements for catering premises and designated business premises, as well as statutory measures to enhance social distancing in public places. HAD has strengthened manpower support so as to step up inspections of clubhouses, hotels/guesthouses, amusement game centres and mahjong/tin kau premises, and conducted joint inspections with the Hong Kong Police Force as appropriate to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements and directions. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has also deployed staff to inspect the licensed premises under the Places of Amusement Regulation (Cap.132 BA) to ensure the licensees concerned strictly comply with the conditions set for opening of the premises.

HAB has also fully made use of the existing manpower resources to proactively support the Universal Community Testing Programme and the Community Vaccination Programme as well as the operations on the restriction-testing declarations in specified “restricted areas” and associated enforcement operations.

The Workgroup on Public Participation (the Workgroup) led by the Secretary for Home Affairs is committed to supporting the work of the Steering Committee cum Command Centre. The Workgroup has been encouraging the community to take part in activities to fight the virus in collaboration with various sectors on different platforms and aspects, with special attention paid to the elderly, the underprivileged, and the diligent frontline staff fighting the virus. The Workgroup has promoted and publicised anti-epidemic messages at multiple levels, and provided or encouraged different sectors in the community to provide material assistance at the onset of the pandemic. Its work includes strengthening community publicity and participation, co-ordinating the distribution of donated materials, and mobilising volunteers to assist in anti-epidemic work, targeting at individual sectors and the district level.

The Workgroup has focused its efforts on the anti-epidemic work for the property management sector, which includes, among others, overseeing the implementation of the Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector under the Anti-epidemic Fund by the Property Management Services Authority, with the aim to expedite approval of applications, strengthen publicity and enhance transparency. The Workgroup has also organised activities with the transport sector to distribute materials, and worked with the cultural, legal and other professional sectors to encourage members of the public to face the pandemic positively through music, videos and social media platforms.

On the work at the district level, the Workgroup has directed HAD and DOs to provide free cleaning services for old buildings in need, particularly “three-nil” buildings, through different arrangements according to the actual circumstances, and call on the residents to join hands to fight the virus by keeping good environmental hygiene. From December 2019 to 14 February 2021, HAD and DOs provided around 4 600 times of cleaning service to over 2 200 “three-nil” buildings. As the pandemic persists, some buildings (including “three-nil” buildings) have reported confirmed cases or been subject to compulsory testing. HAD has been providing one-off enhanced cleaning service to buildings in need since 25 January 2021. As at 14 February 2021, HAD has provided enhanced cleaning service to over 140 buildings (about half of which were “three-nil” buildings). Moreover, HAD has also strengthened the publicity work in rural areas, and cleaned hygiene blackspots in rural villages and distributed anti-epidemic supplies with the aid of the Heung Yee Kuk and Rural Committees.

As regards community publicity and participation, the Workgroup has launched all-round promotion of anti-epidemic information, and successfully mobilised various sectors in the community by soliciting the support from major charitable organisations, associations, district organisations and community organisations for promoting city-wide participation in fighting the virus. It is noted that hundreds of anti-epidemic activities were carried out by various organisations to distribute face masks and other anti-epidemic supplies to members of the public. In addition, in order to enhance the interaction with young people, HAB and the Youth Development Commission have made a series of COVID-19 Q&A with Young People videos to answer the enquiries from young people and shared information on combating the pandemic, injecting positive energy into society.

During the pandemic, the Government has received about 7.7 million donated face masks and the Workgroup was tasked to distribute the materials to members of the public in need. HAD has passed on the majority of the face masks to the underprivileged, the elderly, low income families/persons and patients’ organisations, etc., through various channels, and has given away some of the donated masks through the Education Bureau to students in need.

In addition, in order to provide operational and administrative support for relevant government departments/non-governmental organisations, HAB has recruited more than 1 000 volunteers from the community through different networks to provide volunteer services.

The expenditure and manpower involved in the anti-epidemic work of HAB are absorbed by existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB085

(Question Serial No. 2280)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to require people within the specified “restricted areas” to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of times the Home Affairs Department took part in the compulsory testing operations in the specified “restricted areas”, and the details of staffing establishment and expenditure on salaries and allowances of the manpower involved in each operation;
- (b) the area, number of residents, number of people underwent testing, number of confirmed cases and testing costs involved in each operation; and
- (c) the details of resources distributed in each operation in terms of type, quantity and value.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

From 23 January to 24 February 2021, the Government exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make restriction-testing declarations (declarations) in various districts, requiring people within the specified restricted areas to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing in accordance with the arrangement made by the Government, and conducted enforcement operations after the completion of compulsory testing.

During the above period, a total of 27 declarations and associated enforcement operations were made and conducted in various districts, including Yau Tsim Mong District, Eastern District, Kwun Tong District, Yuen Long District, Sham Shui Po District, Kowloon City District, Tuen Mun District, Sha Tin District and Wong Tai Sin District. In the operations, about 12 700 man-time of civil servants and part-time staff were mobilised and deployed for

various tasks, such as conducting home visits in the buildings within the specified restricted areas, arranging for residents to undergo testing at mobile specimen collection stations, registering particulars of residents, distributing supplies and maintaining crowd control, etc. For details of the dates and places of the operations, please visit the webpage https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/compulsorytestingnotice_premises_ENG.pdf.

Civil servants who participated in the operations were from 40 government bureaux and departments, comprising disciplinary forces and civilian staff members, with some of them serving in a voluntary capacity. As civil servants who participated in the operations were from different departments and grades and their working hours varied, expenditure on salaries and allowances incurred in the operations by various departments are not readily available. As for part-time staff, the expenditure incurred by the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in conducting the operations enforcing the declarations is about \$616,000.

During the operations enforcing the declarations, about 25 000 persons underwent testing in the specified restricted areas with 20 confirmed cases identified. As the testing was not funded by HAD, we do not have information on the testing costs.

During the periods when the declarations were in effect, HAD not only provided simple food (e.g. bread, cake, cup noodles, canned food, corn kernels and soy milk) for persons within the specified restricted areas, but also supplied them with anti-epidemic items including masks, bleach and hand sanitiser to help them fight against the virus. As the supplies were distributed to residents by District Offices in various types of anti-epidemic operations, HAD does not have information on the quantities and values of the supplies distributed in the operations enforcing the declarations.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB086****(Question Serial No. 1563)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 of the Programme that the Home Affairs Department will “continue to implement the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme by providing funds to eligible organisations to set up or scale up social enterprises (SEs) targeting the socially disadvantaged to enhance their self-reliance and facilitate their integration into the community”. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) The number of SEs set up with government funds in each of the past 3 years and the expenditure involved.
- (b) The number of SEs funded by the ESR Programme in each of the 18 districts and the number of disabled persons employed.
- (c) The number of SEs that ceased operation within (i) 3 years, (ii) 4 years and (iii) 5 years after they were set up in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)Reply:

- (a) The number of social enterprises (SEs) set up with the grant of the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme and the grants allocated to them in each of the past 3 financial years are tabulated below:

Financial year	Number of funded SEs	Amount of grant (\$ million)
2018-19	13	26.3
2019-20	13	26.8
2020-21	14	26.5
Total	40	79.6

- (b) Since its launch in 2006, 245 SE projects have been approved under the ESR Programme. Their distribution by district of operation is tabulated below:

District of operation	Number of SEs
Yau Tsim Mong	5
Sham Shui Po	9
Kwun Tong	11
Central and Western	6
Eastern	7
Southern	2
Wong Tai Sin	2
Kowloon City	7
Wan Chai	10
Yuen Long	18
Tuen Mun	16
Tsuen Wan	10
Islands	5
Tai Po	7
Sha Tin	11
Kwai Tsing	7
Sai Kung	3
North	2
Cross-districts/Territory-wide	107
Total	245

The ESR Programme funds SEs which employ socially disadvantaged groups whose access to employment opportunities is limited because of their identity as members of certain social groups. These social groups include people with disabilities, unengaged youth, underprivileged women, ex-offenders, elderly and ethnic minorities, etc. The Home Affairs Department does not maintain the employment figures of individual socially disadvantaged groups.

- (c) In the past 3 financial years, no SE funded by the ESR Programme ceased operation during the first 3-year funding period, while 4 SEs and 1 SE ceased operation within 1 year and 2 years after the funding period respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB087

(Question Serial No. 1581)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21” under this Programme that the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will “continue to strengthen the support for property owners and residents of private buildings on building management matters, including regularisation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) to support owners of old buildings in need, in particular buildings which do not have owners’ corporations or any residents’ organisations, or do not engage any property management companies”. Will the Government advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the expenditure for each of the past 3 phases of the BMPASS?
- (b) In view of the regularisation of the BMPASS, has HAD conducted any comprehensive reviews of the effectiveness of and the experience gained from the implementation of the BMPASS, and decided on the way forward for the scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the first, second and third phases of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) in 2011, 2014 and 2017 respectively. The expenditures for implementing the 3 phases were about \$48 million, \$58 million and \$64 million respectively.
- (b) HAD will regularise the BMPASS to support owners of old buildings in need, in particular those living in “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have owners’ corporations (OCs) or any residents’ organisations, and do not engage property management companies), by providing services such as assistance in OC formation. HAD is reviewing the scheme in the light of the effectiveness of and the experience gained in the past 3 phases as well as suggestions received through relevant channels, and working out details of the regularised scheme accordingly. HAD will

commission property management companies through open tender to provide the services. Our target is to launch the regularised scheme within 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB088

(Question Serial No. 0500)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Memorial Monument for Wu Kau Tang Martyrs in the North District and the Memorial Monument for Sai Kung Martyrs in Tsam Chuk Wan, which are on the list of State Facilities and Sites Marking the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, were vandalised last year. Is there any plan for their long-term protection? If yes, what is the plan? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The Memorial Monument for Sai Kung Martyrs in Tsam Chuk Wan was completed in January 1989 by the Sai Kung Rural Committee ("Rural Committee"). The site where it is situated (of about 985 m²) has been granted to the Rural Committee at a nominal rent since September 1988. While the routine management and maintenance of the monument has been taken charge of by the Rural Committee since its completion, the Government also works closely with the Rural Committee for its maintenance. Shortly after the monument was graffitied on 29 September 2019, the Rural Committee arranged for the cleaning and presentation of flower bouquets. The Government will keep in contact with the Rural Committee on the maintenance of the monument and render appropriate assistance in this respect if necessary.

The Memorial Monument for Wu Kau Tang Martyrs was erected at Bride's Pool Road in September 2010 with the funds endorsed by the North District Council under the District Minor Works Programme in July 2009. The monument was cleaned by the North District Office, which arranges for regular cleaning and maintenance of the monument, after it was graffitied in September 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB089****(Question Serial No. 1614)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Local Environmental ImprovementsControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding district minor works, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What was the number of applications for each of the 18 districts in each of the past 5 years?
- (b) What was the number of applications approved for each of the 18 districts in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 74)Reply:

The District Minor Works (DMW) programme aims to provide fund to the implementation of minor works in the 18 districts to improve local facilities, living environment and hygiene conditions in the territory. The number of projects included for implementation under the DMW programme in each of the past 5 years is set out by district below. As for the number of DMW projects proposed for each district, we do not keep the relevant information.

District	Number of projects included for implementation under the DMW programme				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Central & Western	20	21	13	27	12
Eastern	19	18	23	23	15
Southern	65	30	28	20	13
Wan Chai	13	9	11	13	5
Kowloon City	38	49	39	40	17
Kwun Tong	48	33	34	36	17
Sham Shui Po	31	28	29	35	17
Wong Tai Sin	11	16	21	19	8

District	Number of projects included for implementation under the DMW programme				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Yau Tsim Mong	10	5	32	27	17
Islands	25	17	44	29	25
Kwai Tsing	36	57	52	38	10
North	22	14	42	33	12
Sai Kung	17	25	31	27	11
Sha Tin	6	24	43	20	6
Tuen Mun	26	14	22	20	15
Tai Po	16	21	31	29	18
Tsuen Wan	44	34	40	40	23
Yuen Long	23	16	31	29	30
Total	470	431	566	505	271

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB090

(Question Serial No. 1615)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the applications for procuring anti-epidemic items approved by the District Councils, please advise on:

- (a) the number of anti-epidemic masks and disinfectant products applied for in the 18 districts respectively in 2020;
- (b) the respective amounts of funds applied for and the respective unspent balances; and
- (c) the list of the suppliers providing anti-epidemic masks and disinfectant products for the 18 districts respectively.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 75)

Reply:

The amount of funding allocated to the 18 District Councils (DCs) under the community involvement (CI) programme in the 2020-21 financial year was \$461.6 million. DCs may identify and initiate programmes and activities for implementation to meet the needs of their districts. As there are a large number of CI projects, we do not have readily available information about the amount of funds approved by the 18 DCs for the procurement of anti-epidemic masks and disinfectant products, the number of anti-epidemic items procured and the suppliers involved in the past financial year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB091

(Question Serial No. 1616)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding district minor works, please inform this Committee of the following:

How long did it take on average for planning a District Council project in the 18 districts in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

Regarding works projects included for implementation under the “District Minor Works programme” over the past 5 years, it took about 6 months on average for pre-construction planning (e.g. feasibility study, design, district consultation and/or tender preparation) and the time required for individual works projects varied mainly with their nature and scale. When conducting district consultation, the lead department will inform District Councils (DCs) of the tentative implementation schedule of the works projects and update them on the latest progress of each project through the relevant DC committees concerned from time to time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB092

(Question Serial No. 2475)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) What is the current number of “three-nil” buildings in the territory? Please provide a breakdown by District Council district.
- (b) How many owners’ corporations have been formed and re-activated with the assistance of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS)? Please provide a breakdown by District Council district.
- (c) How many Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs) have been recruited under the RLA Scheme?
- (d) Have any reviews been conducted on the effectiveness of implementing (i) the BMPASS and (ii) the RLA Scheme? If yes, what are the outcomes of the reviews? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) What support services (such as promptly conducting cleaning and disinfection operations in the common areas of the buildings) have been provided to those “three-nil” buildings with confirmed cases since the outbreak of COVID-19?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

- (a) As at December 2020, there were about 41 600 private buildings in Hong Kong, of which about 4 900 were “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have owners’ corporations (OCs) or any form of residents’ organisations, and do not engage property management companies (PMCs)). The breakdown by district is set out at **Annex A**.

- (b) to (d) To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, as well as buildings with OCs but the management committees of which are defunct, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has implemented 3 phases of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) since November 2011 to commission PMCs to provide owners of old buildings in need, in particular those of “three-nil” buildings, with a range of free professional advisory and follow-up services on building management.

Under the BMPASS, the scope of services provided by the PMCs commissioned mainly includes conducting household visits and contacting owners directly; producing building management audit reports on common parts; assisting in the recruitment of Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs); facilitating the formation or re-activation of OCs; assisting OCs in applying for various subsidy and loan schemes for maintenance works, and following up on building/window inspections, maintenance works and matters relating to tenders, etc.; and assisting OCs in the procurement of third party risks insurance. BMPASS Phase 3 was completed in December 2020.

The BMPASS has been welcomed by owners of target buildings and relevant members of the community, who consider that the scheme has helped owners of old buildings improve building management, living environment and building safety. From November 2011 to December 2020, the PMCs commissioned under the BMPASS reached out to about 3 800 buildings (involving 58 000 units), encompassing all eligible “three-nil” buildings under the scheme, and successfully made around 17 900 household visits. The key results are summarised as follows:

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
No. of OCs formed/re-activated [#]	157	194	189
No. of buildings with assistance provided in applying for maintenance loan/subsidy	88	98	182
No. of buildings with assistance provided in engaging consultants/contractors for maintenance works	68	73	102
No. of buildings with assistance provided in procuring third party risks insurance	N.A. ^{##}	130	150
No. of RLAs recruited	N.A. ^{##}	1 255	1 434

[#] The breakdown by district is set out at **Annex B**.

^{##} The PMCs commissioned are responsible for assisting OCs in procuring third party risks insurance and recruiting RLAs starting from Phase 2 of the BMPASS.

In addition, HAD launched the RLA Scheme in November 2011 to recruit owners or tenants who live in “three-nil” buildings of 30 years or above as RLAs to establish a resident liaison network for promoting the message of effective building management. Currently, there are about 3 400 RLAs (excluding those who have discontinued their participation due to moving out of the buildings or other personal reasons), and as at December 2020, 505 OCs were formed with RLAs’ involvement.

With the continuing efforts in promoting better building management and the support services mentioned above, the number of “three-nil” buildings has decreased gradually over the years, from about 6 600 in mid-2011 to about 4 900 in December 2020. HAD is reviewing the BMPASS in the light of the effectiveness of and the experience gained in the past 3 phases as well as suggestions received through relevant channels, and working out details of the regularised scheme accordingly. HAD will commission PMCs through open tender to provide the services. Our target is to launch the regularised scheme within 2021.

- (e) Private buildings are owners’ properties. Building management and maintenance of building hygiene are the responsibilities of property owners. On the other hand, maintaining building hygiene can enhance residents’ quality of life and help reduce the risk of spreading and infecting COVID-19. To demonstrate good building management, HAD and District Offices (DOs) have been providing one-off cleaning service to old buildings in need, including “three-nil” buildings, through various arrangements (including the District-led Actions Scheme) having regard to actual circumstances, and calling on the residents to keep good environmental hygiene. From 1 December 2019 to 14 February 2021, HAD and DOs provided around 4 600 times of cleaning service to over 2 200 “three-nil” buildings. The expenditure involved was about \$19.8 million.

As the pandemic persists, some buildings (including “three-nil” buildings) have reported confirmed cases or been subject to compulsory testing. HAD has been providing one-off enhanced cleaning service to buildings in need since 25 January 2021. As at 14 February 2021, HAD has provided enhanced cleaning service to over 140 buildings (about half of which were “three-nil” buildings). The expenditure involved was about \$550,000.

HAD and DOs will, having regard to the development of the pandemic and the actual needs, review the arrangement from time to time in order to provide support to “three-nil” buildings and to raise the awareness of the relevant owners and residents of the importance of good building management.

**Number of “three-nil” buildings by district
(as at December 2020)**

District	Number of “three-nil” buildings*
Central & Western	721
Eastern	103
Southern	255
Wan Chai	537
Kowloon City	704
Kwun Tong	44
Sham Shui Po	608
Wong Tai Sin	52
Yau Tsim Mong	710
Islands	12
Kwai Tsing	35
North	367
Sai Kung	142
Sha Tin	13
Tai Po	208
Tsuen Wan	122
Tuen Mun	36
Yuen Long	252
Total	4 921

* Figures are based on information obtained by staff of HAD through day-to-day liaison.

Annex B to Reply Serial No. HAB092

**Number of owners' corporations (OCs) formed/re-activated with assistance of
Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme
(as at December 2020)**

District	No. of OCs formed/re-activated
Central & Western	56
Eastern	14
Southern	11
Wan Chai	46
Kowloon City	103
Kwun Tong	5
Sham Shui Po	94
Wong Tai Sin	13
Yau Tsim Mong	119
Islands ^{Note}	0
Kwai Tsing	4
North	12
Sai Kung ^{Note}	0
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po	29
Tsuen Wan	14
Tuen Mun	7
Yuen Long	12
Total	540

Note There was no eligible “three-nil” building in Islands District and Sai Kung.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB093

(Question Serial No. 2569)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What efforts has the Government made to promote the Administrative Guidelines on Best Practices on Building Management (the Administrative Guidelines) and what is the expenditure involved? How many owners' corporations and owners' committees have adopted the Administrative Guidelines so far?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) published the Administrative Guidelines on Best Practices on Building Management (the Administrative Guidelines) and the Checklist on Procedural Propriety on Building Management (the Checklist) in January and February 2019 respectively. The Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist contain best practices related to different areas of building management for the reference of owners, owners' corporations (OCs), owners' committees (OComms), Deed of Mutual Covenant (DMC) managers and property management companies (PMCs), with a view to assisting them in better discharging the responsibilities in managing their buildings. The best practices were in general compiled based on the proposals in the public consultation exercise on the review of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) (BMO) conducted in 2014-15 and those presented to the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs in November 2017. Failure to comply with the best practices by OCs, OComms, DMC managers and PMCs will not be regarded as non-compliance with the BMO or the Codes of Practice (CoP) issued under the BMO.

To publicise the above information, HAD has issued press releases and letters to OCs, OComms and professional associations in the property management industry. Besides, our District Building Management Liaison Teams have also organised briefing sessions to introduce the key features of the Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist, and have been encouraging their adoption through daily liaison with OCs, OComms and owners. To further promote the Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist, HAD produced an educational video series in 2020 to demonstrate how the best practices can be put into practice in daily property management. The expenditure involved in the above briefing

sessions and educational video series was about \$1.2 million. Moreover, HAD implemented the regularised Owners' Corporations Advisory Services Scheme in 2020, under which PMCs are commissioned to provide OCs with free advisory services on building management, including encouraging and assisting participating OCs in complying with the BMO and relevant CoP, as well as adopting the Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist in handling building management matters.

HAD does not maintain statistics on the adoption of the Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist by OCs and OComms. Nevertheless, we note that with the above publicity efforts and support services, some OCs and OComms have adopted applicable best practices set out in the Administrative Guidelines, while others have expressed their interest in adopting the Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist. HAD will continue to actively encourage and assist relevant parties to adopt the Administrative Guidelines and the Checklist through daily liaison and support services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB094

(Question Serial No. 2575)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

What are the amount of funding, staffing and number of service recipients of each of the support service centres for ethnic minorities for the past 3 years (with a breakdown by service type and ethnicity of service recipients)? What is the amount of funding earmarked for the support service centres for ethnic minorities for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 104)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) provides support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) to facilitate their early integration into the community. HAD commissioned 7 non-governmental organisations to run 8 support service centres for EMs in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tung Chung, providing various tailor-made support services for EMs, including language classes, interest classes, after-school tutorial classes, youth activities, integration programmes, etc.

The statistics about the support service centres for EMs are maintained on a project year basis. The funding for the support service centres for the past 3 project years from 2017-18 project year to 2019-20 project year, the current 2020-21 project year and the coming 2021-22 project year is set out in **Annex A**.

The manpower establishment, and the number of service recipients of the support service centres for EMs by service type and ethnicity for the past 3 project years from 2017-18 project year to 2019-20 project year are set out in **Annexes B to D**.

Funding for support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs)

Centre/Sub-centre	Annual operating grant (\$ million)				
	2017-18 project year	2018-19 project year	2019-20 project year	2020-21 project year	2021-22 project year
HOPE Centre	5.84	6.04	7.51	7.51	9.10
CHEER Centre*	9.65	15.19	23.69	23.69	25.6
SHINE Centre / ONE Centre**	7.14	7.54	8.90	8.90	9.05
YLTH Centre	7.12	7.42	8.86	8.86	9.10
HOME Centre and Sub-centre	7.79	10.05	10.75	11.64	11.64
TOUCH Sub-centre	2.18	3.24	3.54	3.84	3.84
LINK Centre	5.51	6.60	7.10	7.67	7.67
Total	45.23	56.08	70.35	72.11	76.00

* The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services to facilitate EMs' access to public services.

** The SHINE Centre will cease operation in August 2021 and will be replaced by the ONE Centre.

**Manpower establishment of
support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs)**

Centre/Sub-centre	2017-18 project year	2018-19 project year	2019-20 project year
HOPE Centre	12 (11 FT, 1 PT)	12 (11 FT, 1 PT)	14 (14 FT, 0 PT)
CHEER Centre*	33 (31 FT, 2 PT)	45 (45 FT, 0 PT)	53 (53 FT, 0 PT)
SHINE Centre	28 (16 FT, 12 PT)	31 (18 FT, 13 PT)	27 (20 FT, 7 PT)
YLTH Centre	22 (15 FT, 7 PT)	25 (17 FT, 8 PT)	26 (15 FT, 11 PT)
HOME Centre and Sub-centre	26 (22 FT, 4 PT)	33 (28 FT, 5 PT)	33 (28 FT, 5 PT)
TOUCH Sub-centre	7 (7 FT, 0 PT)	8 (8 FT, 0 PT)	8 (8 FT, 0 PT)
LINK Centre	19 (14 FT, 5 PT)	23 (17 FT, 6 PT)	23 (17 FT, 6 PT)
Total	147 (116 FT, 31 PT)	177 (144 FT, 33 PT)	184 (155 FT, 29 PT)

* The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services to facilitate EMs' access to public services.

**Number of service recipients of
support service centres for ethnic minorities by service type**

2017-18 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2017 to 30 May 2018	5 September 2017 to 4 September 2018	1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018	28 June 2017 to 27 June 2018	11 December 2017 to 10 December 2018	21 December 2017 to 20 December 2018	30 October 2017 to 29 October 2018
Language class	1 312	667	236	278	720	127	514
After-school tutorial class	131	141	249	124	895	168	406
Integration programme	6 997	10 163	11 652	20 294	15 336	3 051	12 970
Counselling, guidance and referral service	235	583	2 175	498	647	218	539
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	4 768	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	8 675	16 322	14 312	21 194	17 598	3 564	14 429

2018-19 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2018 to 30 May 2019	5 September 2018 to 4 September 2019	1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	28 June 2018 to 27 June 2019	11 December 2018 to 10 December 2019	21 December 2018 to 20 December 2019	30 October 2018 to 29 October 2019
Language class	704	561	353	280	615	131	267
After-school tutorial class	132	131	258	142	798	191	317
Integration programme	5 693	10 807	16 710	18 235	16 576	3 902	10 821
Counselling, guidance and referral service	132	638	2 280	518	523	321	464
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	6 124	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	6 661	18 261	19 601	19 175	18 512	4 545	11 869

2019-20 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020
Language class	939	436	299	238	343	64	279
After-school tutorial class	104	135	260	167	347	96	266
Integration programme	4 069	12 909	9 951	14 635	18 192	3 966	8 511
Counselling, guidance and referral service	80	726	4 108	389	601	73	501
Interpretation and translation	N.A.	7 461	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total	5 192	21 667	14 618	15 429	19 483	4 199	9 557

**Number of service recipients of
support service centres for ethnic minorities by ethnicity**

2017-18 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2017 to 30 May 2018	5 September 2017 to 4 September 2018	1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018	28 June 2017 to 27 June 2018	11 December 2017 to 10 December 2018	21 December 2017 to 20 December 2018	30 October 2017 to 29 October 2018
Indian	1 261	192	986	256	716	307	961
Nepalese	1 921	541	2 545	4 716	5 355	288	518
Pakistani	850	1 007	2 624	2 182	5 522	2 303	9 802
Filipino	2 915	618	405	260	347	469	115
Indonesian	605	1 580	332	4 379	112	97	67
Thai	216	90	22	49	27	2	35
Others	759	1 347	6 980	2 320	1 673	98	2 827
Not known*	148	10 947	418	7 032	3 846	0	104
Total	8 675	16 322	14 312	21 194	17 598	3 564	14 429

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

2018-19 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2018 to 30 May 2019	5 September 2018 to 4 September 2019	1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019	28 June 2018 to 27 June 2019	11 December 2018 to 10 December 2019	21 December 2018 to 20 December 2019	30 October 2018 to 29 October 2019
Indian	1 084	302	1 281	233	1 043	181	725
Nepalese	1 346	601	2 618	4 662	5 823	381	463
Pakistani	1 065	634	2 558	1 867	5 433	2 529	8 839
Filipino	2 045	867	246	288	546	408	113
Indonesian	326	1 043	395	2 293	184	27	41
Thai	137	124	111	22	34	5	35
Others	578	3 870	8 044	1 687	1 850	440	1 648
Not known*	80	10 820	4 348	8 123	3 599	574	5
Total	6 661	18 261	19 601	19 175	18 512	4 545	11 869

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

2019-20 project year

Centre/ Sub-centre	HOPE Centre	CHEER Centre	SHINE Centre	YLTH Centre	HOME Centre and Sub-centre	TOUCH Sub-centre	LINK Centre
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020
Indian	1 379	521	718	243	2 017	404	1 976
Nepalese	550	434	1 953	4 403	5 710	160	2 695
Pakistani	567	780	1 927	1 825	4 866	1 461	3 497
Filipino	1 588	435	151	359	198	378	18
Indonesian	298	535	109	1 827	144	771	18
Thai	74	478	39	32	19	192	50
Others	717	16 594	8 813	6 287	6 174	72	1 303
Not known*	19	1 890	908	453	355	761	0
Total	5 192	21 667	14 618	15 429	19 483	4 199	9 557

* Ethnicity of some service recipients is not known.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB095

(Question Serial No. 3014)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding Kwai Tsing District Council's provision of dental care services for local residents by mobile dental vehicles under the "Signature Project Scheme", please advise this Committee of the initial capital investment (such as the expenditure on procurement and modification of 2 mobile dental vehicles) in the scheme, as well as the breakdown of revenue and expenditure, staffing and number of service recipients for the past 5 years and the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

Kwai Tsing District engages Yan Chai Hospital to provide dental care services under its Signature Project. The initial capital investment in the scheme, which was used for procurement and modification of 2 mobile dental vehicles as well as procurement of dental equipment, was about \$4.23 million.

During the service period, the hospital deployed in each year 17 staff in total, including senior dental consultants, dentists, dental assistants, administrative staff and drivers, for the 2 mobile dental clinics. As the service contract already expired at the end of December 2020, the hospital has deployed 4 administrative staff since January 2021 to handle the post-contract administrative work, including disposal of the 2 mobile dental vehicles. The breakdown of revenue and expenditure, and the number of service recipients of the 2 mobile dental clinics from 2016-17 to 2021-22 are set out in the table below:

		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Estimate)	2021-22 (Estimate) ^{Note 3}
Revenue (\$' 000)	Fees co-paid by the service recipients	1,130	800	1,090	940	20	0
	Allocation of the Signature Project Scheme	6,680	5,310	6,900	9,870	4,210	1,280
Total revenue (\$'000)		7,810	6,110	7,990	10,810	4,230	1,280
Expenditure (\$' 000)	Procurement of dental equipment, medication, and consumables for dental impression making and dental care services	1,670	1,030	1,520	2,080	210	0
	Operating costs of the mobile dental clinics (including repair and maintenance, insurance, licences and fuel)	510	420	460	560	310	0
	Expenses on staff emoluments, training and welfare	5,430	4,510	5,880	7,990	3,560	770
	Administrative and miscellaneous expenses	140	120	130	180	150	510
	Health education talks ^{Note 1}	60	30	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure (\$'000)		7,810	6,110	7,990	10,810	4,230	1,280
Number of service recipients		6 935	4 213	5 770	5 720	438 ^{Note 2}	-

Note 1 The item was completed in 2017-18.

Note 2 Having regard to the developments regarding COVID-19, the 2 mobile dental clinics suspended services and/or provided only limited services for a long period of time. Therefore, the number of service recipients in 2020-21 has been affected.

Note 3 As the service contract already expired at the end of December 2020, the estimated fees co-paid by the service recipients, expenditure on consumables and operating costs for 2021-22 are \$0. Nonetheless, a small number of staff and a small portion of the provision have to be set aside for handling the post-contract administrative work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB096

(Question Serial No. 0327)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Administration

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the allocation of District Council (DC) Funds, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The amounts of funds approved by the 18 DCs in the past 3 years by area in tabular form.
- (b) The community activities or proposals in respect of which the funding applications were rejected by the 18 DCs in 2020-21 and the funding amount involved in tabular form.
- (c) A large number of members of the opposition camp who joined the DCs in recent years have neglected district issues and, among other things, refused to grant funds for some of the regular activities related to livelihood issues. How does the Government cope with the situation to ensure effective operation of the DCs?

Asked by: Hon LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (a) The breakdown of the expenditure approved by the 18 District Councils (DCs) in the past 3 years by major area is as follows:

Year	Area of expenditure [¶] (\$ million)						Total actual expenditure (\$ million)
	Community building	Sports, recreation and culture	Culture and arts	Environmental improvement and protection	Social services	Others	
2018-19	44.8	166.5	82.1	4.6	27.4	125.0	450.4
2019-20	47.0	156.9	69.2	4.3	22.3	111.1	410.8
2020-21 [@]	23.3	34.8	19.1	1.9	9.0	70.9	159.0

[¶] DCs may identify and initiate programmes and activities for implementation based on the funding received to meet the needs of their districts.

[@] These are the latest figures of expenditures as at early March 2021, which are subject to change as further payments will be made towards the end of the financial year.

- (b) As there are a large number of community involvement projects, we do not have readily available details about the community activities or proposals in respect of which funding applications were rejected by the 18 DCs and the funding amount involved in the current financial year.
- (c) As the controlling officer of the DC Funds, the Director of Home Affairs has the responsibility to ensure that funding applications which fall within the ambit of the funds and are in compliance with the rules are processed fairly and impartially and that the proposals are implemented in a timely manner. The Home Affairs Department and District Offices will seriously follow up on cases involving breaches of the Manual on the Use of District Council Funds and the Code of Conduct for Members of a District Council or Its Committees to ensure the effective and proper use of public money. The Government has repeatedly urged the DCs through press releases and correspondence to strictly comply with the relevant rules and guidelines in their funding allocation and to process funding applications in a fair, objective and reasonable manner, so that the local residents can participate in various festive celebrations as well as cultural, arts and recreational activities that enhance community harmony.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB097

(Question Serial No. 3006)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Recently, a number of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection were found in some “three-nil” buildings. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- (a) whether the Government will consider allocating additional resources to organise regular cleaning for “three-nil” buildings in each district; and
- (b) whether the Government will examine the feasibility of establishing a fund for the purpose of engaging property management companies by the Government to provide joint building management for “three-nil” buildings within specified periods until owners’ corporations are set up for those buildings. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

- (a) Private buildings are owners’ properties. Building management and maintenance of building hygiene are the responsibilities of property owners. On the other hand, maintaining building hygiene can enhance residents’ quality of life and help reduce the risk of spreading and infecting COVID-19. To demonstrate good building management, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and District Offices (DOs) have been providing one-off cleaning service to old buildings in need, including “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have owners’ corporations (OCs) or any residents’ organisations, and do not engage property management companies (PMCs)), through various arrangements (including the District-led Actions Scheme) having regard to actual circumstances, and calling on the residents to keep good environmental hygiene. From 1 December 2019 to 14 February 2021, HAD and DOs provided around 4 600 times of cleaning service to over 2 200 “three-nil” buildings. The expenditure involved was about \$19.8 million.

As the pandemic persists, some buildings (including “three-nil” buildings) have reported confirmed cases or been subject to compulsory testing. HAD has been providing one-off enhanced cleaning service to buildings in need since 25 January 2021. As at 14 February 2021, HAD has provided enhanced cleaning service to over 140 buildings (about half of which were “three-nil” buildings). The expenditure involved was about \$550,000.

HAD and DOs will, having regard to the development of the pandemic and the actual needs, review the arrangement from time to time in order to provide support to “three-nil” buildings and to raise the awareness of the relevant owners and residents of the importance of good building management.

- (b) The daily management of a building encompasses various aspects, including common ones such as environmental hygiene, building security and maintenance of common facilities. The arrangements and costs involved should be discussed among the building’s owners and handled in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Mutual Covenant (DMC). If a building were instead managed by a PMC engaged by the Government through a fund established for the purpose, it would go against the principle that private owners should be responsible for managing and maintaining their own buildings. It would also reduce the incentive for OC formation which goes against the objective of encouraging owners to form an OC.

Furthermore, the obligations and rights of owners set out in the DMCs of different buildings also differ. Even if the buildings were managed by a PMC engaged by the Government, discussion and consensus among all owners of the buildings would still be required to handle building management issues. Considering the actual circumstances of “three-nil” buildings, it may not be practicable to rationalise the handling of management issues arising from the provisions of the DMCs of different buildings in the absence of any residents’ organisations.

To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, HAD has implemented the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS) since 2011 to commission PMCs to provide owners of old buildings in need, in particular those of “three-nil” buildings, with a range of free professional advisory and follow-up services on building management. HAD will regularise the BMPASS to continue to support owners of “three-nil” buildings in need by providing services such as assistance in OC formation. In addition, HAD and DOs will, having regard to the actual circumstances, continue to provide other support services to “three-nil” buildings in need, such as the cleaning service mentioned above in part (a) of the reply, and to raise the awareness of the relevant owners and residents of the importance of good building management.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB098****(Question Serial No. 2370)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Regarding community involvement (CI) projects, please provide a breakdown by District Council (DC) of the expenditure last year and the estimate for the coming year.
- (b) Please tabulate in the form below the details of the CI projects implemented with DC funds last year.

Year	Area of expenditure					Total actual expenditure
	Community building activities	District sports activities	Arts and cultural programmes	Greening activities	Volunteer activities	Others
2020-21						

- (c) The Government provides additional funding for CI projects on an annual basis to enhance the work of DCs in promoting arts and cultural activities at the district level. What were the respective amounts of funding for the 18 DCs in 2020-21? What are the respective estimated amounts of funding for the 18 DCs in 2021-22?
- (d) What are the criteria for allocating the additional funding for CI projects to the 18 DCs? How did the 18 DCs make use of the additional funding to promote arts and cultural activities in the past 2 years?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)Reply:

- (a) The funding allocated to the 18 District Councils (DCs) in 2020-21 for implementation of community involvement (CI) projects, which included an additional \$20.8 million per annum from 2013-14 onwards and the additional dedicated allocation of \$20.8 million regularised since 2020-21 for promoting arts and cultural activities at the district level, are set out below:

	District Council	2020-21 (Estimated expenditure) (\$'000)
1.	Central & Western	18,498
2.	Eastern	28,024
3.	Southern	18,158
4.	Wan Chai	16,057
5.	Kowloon City	22,102
6.	Kwun Tong	32,490
7.	Sham Shui Po	25,564
8.	Wong Tai Sin	25,327
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	23,484
10.	Islands	19,094
11.	Kwai Tsing	27,907
12.	North	24,153
13.	Sai Kung	25,186
14.	Sha Tin	31,962
15.	Tai Po	22,533
16.	Tsuen Wan	20,385
17.	Tuen Mun	28,891
18.	Yuen Long	33,184
19.	Contingency	18,601
	Total :	461,600

The amount of funding to be allocated to each DC for 2021-22 will be determined with reference to the past operational experience.

- (b) The estimated provision for 2020-21 was \$461.6 million, and the actual expenditure as at early March 2021 was \$159 million, with a breakdown as follows:

Year	Area of expenditure [¶] (\$ million)						Total actual expenditure (\$ million)
	Community building activities	District sports activities [§]	Arts and cultural programmes	Greening activities	Volunteer activities [^]	Others	
2020-21 [@]	23.3	34.8	19.1	1.9	9.0	70.9	159.0

[¶] DCs may identify and initiate programmes and activities for implementation based on the funding received to meet the needs of their districts.

[@] These are the latest figures of expenditures as at early March 2021, which are subject to change as further payments will be made towards the end of the financial year.

[§] As the data on leisure and sports activities are collated on a consolidated basis, those on leisure activities have been incorporated into the area of district sports activities.

[^] As there are no specific records for the volunteer activities, the figures provided are those on the promotion of community services. Please note that other categories of CI projects may also involve volunteer services.

- (c) The total amount of additional funding for promoting arts and cultural activities has been increased to \$41.6 million since 2015-16. The amounts of additional funding allocated to the 18 DCs for 2020-21 are set out below:

	District Council	Additional funding for promotion of arts and culture for 2020-21 (\$'000)
1.	Central & Western	1,850
2.	Eastern	2,530
3.	Southern	1,740
4.	Wan Chai	1,550
5.	Kowloon City	2,070
6.	Kwun Tong	2,940
7.	Sham Shui Po	2,500
8.	Wong Tai Sin	2,460
9.	Yau Tsim Mong	2,290
10.	Islands	1,900
11.	Kwai Tsing	2,580
12.	North	2,240
13.	Sai Kung	2,320
14.	Sha Tin	2,820
15.	Tai Po	2,150
16.	Tsuen Wan	1,960
17.	Tuen Mun	2,730
18.	Yuen Long	2,970
	Total:	41,600

The amount of funding to be allocated to each DC for 2021-22 will be determined with reference to the past operational experience.

- (d) In allocating the additional funding to the 18 DCs, we will take into consideration a number of factors, including population size, socio-economic conditions, area of the district and the past pattern of fund utilisation.

DCs may, having regard to the needs of the districts, determine the exact purpose of the additional allocation for the reference of the DCs and their committees, district organisations or relevant government departments (such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department) when organising activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB099

(Question Serial No. 2376)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Community Building
Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Please provide the information on the social enterprises funded under the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership (ESR) Programme from June 2006, as well as their number of socially disadvantaged employees and business situation;
- (b) Please provide the actual expenditure and staffing of the ESR Programme of the Department in 2020-21;
- (c) Please provide the estimated expenditure and staffing of the ESR Programme of the Department in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

- (a) Since its launch in 2006, the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR Programme) has approved a total grant of about \$340 million for the establishment of 245 social enterprises (SEs), a list of which is provided at the **Annex**. Of them, 20 are in preparation for operation and 225 have started operation. None of them ceased business during the funding period. 45 ceased business within 3 years after the funding period^{Note 1}. According to the latest annual progress reports submitted by the funded SEs, they have directly employed about 6 300 socially disadvantaged persons.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for the ESR Programme in 2020-21 is about \$28.7 million. A total of 10 executive and supporting staff are involved in operating the ESR Programme.
- (c) The expenditure for the ESR Programme in 2021-22 will depend on the number of applications received and the amount of grants involved in each approved project. A total of 10 executive and supporting staff will be involved for operating the ESR Programme.

^{Note 1} We do not have records of funded SEs beyond 3 years after the funding period.

**List of Social Enterprises Approved under
the Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme**

0923 Youth Talent Innovators
3H Handicraft
7-11 You and Me
Act Plus Animation & Media Studio
Activating in Tung Chung
Acupressure Express
ADAM Arts Creation Limited
ADPL Employment Support Centre
ADPL Recycling and Cleaning Services
ADPL Samhong Workers Mutual Aid Engineering Limited
Alchemist Unique
Anchor House
Ani-Nation Anime Videogame Creative Space for Youth
APM Salon & Beauty
Aroma Office
Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Social Intelligence (SI) Education Project
AS Production
Association of Elderly
Ateen vegetarian restaurant
B & I Beauty Salon Ltd
B.Net
Ban Bian Tian Restaurant
Be Brave
BiciLine Cycling Eco-Tour Social Enterprise
Blooming Market
Brain-based Training Program
Bread Bunch
Café Fusion
Café Sunny
Call Centre Expansion Project
Care & Share Shop
Carewell Home Care Services Patients

Cha Duk Chang
Chai Wan Fantastic Café
Cheers Coop
Cheers Gallery (Hip Wo)
Cheers Kowloon Hospital & Queen Elizabeth Hospital Rehab Shop
Chef's Noodle
Chi Yat Enterprise
Cleaning Power
Coalition Manpower Network
Coffee Bunny
Comfort Me
Comic Café
Community Sales Outlet
Convention & Exhibition Service
Cook Easy
Creative Cube
Creative Technology Cultural Education Programme
Cultural Playground
Day Day Goods
Digital Plus
Dishwashing Social Enterprise
Dreamland
Easy Escort Service
EasyGreen
EasyHome Services
EasyMart
Eco Capture & Visual Centre
Elderly Community Tour
Fair Taste (HK) Food Factory
Faithful Professional Auto Services (To Kwa Wan)
Faithful Professional Auto Services (Wan Chai)
Fantastic Kitchen
Fantastic Ladies Café
Fantastic Life at Caritas Hospital
Farmfresh 330 (Tai Wai)
Farmfresh 330 (Wan Chai)

Fitness Box
Floral World
Fly Fly Hair Studio
Focus on Film Limited Outreach Program
Friends of the Harp
Fun Channel
Funeral Care Ambassadors Training Project
Funny Hydroponic Factory
Garden View Lounge
Ginko Café
Glory Beauty & Spa
Go Mechanics
Good 4 Life
Good Family
Good Kitchen
Good Vibes Hong Kong
Grace Green Workshop
Granny's Soup
Green Baby Garden
Green Baby Garden 2
Green Design
Green Home
Green NOTY Farm
Greenshop
Health and Beauty
Health-link
Healtholic
Healthy & Beautiful Life Fifty Plus
Healthy Cottage
Healthy Mothers-to-be Association Ltd.
Heart Café
Hing Man Bakery and Coffee Shop
Home Care Apparel
Home Easy (Hong Kong Island)
Home Helper
Home Market

Homeeasy One-stop Property Support Service Program (Tai Po District)
Homeeasy One-stop Property Support Service Program (To Kwa Wan)
Hong Kong Translingual Service
Household Services
Hung Fook Tong (Tuen Mun)/Tung Wah Eastern Hospital Convenience Store
IEF Sunshine Ltd.
Image 21 Multi-media Workshop
Immortality Aquaponics
Impressive Nail
In Art Work Station
Interactive Culture Tour
I-Power
Jabbok IT Solutions Ltd
John 3:16 Café
Joyful Market
Joyful Market (Tin Shui Wai)
K House Japanese Restaurant
Kam Wah Engineering Company
Kingswood Club Restaurant
Ko Shan Theatre Restaurant
Kowloon City Community Sales Outlet
Kwun Tong Better Community Of Loving Care Supermarket
Kwun Tong Community Sales Outlet
Kwun Tong Health-link
Kwun Tong SEPD Home Market Store
Lai Bing Chiu Art Centre
Leakage Proof Roofing Services
Leisure Outlet
Leisure Zone
Life Performing Arts Scheme
Live Nature
Live Smart
LMC (Love Multi Culture - South Asian Boutique)
Local Organic Vegetable Express
Lohas Hair Salon
Lok Kwan Health Express

Lok Sin Rehab Store
Lok Sin Tong Meal Delivery Service Centre
Love Pet Hotel
LST Design
Magic Kingdom
Me2We Social +
Mong Kok Happy Veggies
Morning Star Motorcycle Limited
MOS Café
Motive Power Production Service
Motive Power Production Service 2.0
Music Château
My Concept Event Management
MY Image Production
My Main Stage
New Courier for Social Enterprise
New Creation Depot
New Home (Fuqiao) Healthcare Centre
New Life Centralized Dishwashing Service
New Life Social Enterprise Restaurant
ONCE
Oxfam Shop
Partager (Tuen Mun)
Pedius Education Solution
Pest Control and Disinfection Service
Pine Gallery
Pizza-Box (Sheung Shui)
Playright PlayScope
Pok Oi Café
Power Rehab Hub
Precious Moment Restaurant
Primary Healthcare Assessment Centre
Professional Escort Service for the Elderly
Project Dance Studio
Project HOME
Project Rebook

Ratoon Beauté
Reborn Green Station
Recycling Furniture
Red Brick Music
Rehab Express Direct Sales Service
REHAB Link
Rehab ONE
Rice Dumpling Production Project
Road to Green
Rural Café
Sea-Land Market for Ecological Leisure in Tai Po Waterfront
SEE +
See Through Craftsman
Senior Care
Serenity Wellness Massage Centre
Sha Tin Community Sales Outlet
Shalom Health Care Centre
Sham Shui Po Better Community Of Loving Care Supermarket
Sky Blue Car Wash
Smart Exhibition Project
SmartE
Sound Great
Southorn X Sports Direct
Splendid Teen-Aunt
Strings Donations
Studio 365
Sun Teen
Sunlight Decoration & Engineering Ltd.
Sunny Social Enterprise - Health Express Synergy
Sweet Angels
Sweet Heart Café
Sweeter Land
Tai Kee Restaurant
Tai Kok Tsui Mrs. Mc
Tai O Cultural and Ecological Integrated Resource Centre
Tai Po SEPD Home Market Store

The Rivulet
Times Multimedia Innovation Limited
Too Proud Design
Tsuen Wan Fantastic Ladies Café
Tuen Mun Community Sales Outlet
Tuen Mun Family Store
Tuen Mun Fantastic Café
Tung Chung YMCA Green Organic Farm
Versatile Home Services
Vigor
Wah Hong Gift Shop
Wah Hong Rehab Product Direct Sales Centre
Wan Chai Happy Veggies
Warm Heart Bakery
Waterfront Tea Stall
Web Access For All
Women Wealth Company Limited
Women Worker Cooperatives Store
Wong Tai Sin Helping Hand One-stop Service
Woodrite Design
Y Fitness
Y Power Project Management Company
Yan Chai Hospital Healthy Herbal Packs Centre
Yan Oi Tong Used Cooking Oil Resources Processing Centre
YM Fleur
YM HAIR
Youth Kitchen
Youth World Production
Yuen Long Community Sales Outlet
Yuen Long Fantastic Ladies Café
Yuen Long Helping Hand One-stop Service
Yuen Yuen Cheerful Family Service Company Limited
Yuen Yuen Green Wealth Social Enterprise

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB100

(Question Serial No. 2194)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (4) Licensing

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Given that the Government processes permits for non-charitable fund-raising activities, will the Government inform this Committee whether it will deploy manpower and resources in 2021-22 to review the existing arrangements, in particular reviewing whether there is sufficient regulation of online crowdfunding activities under the existing legislation with reference to overseas legislation and examining the feasibility of stepping up regulation through legislative amendments? If yes, what are the staffing establishment and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Bureau does not intend to amend the relevant legal provisions governing the processing of permits for non-charitable fund-raising activities held in public places at the moment. As for online fund-raising activities, we noted that the representatives from the relevant bureaux had made a detailed response at the Legislative Council meetings on 17 June and 28 October 2020 in reply to Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice's oral questions on regulation of online crowdfunding activities and regulation of online fundraising activities. The responses pointed out inter alia the regulation under relevant pieces of legislation (e.g. the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance and the Theft Ordinance) of cases where funds so raised were handled unlawfully.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB101

(Question Serial No. 1747)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Under Programme (3), the Home Affairs Bureau is responsible for, among others, co-ordinating major celebration activities. Over the past year, quite a number of major celebration activities had to be called off in the light of the pandemic, and many members of the public have experienced physical and mental fatigue in the prolonged fight against the pandemic. Will the Government organise major celebration activities after the pandemic is over to share the joy with the public and help them put the pandemic behind them quickly? If yes, what are the details? What are the manpower and expenditure involved respectively?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 315)

Reply:

In 2021, the Home Affairs Department will organise or co-organise celebration events for the 24th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the 72nd Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC, including Flag Raising Ceremonies (FRCs) and Receptions. The estimated total expenditure involved in the FRCs and Receptions is about \$25 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB102****(Question Serial No. 2092)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) LicensingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Miss Janice TSE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the implementation and enforcement of the improved licensing regime for hotels and guesthouses, please set out in the following table the number of complaints against unlicensed guesthouses, and the number of prosecutions and successful convictions against the operation of unlicensed guesthouses for the past 3 years (i.e. 2018 to 2020).

Year	Number of complaints	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions
2018			
2019			
2020			

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)Reply:

The operation of hotels or guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), the purpose of which is to ensure that premises intended to be used as hotels or guesthouses comply with the statutory standards in respect of building and fire safety in order to ensure the safety of lodgers and members of the public. According to HAGAO, premises are a hotel or guesthouse if the premises are held out as providing sleeping accommodation to any persons presenting themselves who are willing to pay a fee for the sleeping accommodation. Any premises the mode of operation of which falls within the definition of "hotel or guesthouse" under HAGAO must obtain a hotel or a guesthouse licence before operation. Premises in which all accommodation is provided for a period of 28 continuous days or more for each letting are excluded from the application of HAGAO, as stipulated in the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation (Exclusion) Order (Cap. 349C). The enhanced regulatory regime for hotels and guesthouses took effect from 1 December 2020.

The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department is responsible for administering HAGAO, including issuing licences and performing enforcement duties. The numbers of complaints, prosecutions and convictions against suspected unlicensed hotels or guesthouses under HAGAO in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of complaints	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions
2018	1 467	159	140
2019	1 205	143	141
2020 ^{Note 1}	595	77	62 ^{Note 2}

Note:

- ¹ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of complaints against suspected unauthorised hotels or guesthouses dropped. Hence, the number of prosecutions dropped significantly in 2020.
- ² The conviction figure in 2020 is provisional as the legal proceedings of some prosecutions are on-going.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB103

(Question Serial No. 1481)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the brief description of Programme (3) District, Community, and Public Relations that the Government oversees the policy and resources allocation on community development work. Would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) In view of the inefficiency of the District Councils (DCs), members of the public rely heavily on the assistance of local organisations which have been working with dedication and commitment. In particular, quite a number of local organisations have been promoting and explaining government policies and measures, as well as distributing anti-epidemic supplies to the public during the epidemic. Would additional resources be allocated to support local organisations so that they can provide further assistance to the people in need?
- (b) Many local organisations have difficulty in applying for funds due to the inefficiency of DCs, resulting in a halt to a lot of district work and activities. Has the Government explored the feasibility of processing funding applications for district activities by District Offices, so as to get district work and activities back on track?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

As the controlling officer of the District Council (DC) Funds, the Director of Home Affairs has the responsibility to ensure that funding applications which fall within the ambit of the funds and are in compliance with the rules are processed fairly and impartially and that the proposals are implemented in a timely manner. The Home Affairs Department and District Offices will seriously follow up on cases involving breaches of the Manual on the Use of District Council Funds and the Code of Conduct for Members of a District Council or Its Committees to ensure the effective and proper use of public money. The Government has repeatedly urged the DCs through press releases and correspondence to strictly comply with the relevant rules and guidelines in their funding allocation and to process funding applications in a fair, objective and reasonable manner.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB104****(Question Serial No. 1745)**Head: (74) Information Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong KongControlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Under this Programme, the Information Services Department has engaged public relations consultants to help develop a communications and marketing plan and creative collaterals, and more efforts will be made on publicity work and other measures to counter negative perceptions in key markets and restore the confidence of the international community in Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Department inform this Committee of:

- a. the number of page followers of Brand Hong Kong website in all social media platforms, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, WeChat, Weibo and Youku, as well as the new social media platform(s) planned to be used;
- b. the overall expenditure of engaging public relations consultants; details and effectiveness of overseas marketing plan and creative collaterals in the past year; and
- c. the details, objectives, resources and manpower arrangement required in carrying out local and overseas publicity work in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.:7)Reply:

- a. Statistics of Brand Hong Kong social media platforms for 2020:

	Date of Launch	Followers/Subscribers/Fans
YouTube (including English, Cantonese and Putonghua channels)	Jan 2015	4 145
Instagram	Sep 2015	8 355
Facebook	Dec 2015	85 154
Youku	Jan 2018	410
Twitter	Jan 2019	6 527
LinkedIn	Apr 2019	4 211
WeiBo	Jul 2019	25 500
WeChat	Jul 2020	22 417

Social media platforms are one way to carry out publicity and promotion work. Brand Hong Kong will continue to review the social media trend and channel performance to adjust the promotion and advertising strategy.

- b. The Information Services Department (ISD) commissioned a public relations (PR) consultancy through open tender in June 2020. The PR consultancy has carried out a local and international baseline research to understand current perceptions of Hong Kong's key global stakeholders. Based on the research findings, the ISD is working with the PR consultancy to develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals to help rebuild confidence in Hong Kong as a place to invest, do business, work and live. The PR consultancy would also provide metrics for campaign performance as well as how the effectiveness of the plan would be monitored and assessed. The value of the one-year contract is about US\$6.4 million (about HK\$50 million).
- c. The ISD has all along promoted Hong Kong's strengths, advantages and potential as Asia's global business and financial centre under "one country, two systems" and as a free, safe, welcoming and stable city with a trusted legal system. Apart from engaging a PR consultancy, the ISD will continue its overseas promotion and publicity efforts in 2021-22 by engaging local and international media to produce TV, online, social media contents, placing print and digital advertisements, carrying out social media and digital marketing to promote Hong Kong and provide global audiences with up-to-date information. Liaison with overseas journalists and a wide range of stakeholders, including international chambers, consul generals and think tanks will continue to provide information on the latest developments in Hong Kong. The ISD will also continue to work closely with Economic and Trade Offices outside Hong Kong (ETO) to spread positive messages about Hong Kong through ETO networks. We will continue to identify suitable persons and publicity platforms to tell positive Hong Kong stories with a view to raising Hong Kong's international profile and delivering positive messages and accurate information about the city.

Under Programme (1) "Public Relations Outside Hong Kong", the estimate for 2021-22 is \$193.2 million including personal emoluments. The staff establishment is 69.

On local promotion front under Programme (4), the ISD will in the coming year continue to provide strategic advice and technical support to bureaux and departments for mounting publicity campaigns and promotional activities, such as Fight the COVID-19 Virus campaign, COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, 2021 Legislative Council General Election and voter registration. As the staff involved also undertake other duties, the related resources and manpower cannot be separately identified.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB105

(Question Serial No. 2850)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please set out the projects involving engagement of public relations companies in the past three years and the actual expenditure. Please advise the performance indicators used by the Information Services Department to evaluate the related performance and effectiveness.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 118)

Reply:

Over the past 3 years, the Information Services Department (ISD) commissioned a public relations (PR) consultancy through open tender in June 2020. The PR consultancy has carried out a local and international baseline research to understand current perceptions of Hong Kong's key global stakeholders. Based on the research findings, the ISD is working with the PR consultancy to develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals to help rebuild confidence in Hong Kong as a place to invest, do business, work and live. The PR consultancy would provide metrics for campaign performance as well as how the effectiveness of the plan would be monitored and assessed. The value of the one-year contract is about US\$6.4 million (about HK\$50 million).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB106****(Question Serial No. 2851)**Head: (74) Information Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public InformationControlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Please set out the projects, production cost, broadcasting platforms, and number of views online in respect of government Announcements in the Public Interest in the past 3 years; and advise the estimated manpower and expenditure for this year.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 119)Reply:

Government Television (TV) Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) are produced and funded by bureaux/departments (B/Ds), with technical assistance provided by the Information Services Department (ISD). The ISD does not keep a centralised record of the details of the TV APIs produced by other B/Ds.

In the past 3 financial years (2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21), the TV and radio APIs produced by the ISD, the production cost, and the number of views of TV APIs on ISD YouTube channel are set out in the following table:

2018-19

Titles of TV and radio APIs	Production cost (\$)	No. of views of TV APIs on ISD YouTube channel (Up to 5 March 2021)
Public Consultation for the 2018 Policy Address	568,000	4 916
The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address (Collection of Copies)	350,000	2 866
The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address (TV API lasted for 60 seconds)	900,000	326 889
2019-20 Budget Public Consultation	318,000	5 842
2019-20 Budget (Collection of copies)	240,000	2 262

2019-20

Titles of TV and radio APIs	Production cost (\$)	No. of views of TV APIs on ISD YouTube channel (Up to 5 March 2021)
2019 Policy Address Public Consultation	450,000	2 219
Treasure Hong Kong, our home (I) (Two TV API versions lasted for 60 seconds and 30 seconds respectively)	610,000	120 402
Celebrating the 70 th Anniversary of the Founding of The People's Republic of China (Only TV API)	450,000	1 878
The Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address (Collection of Copies)	340,400	3 273
The Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address (TV API lasted for 60 seconds)	1,369,072	270 723
The Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address (Land and Housing) (TV API lasted for 60 seconds)		364 123
Treasure Hong Kong, our home (II)	455,000	69 004
Say NO to VIOLENCE (Only TV API, lasted for 15 seconds)	Not applicable (in-house production)	556 356
Guarding against fake news	498,000	144 833
2020-21 Budget Public Consultation	850,000	3 385
2020-21 Budget (Collection of copies)		4 758
Stop violence Think rationally	499,470	326,967
Say "no" to violence Give peace a chance (Only TV API, lasted for 15 seconds)	19,750 (post production)	503 466

2020-21

Titles of TV and radio APIs	Production cost (\$)	No. of views of TV APIs on ISD YouTube channel (Up to 5 March 2021)
Stop Violence (Think of the Consequences)	249,735	407 592
Have Faith, Together We Fight the Virus (TV API lasted for 60 seconds)	240,000	589 661
Upholding national security (TV API only, 15-second)	19,750 (post production)	414 503

Titles of TV and radio APIs	Production cost (\$)	No. of views of TV APIs on ISD YouTube channel (Up to 5 March 2021)
Legislation on national security in Hong Kong	43,100 (post production)	480 877
The Chief Executive's appeal to public in fight against COVID-19 (Only TV API)	Not applicable (In-house production)	4 484
Universal Community Testing Programme (1)	887,000	397 354 times (Up to 14 September 2020) (Note 1)
Universal Community Testing Programme (2)		415 369 times (Up to 14 September 2020) (Note 1)
2020 Policy Address Public Consultation	50,000	1 682
The Chief Executive's remarks on national security legislation in Hong Kong (Only TV API)	Not applicable (in-house production)	9 198
The Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address (Live broadcast and viewing online)	307,050	2 153
The Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address (TV API lasted for 60 seconds)	1,330,975	297 293
2021-22 Budget Public Consultation	724,830	233 607
2021-22 Budget (Announcement)		1 116

Note 1: The APIs were removed after the completion of the programme.

Generally speaking, TV APIs will be broadcast on local TV stations and uploaded to ISD YouTube channel and website. The ISD will also make use of social media platforms to enhance publicity when necessary.

In 2021-22, the ISD will continue to produce TV APIs as necessary and provide technical assistance to B/Ds. As the staff involved also undertake other duties, the related manpower and expenses cannot be separately identified.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB107

(Question Serial No. 1622)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021–22, the Information Services Department states that “Public relations consultants have been engaged to help develop a communications and marketing plan and creative collaterals.”

1. What are the details of engaging public relations consultants? What is the expenditure involved?
2. How many marketing plans and creative collaterals have been formulated by public relations consultants? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Wah-fung, Christopher (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) commissioned a public relations (PR) consultancy through open tender in June 2020. The PR consultancy has carried out a local and international baseline research to understand current perceptions of Hong Kong's key global stakeholders. Based on the research findings, the ISD is working with the PR consultancy to develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals to help rebuild confidence in Hong Kong as a place to invest, do business, work and live. The PR consultancy would also provide metrics for campaign performance as well as how the effectiveness of the plan would be monitored and assessed. The value of the one-year contract is about US\$6.4 million (about HK\$50 million).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB108

(Question Serial No. 1623)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021–22 that “political issues in Hong Kong and the COVID-19 pandemic have attracted widespread international attention and affected the external image of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.....More efforts will be made on publicity work and other measures to counter negative perceptions in key markets and restore the confidence of the international community in Hong Kong” In this regard, please inform this Committee of:

1. the expenditure and manpower involved for this task?
2. details of “more efforts will be made on publicity work” and other measures?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Wah-fung, Christopher (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) has all along promoted Hong Kong’s strengths, advantages and potential as Asia’s global business and financial centre under “one country, two systems” and as a free, safe, welcoming and stable city with a trusted legal system. Apart from engaging a public relations consultancy to help develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals, the ISD will continue its overseas promotion and publicity efforts in 2021-22 by engaging local and international media to produce TV, online, social media contents, placing print and digital advertisements, carrying out social media and digital marketing to promote Hong Kong and provide global audiences with up-to-date information. Liaison with overseas journalists and a wide range of stakeholders, including international chambers of commerce, consul generals and think tanks will continue to provide information on the latest developments in Hong Kong. The ISD will continue to work closely with Economic and Trade Offices (ETO) outside Hong Kong to disseminate positive messages about Hong Kong through ETO networks. We will continue to identify suitable persons and publicity platforms to tell positive Hong Kong stories with a view to raising Hong Kong’s international profile and delivering positive messages and accurate information about the city.

Under Programme (1) “Public Relations Outside Hong Kong”, the estimate for 2021-22 is \$193.2 million including personal emoluments. The staff establishment is 69.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB109

(Question Serial No. 3199)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In recent years, a lot of media deliberately made up rumours and fake news, the purpose of which was to incite members of the public to hate the Government and divide society. However, it is hard for Hong Kong's existing legislation to combat it effectively. Many countries all over the world have already enacted the law against fake information, with strong enforcement to curb the spread of fake information online. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

1. Whether the Government would take reference from other countries' successful practices and instantly instigate legal procedures to enact "law against fake news" in order to vigorously combat fake information?
2. The French Government enacted the "Law Against the Manipulation of Information" and "the Law Against False Information" in November 2018 for combating fake news. Would the Government follow the practices of the country concerned?
3. Please tabulate the publicity expenses in the past relating to the Government's responses towards fake information arising from the "violence storm".

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

1. & 2. The spread of false information is not a phenomenon exclusive to Hong Kong. Governments around the world have been using legislative or administrative means in tackling the problem in recent years. As the subject covers a wide range of issues and has certain sensitivity, the Government will study the experiences and approaches adopted by other jurisdictions to understand their effectiveness and enforcement process and review if there are loopholes to be plugged in Hong Kong.
3. Since November 2019, the Information Services Department (ISD) has produced 22 short videos in response to fake information relating to social unrest. The

videos were released through social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, and broadcast on TV32 of Radio Television Hong Kong. The production cost was about \$430,000 and publicity cost on social media platforms was about \$45,000. The ISD also provide correct information to set the record straight through the “Tamar Talk” Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TamarTalk.hk) and news.gov.hk Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/govnews.hk/>) with paid pushes to amplify their reach.

In addition, the ISD launched a set of TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) and an online publicity video to urge members of the public to keep online news in check and make a clear distinction between “right” and “wrong”. The production cost was \$888,000 and publicity cost on social media platforms was \$230,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB110

(Question Serial No. 1023)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Public Opinion

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In recent years, a lot of untrue information against the Government was circulated in the community frequently, especially online. Regarding “keep the Government informed of public opinion as expressed through the mass news media and social media platforms to advise the Government on public reaction to government policies and measures”;

1. in the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-2020), how many times did the Government proactively make clarifications on untrue information; how many clarifications were made within 24 hours?
2. whether the responses or clarifications on untrue information were centrally coordinated by the Information Services Department; if so, what is the mechanism; if not, what are the reasons?
3. whether the Government would consider introducing legislation to regulate the dissemination of untrue information; if so, what are the details, schedule and estimated expenditure involved; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

- 1.&2. The Information Services Department (ISD) has been monitoring reports in the mass media and messages posted on major social media platforms at the headquarters level as well as through the Information Officers stationed at various policy bureaux and departments. When there are rumours or false information relating to the government widely circulating which have caused misunderstanding or negative sentiments in the local or international community, the ISD immediately makes clarifications through various channels to curb the spread of rumours and to quell public queries. The ISD does not keep statistics on the number of clarifications made by the Government and the time taken to deal with them in the past 3 years.

Generally speaking, the relevant bureaux and departments handle misinformation relating to their policy portfolios so that accurate responses to rumours can be issued quickly. Information Officers with the bureau or department concerned provide PR advice and conduct the necessary clarification work. If the false information is related to the policy area of a number of bureaux or departments, the ISD takes up a co-ordinating role in information dissemination. The ISD also makes use of its Facebook platforms on Tamar Talk (www.facebook.com/TamarTalk.hk) and news.gov.hk (<https://m.facebook.com/govnews.hk/>) to clarify the misinformation.

To facilitate members of the public to gain access to the clarifications issued by the Government, the ISD has set up a clarifications section on the website of news.gov.hk since mid-July 2019 (www.news.gov.hk/eng/categories/clarification/index.html). The clarifications made by the ISD and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices over erroneous reports in overseas media have also been uploaded on the thematic website “Hong Kong Update” (www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/Hong-Kong-Update/National-Security-Law.html) (www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/Hong-Kong-Update/Respose-to-COVID-19.html).

3. The spread of false information is not a phenomenon exclusive to Hong Kong. Governments around the world have been using legislative or administrative means in tackling the problem in recent years. As the subject covers a wide range of issues and has certain sensitivity, the Government will study the experiences and approaches adopted by other jurisdictions to understand their effectiveness and enforcement process and review if there are loopholes to be plugged in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB111

(Question Serial No. 1773)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the roles of the Information Services Department is to promote a favourable image of Hong Kong internationally and in the Mainland through events, website and social media, namely, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, WeChat, Weibo, Youku and YouTube. In this connection, will the Department inform this Committee of:

1. please list the breakdown of the number of posts or videos, their contents and number of views in the past year;
2. whether the Department has engaged outsourced service providers to manage and operate the social media concerned? If so, the expenditure and the estimates of expenditure for the coming year;
3. the estimated expenditure for promotion through events, website and social media;
4. it is mentioned that political issues in Hong Kong and the COVID-19 pandemic have attracted widespread international attention and affected the external image of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Public relations consultants have been engaged to help develop a communications and marketing plan and creative collaterals. What are the details and the estimates of expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

- 1.-3. For Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong, the Information Services Department (ISD)'s Brand Hong Kong has a presence on the following social media platforms: Facebook; Instagram; LinkedIn; Twitter; WeChat; WeiBo; Youku and YouTube. These channels are managed with existing manpower and resources as part of the department's work to promote Hong Kong as Asia's world city. As such, we are not able to provide a specific breakdown of resources as they are interlinked and overlap.

Under Programme (1), “Public Relations Outside Hong Kong”, the estimate for 2021-22 is \$193.2 million including personal emoluments.

Statistics of Brand Hong Kong social media platforms for 2020:

YouTube (Including English, Cantonese and Putonghua Channels)

English - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2vTGIAas14m6KrbsO8k3zA>

Cantonese - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC43WpFRmZEvIf0aaGjRRm1Q>

Putonghua - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6xTAgdm7N79V6WDRU83asw>

First post	Jan 2015
Subscribers	4 145
Number of Videos	445
Number of Views	1 259 083

Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/brandhongkong/>)

First Post	Sep 2015
Followers	8 355
Number of Posts	339
Number of Reach	43 334 099

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/brandhk.isd>)

First Post	Dec 2015
Followers	85 154
Number of Posts	609
Number of Reach	76 270 476

Youku (<https://i.youku.com/brandhongkong>)

First Post	Jan 2018
Subscribers	410
Number of Videos	203
Number of Views	531 963

Twitter (https://twitter.com/Brand_HK)

First Post	Jan 2019
Followers	6 527
Number of Posts	287
Number of Impressions	84 300 000

LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/14566621>)

First Post	Apr 2019
Followers	4 211
Number of Posts	444
Number of Impressions	10 713 030

WeiBo (<https://weibo.com/brandhongkong?sudaref=www.brandhk.gov.hk>)

First Post	Jul 2019
Fans	25 500
Number of Posts	249
Number of Impressions	224 230 000

WeChat (WeChat ID: Brandhkgov)

First Post	Jul 2020
Fans	22 417
Number of Posts	134
Number of Impressions	17 705 226

4. The ISD commissioned a public relations (PR) consultancy through open tender in June 2020. The PR consultancy has carried out a local and international baseline research to understand current perceptions of Hong Kong's key global stakeholders. Based on the research findings, the ISD is working with the PR consultancy to develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals to help rebuild confidence in Hong Kong as a place to invest, do business, work and live. The PR consultancy would also provide metrics for campaign performance as well as how the effectiveness of the plan would be monitored and assessed. The value of the one-year contract is about US\$6.4 million (about HK\$50 million).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB112****(Question Serial No. 1774)**Head: (74) Information Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public InformationControlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is mentioned by the Department that “the online government news bulletin, news.gov.hk, provides the public with government news and information in multimedia formats and caters for people accessing the Internet via mobile devices. The greater use of social media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WeChat, Weibo and YouTube allows up-to-date news stories, feature stories, photos, infographics and videos to be disseminated to various sectors of the community.” In this connection, will the Department inform this Committee of:

1. the expenditure and manpower arrangement for operating news.gov.hk in the past year, and its estimated expenditure in the coming year;
2. the respective numbers of subscriptions of news.gov.hk on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WeChat, Weibo and YouTube;
3. the five postings or videos on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube with the highest number of “like” or viewing in the past year, as well as their contents, number of “like” and views.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)Reply:

1. As at March 2021, the news.gov.hk website and related social media channels are managed by 36 editorial and technical staff members, including civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and agency workers. The operating cost for 2020-21 is estimated to be around \$33.56 million, while that for 2021-22 is about \$35.07 million.
2. Statistics of news.gov.hk social media platforms are as follows (as at February 2021):

Facebook (Launched in November 2014)

Followers	142 883
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Instagram (Launched in November 2015)

Followers	68 607
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Twitter (Launched in July 2010)

Followers	64 161
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WeChat (Launched in November 2015)

Fans	48 693
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Weibo (Launched in July 2010)

Fans	1 163 797
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News videos and features of news.gov.hk are uploaded onto the Information Services Department (ISD)'s YouTube channel, which also displays other videos produced by the department such as TV Announcements in the Public Interest, Radio Announcements in the Public Interest and other publicity videos. The number of subscribers of ISD's YouTube channel is as follows:

YouTube (Launched in May 2010)

Subscribers	61 518
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3. The 5 news.gov.hk Facebook posts with the highest number of reach in 2020 are:

Post Content	Date	Reach
Booking and testing arrangements for Universal Community Testing Programme	August 28	863 404
Taxi driver appeals to the public to take part in the Universal Community Testing Programme	August 31	493 443
Staff of food and beverage services appeal to the public to take part in the Universal Community Testing Programme	September 4	468 210
Policy Address Highlights - Place Making in Districts: West Kowloon Cultural District	November 25	370 638
Policy Address Highlights - Place Making in Districts: Conserving Central	November 25	366 654

Note: Statistics on news.gov.hk Facebook posts with the most likes are not available.

The 5 news.gov.hk Instagram posts with the highest number of likes in 2020 and their reach are:

Post Content	Date	Likes	Reach
Flag-raising ceremony to celebrate the 23 rd anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR	July 1	1 348	21 870
71 st anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China	October 1	1 166	23 822

Post Content	Date	Likes	Reach
Chief Executive, Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary receive the seasonal influenza vaccination	October 28	663	19 697
Chief Executive meets Vice Premier Han Zheng in Beijing	November 6	555	19 630
Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Northern Connection to open on December 27	November 18	372	17 091

News videos and features of news.gov.hk are uploaded onto ISD's YouTube channel together with other videos produced by the department. No breakdown of statistics for news.gov.hk is available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB113

(Question Serial No. 0062)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget Speech Paragraph 38, the Financial Secretary has mentioned that “we should also promote our advantages outside Hong Kong”. Under this connection:

- a. does the Government study and evaluate the existing image and reputation of Hong Kong in global society?
- b. does the Government review and adjust its previous strategy in promoting Hong Kong's advantages in light of the relatively lowered image of Hong Kong?
- c. what kind of promotion will the Government use under the “new normal” amid COVID-19 pandemic while old means like high-level business delegations or participation in international trading forums would not be applicable?
- d. what kind of representatives will the Government send for lobbying and promoting Hong Kong? Does the Administration have potential candidates, instead of simply sending out principal officials whom might not be welcomed by some overseas countries anymore?
- e. will the Government formulate a comprehensive and holistic plan in rebuilding Hong Kong brand and Hong Kong's image as a safe and open international city? If yes, of the details; if no, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

Political issues in Hong Kong and the COVID-19 pandemic have attracted widespread international attention and affected the external image of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. These have raised concerns about Hong Kong's positioning as a global business and financial hub with a free, safe and stable environment underpinned by the rule of law.

The Information Services Department (ISD) commissioned a public relations (PR) consultancy through open tender in June 2020. The PR consultancy has carried out a local and international baseline research to understand current perceptions of Hong Kong's key global stakeholders. Based on the research findings, the ISD is working with the PR consultancy to develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals to help rebuild confidence in Hong Kong as a place in which to invest, do business, work and live.

Apart from engaging a PR consultancy, the ISD will continue its overseas promotion and publicity efforts in 2021-22 by engaging local and international media to produce TV, online, social media content, placing print and digital advertisements, carrying out social media and digital marketing to promote Hong Kong and provide global audiences with up-to-date information. Liaison with overseas journalists and a wide range of stakeholders, including international chambers, consul generals and think tanks will continue to provide information on the latest developments in Hong Kong. The ISD will continue to work closely with Economic and Trade Offices outside Hong Kong (ETO) to spread positive messages about Hong Kong through ETO networks. We will continue to identify suitable persons and publicity platforms to tell positive Hong Kong stories with a view to raising Hong Kong's international profile and delivering positive messages and accurate information about the city.

The Government leadership conducted much fewer outward missions in 2020 compared to 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and both the number of speaking engagements outside Hong Kong and high-level outward missions assisted by the ISD have decreased significantly. In the meantime, the Department continues to develop and promote content that underpins Hong Kong's value proposition as a great place in which to work, live and invest through social media and digital marketing campaigns.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB114

(Question Serial No. 0155)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong; (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information; (3) Public Opinion; (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On the issues relating to the disturbances arising from the opposition to the proposed legislative amendments, the violence and the COVID-19 pandemic, the prevalence of voluminous untrue information, fake news and rumours in the foreign, local and social media, many of which deliberately smeared Hong Kong, Mainland and the two Governments, has substantially reduced the efficacy of stopping violence and curbing disorder, as well as the anti-epidemic work. In this connection, will the Information Services Department (ISD) provide the following information:

1. what targeted measures and actions have been taken by ISD in the past year to deal with local and overseas untrue information, fake news, rumours and smears on Hong Kong's political and epidemic situations, and what is the expenditure involved? Whether ISD has reviewed its actual effectiveness and the need for adjustment? Whether there is any new strategy and specific work plan in the coming year, especially in the aspects of monitoring and making good use of new media? Please provide the estimated expenditure;
2. public relations consultants have been engaged to help develop a communications and marketing plan and creative collaterals to promote a favourable image of Hong Kong internationally and in the Mainland. Please provide the details of the plan and strategy, associated consultant fees and performance indicators;
3. besides engaging public relations consultants to help develop a communications and marketing plan and creative collaterals, whether ISD will enhance the use of non-government new media and online KOL by means of collaboration, outsourcing and placing advertisements to assist the Government in publicity and promotions, as well as fighting against untrue information. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 107)

Reply:

1. The Information Services Department (ISD) has been monitoring reports in the mass media and messages posted on major social media platforms at the headquarters level as well as through Information Officers stationed at various policy bureaux and departments. When there are rumours or false information relating to the government widely circulating which have caused misunderstanding or negative sentiments in the local or international community, the ISD immediately makes clarifications through various channels to curb the spread of rumours and address public queries. As the officers concerned are required to carry out multiple duties, we are not able to single out the expenditure involved.

In view of the rapid development of social media over the years, the ISD has procured local social media listening services making use of big data analytics from the market in accordance with government procurement guidelines, so as to grasp public opinion and sentiment expressed online, clarify misinformation or rumours relating to the government, set the record straight and address public concerns in a timely manner. The expenditure incurred in this area in the 2020-21 financial year was around \$3.3million.

The channels for making clarifications include issuing press releases, arranging relevant officials to explain to media, and disseminating widely the correct information on the Internet and social media through the following means: setting up a clarifications section on the website of news.gov.hk (www.news.gov.hk/eng/categories/clarification/index.html) to facilitate public access to the clarifications; and making use of the “Tamar Talk” Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TamarTalk.hk) and news.gov.hk Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/govnews.hk/>) to provide correct information to set the record straight. The ISD also produces short video clips, such as the one-minute series on clarifications and major government messages, which are broadcasted on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, as well as on TV32 of Radio Television Hong Kong. In addition, the ISD collaborates with different print and electronic media to disseminate accurate information to the public. It also produces Announcements in the Public Interest and a series of short videos, and makes use of other platforms to encourage the public not to believe in rumours. In 2021-22, we will continue with the above work and will increase placement of online advertisements to disseminate information.

The ISD and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) also make clarifications on erroneous reports in overseas media. These clarifications have been uploaded on the thematic website “Hong Kong Update” to facilitate public access. (www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/Hong-Kong-Update/National-Security-Law.html) (www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/Hong-Kong-Update/Response-to-COVID-19.html)

The ISD has all along promoted Hong Kong’s strengths, advantages and potential as Asia’s global business and financial centre under “one country, two systems” and as a free, safe, welcoming and stable city with a trusted legal system. We will continue our overseas promotion and publicity efforts in 2021-22 by engaging local and international media to produce TV, online, social media contents, placing print and digital advertisements, carrying out social media and digital marketing to promote

Hong Kong and provide global audiences with up-to-date information. Liaison with overseas journalists and a wide range of stakeholders, including international chambers of commerce, consul generals and think tanks will continue to provide them with information on the latest developments in Hong Kong. The ISD will also continue to work closely with ETOs outside Hong Kong to disseminate positive messages about Hong Kong and rebut negative reports through ETO networks.

2. The ISD commissioned a PR consultancy through open tender in June 2020. The value of the one-year contract is about US\$6.4 million (about HK\$50 million). The PR consultancy has carried out a local and international baseline research to understand current perceptions of Hong Kong's key global stakeholders. Based on the research findings, the ISD is working with the PR consultancy to develop a communications strategy, phased plan and messaging, as well as a marketing and advertising plan and collaterals to help rebuild confidence in Hong Kong as a place in which to invest, do business, work and live. The PR consultancy would also provide metrics for campaign performance as well as how the effectiveness of the plan would be monitored and assessed.
3. In 2021-22, the ISD will continue to monitor closely market developments and international trends with a view to making the best use of various communication platforms and means to publicise government messages. We will also continue to keep a close watch on views expressed on major social media platforms to help government bureaux and departments to grasp public sentiments, and will proactively and swiftly respond to false information and rumours relating to the government through various channels, including major social media platforms.

Externally, the ISD has all along promoted Hong Kong's strengths, advantages and potential as Asia's global business and financial centre under "one country, two systems" and as a free, safe, welcoming and stable city with a trusted legal system. We will continue to enhance our overseas PR and publicity efforts in 2021-22 by engaging international media to produce TV, online, social media contents, placing print and digital advertisements, carrying out social media and digital marketing to promote Hong Kong and provide global audiences with up-to-date information. We will continue to identify suitable publicity platforms to raise Hong Kong's international profile and deliver positive messages and accurate information about the city.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB115****(Question Serial No. 2071)**Head: (74) Information Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public InformationControlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding “the greater use of social media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WeChat, Weibo and YouTube allows up-to-date news stories, feature stories, photos, infographics and videos to be disseminated to various sectors of the community.”;

- currently, how many accounts have been created on different social media by various government departments, what are the manpower involved in the operation for each account, the expenditure involved and number of views or interaction for each account per year, and whether the accounts are operated by outsourced service providers; please set out in the following table.

Type of social media	Name of account	Bureau/ Department concerned	Manpower involved in the operation	Annual expenditure involved	Number of views/ interaction	Whether operated by outsourced service providers

- whether the Department has formulated indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of using these social media; if so, the details; if not, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)Reply:

- Individual bureaux and departments are responsible for creating and managing their own social media accounts. The Information Services Department (ISD) does not have details of their operations of these social media accounts.

The ISD has been making use of various social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, WeChat, WeiBo and Youku to disseminate major government news and information locally and outside Hong Kong, and to promote Hong Kong as Asia's world city. These social media platforms are managed with existing resources and manpower of ISD. As the officers concerned are required to carry out multiple duties, we are not able to provide a specific breakdown of resources.

Statistics of *news.gov.hk* social media platforms, Tamar Talk Facebook and Brand Hong Kong social media platforms are as follows:

news.gov.hk social media platforms (as at December 2020)

Facebook (Launched in November 2014)

Followers	142 883
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Instagram (Launched in November 2015)

Followers	68 607
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Twitter (Launched in July 2010)

Followers	64 161
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WeChat (Launched in November 2015)

Fans	48 693
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Weibo (Launched in July 2010)

Fans	1 163 797
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News videos and features of *news.gov.hk* are uploaded onto ISD's YouTube channel, which also displays other videos such as TV Announcements in the Public Interest, Radio Announcements in the Public Interest and other publicity videos. The statistics of ISD's YouTube channel is as follows:

YouTube (Launched in May 2010)

Subscribers	61 518
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Tamar Talk Facebook (Launched in December 2019) (as at December 2020)

Followers	33 905
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Brand Hong Kong social media platforms (as at December 2020)

YouTube (Including English, Cantonese & Putonghua channels) (Launched in January 2015)

Subscribers	4 145
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Instagram (Launched in September 2015)

Followers	8 355
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Facebook (Launched in December 2015)

Followers	85 154
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Youku (Launched in January 2018)

Subscribers	410
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Twitter (Launched in January 2019)

Followers	6 527
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LinkedIn (Launched in April 2019)

Followers	4 211
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WeiBo (Launched in July 2019)

Fans	25 500
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WeChat (Launched in July 2020)

Fans	22 417
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2. Social media platforms established by the ISD are one of the means to disseminate government information and carry out publicity and promotion work. No specific evaluation indicators are set due to the varied contents, markets and target audiences.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB116

(Question Serial No. 1586)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Rex CHANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The aims of Information Services Department are to enhance public awareness of, and educate the community on, issues of wide concern; and promote a greater sense of civic responsibility. In light of quite a lot of untrue information and rumours on the Government and the Central Government, what specific strategies and measures will the department adopt to convey correct information to the public, with a view to rectifying all extreme, untrue and misleading information in the community?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

The Information Services Department (ISD) has been monitoring reports in the mass media and messages posted on major social media platforms at the headquarters level as well as through the Information Officers stationed at various policy bureaux and departments. When there are rumours or false information relating to the government widely circulating which have caused misunderstanding or negative sentiments in the local or international community, the ISD immediately makes clarifications through various channels to curb the spread of rumours and to quell public queries.

The channels for making clarifications include issuing press releases, arranging relevant officials to explain to media, and disseminating widely the correct information on the Internet and social media through the following means: setting up a clarifications section on the website of news.gov.hk (www.news.gov.hk/eng/categories/clarification/index.html) to facilitate the public to access the clarifications; and making use of the "Tamar Talk" Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TamarTalk.hk) and news.gov.hk Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/govnews.hk/>) to provide correct information to set the record straight. The ISD also produces short video clips, such as the one-minute series on clarifications and major government messages, which are broadcast on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, as well as on TV32 of Radio Television Hong Kong. In addition, the ISD collaborates with different print and electronic media to disseminate accurate information to the public. It also produces

Announcements in the Public Interest and a series of short videos, and makes use of other platforms to encourage the public not to believe in rumours.

On the international front, ISD and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices have been issuing clarifications over erroneous reports in overseas media. The clarifications have been uploaded on the thematic website “Hong Kong Update” to facilitate public access.

(www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/Hong-Kong-Update/National-Security-Law.html)

(www.brandhk.gov.hk/html/en/Hong-Kong-Update/Response-to-COVID-19.html)

In 2021-22, we will continue with the above work and will increase placement of online advertisements to disseminate information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB117

(Question Serial No. 1246)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will develop the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system and produce a series of videos to be uploaded to the new LCSD Edutainment Channel. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a) the development progress and timetable of the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system, and whether the new booking system will effectively combat touting activities; and
- b) the total number of videos on the LCSD Edutainment Channel and the total number of views; how to make the Channel more widely known; and whether the videos will be uploaded to social media platforms to achieve better promotional effect. If so, please provide the details, targets and timetable. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is pressing ahead with the development of the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (the new system). The core functions in Phase 1 and the enhanced functions in Phase 2 are expected to be rolled out in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

For efficient and fair allocation of valuable community resources, and to help curb touting activities and the abuse of facilities, the new system will include a new function of allocating facilities by ballot on top of the first-come-first-served allocation mechanism. The LCSD will consider the adoption of balloting first for some popular facilities in peak hours, such as turf football pitches and multi-purpose arenas (badminton courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, etc.) of sports centres, with the remaining sessions to be allocated in accordance with the existing allocation mechanism. Members of the public will no longer need to queue up at booking

counters in early morning for booking these facilities. In addition, the new system will require real-name registration before anybody can join the balloting and payment within a specified period so as to reduce the time for touting activities. After the rolling out of the new system, the existing penalty system adopted by the LCSD against unauthorised transfer or sale of user permits and no-shows of individual and organisation hirers will still remain in place. Hirers will be required to check in for sessions in person to prevent the abuse of facilities.

- b) As at the end of February 2021, nearly 500 videos were uploaded to the LCSD Edutainment Channel with about 1.5 million page views in total.

To broaden the reaching out for more viewers, the LCSD has uploaded the videos of 101 Academy to YouTube Channel, and released videos from “Art Appreciation 101” series under 101 Academy on the social media platforms of its museums. Some of the performance programmes on the Edutainment Channel are broadcast through its website and YouTube. WeWeWebWeb Carnival, for instance, recorded nearly 1 million page views in total. The LCSD will continue to promote the Edutainment Channel online and through physical newspaper and magazines, uploads videos on the Channel periodically to the “LCSD Plusss” pages on social media for sharing.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB118

(Question Serial No. 1250)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to expand the existing Green Volunteer Scheme to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a) the scale, mode of activities, number of participants and effectiveness of the existing Green Volunteer Scheme; and
- b) ways to promote public participation in tree surveillance, the number of people expected to participate in tree surveillance in the coming year, as well as the approach and methods of tree surveillance.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

- a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (the LCSD) has been implementing the Green Volunteer Scheme (the Scheme) in the 18 districts since 2003. Basic horticultural training and practical sessions are arranged for participants of the Scheme. As at end of December 2020, the number of Green Volunteers was over 6 800. The LCSD organised around 500 activities for the Green Volunteers with over 7 500 attendees in 2019, and around 130 activities with about 1 100 attendees in 2020. The decreases in the number of activities and participants in 2020 were mainly due to the cancellation of some activities amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b) Under the Scheme, the LCSD organises many training activities, workshops and seminars on basic horticultural knowledge, tree care, tree maintenance and tree problems for Green Volunteers to equip them with basic knowledge in horticulture and in spotting signs of tree problems. The LCSD also encourages them to assist in tree surveillance and report problematic trees to “1823” Call Centre. Whilst there is no specific target number for 2021-22, the LCSD will continue to work with local communities to promote the Scheme and recruit more Green Volunteers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB119

(Question Serial No. 1251)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will make the public play spaces more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 public play spaces across the territory over the next 5 years from year 2020-21 onwards. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- a) the names of public play spaces of which transformation was completed in the past year, and thematic and innovative facilities of those public play spaces;
- b) the names of public play spaces of which transformation is planned to take place in the coming year and the timetable of the transformation works, and ways to minimise the impact on users of those facilities when the works are underway; and
- c) the inclusive play equipment in the children's playground of Tuen Mun Park has been very popular since the opening of the playground. However, the noise from the park has caused nuisance to nearby residents. How will the Department select suitable types of play equipment for future transformation to minimise the impact on nearby residents?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- a) & b) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched 17 transformation projects in 2020-21 and will launch 26 projects in 2021-22 in various districts. A list of venues of transformation projects is at Annex. The LCSD will offer the public play spaces (PPS) with different degrees of challenges and fun, and introduce more natural elements to provide innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces. To minimise the impact on users of those facilities when the works are underway, the LCSD will post notices in advance to inform the public of the schedule of the transformation projects, and provide the locations of similar facilities in the vicinity and relevant information

to the public for reference. In addition, the LCSD will avoid transforming PPS in close proximity simultaneously, so that residents may continue using other play equipment in the area.

- c) The LCSD will draw experience from the transformation of the children's playground in Tuen Mun Park, and pay attention to the surrounding environment of the venues when transforming other PPS. In designing the overall layout of a PPS, play equipment emitting sounds will be installed at locations farther away from residential areas as far as practicable, so as to avoid causing noise nuisance to the residents.

List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22

Districts	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

Transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB120****(Question Serial No. 2680)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that recreational facilities will be upgraded. Please inform this Committee of the following:

Regarding the construction or reconstruction of 12 football pitches under the Five-year Plan for Sports and Recreational Facilities, please provide details of the locations of the 12 football pitches, expenditure involved in the construction or reconstruction of each football pitch and the timetable; and

Regarding the \$318 million earmarked for implementing a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, please provide details of the plan, the expenditure involved in each item and the timetable.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)Reply:

1. In the Policy Address in January 2017, the Government announced the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities which covers 26 projects, including the construction or reconstruction of 12 football pitches. Details of the pitches are as follows:

District	Project Name	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	Construction	1	2021 (Note 1)	2023 (Note 1)

District	Project Name	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Sha Tin	Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (pre-construction activities) (known as Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Construction	1	2020	2023
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	1	2018	2021
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	1	2020	2021-2022 (to be completed in phases)
Yuen Long	Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium (pre-construction activities)	Reconstruction	1	2019	2022
Yuen Long	Sports Facilities with Public Vehicle Park in Tung Tau Industrial Area, Yuen Long (known as Redevelopment of Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground, Yuen Long in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	2	(Note 2)	
Tai Po	Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po (known as Football-cum-Rugby Pitch in Area 33, Tai Po in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Construction	1		

District	Project Name	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Tuen Mun	Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun	Construction	1		
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Area 6, Tuen Mun	Construction	2		
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Area 17, Tuen Mun	Construction	1		

As the pitches form part of the project estimate, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (the LCSD) does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the pitches.

Note 1: The tentative completion date is based on the assumption that funding approval is given by the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first half of 2021.

Note 2: As the projects are at different planning stages, the implementation programme of the projects is being worked out. We will provide details when we consult the relevant LegCo panels and the Public Works Subcommittee, and seek the funding approval of the FC on these projects.

- Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the LCSD is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB121****(Question Serial No. 2681)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Budget Speech mentions the upgrading of recreational facilities and that \$318 million will be earmarked to implement “a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches” for expediting the replacement of artificial turf on football pitches. Will the Government inform this Committee of:

The dates of latest replacement of artificial turf on artificial turf pitches in the table below.

Region	District Council District	Venue	Date of Latest Replacement of Artificial Turf
Kowloon	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park 2	
Kowloon	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park 1	
Kowloon	Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	
Kowloon	Yau Tsim Mong	Cherry Street Park	
Kowloon	Sham Shui Po	Shek Kip Mei Park	
Kowloon	Sham Shui Po	Hing Wah Street West Playground	
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 1	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 2	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 3	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Po Kong Village Road Park 1	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Po Kong Village Road Park 2	
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 4	
New Territories	Yuen Long	Tin Yip Road Park	

Region	District Council District	Venue	Date of Latest Replacement of Artificial Turf
New Territories	North	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	
New Territories	Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	
New Territories	Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Park	
New Territories	Tuen Mun	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	
New Territories	Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	
New Territories	Sha Tin	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	
New Territories	Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	
New Territories	Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	
New Territories	Islands	Man Tung Road Park	
Hong Kong Island	Central and Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	
Hong Kong Island	Southern	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	
Hong Kong Island	Southern	Aberdeen Sports Ground	
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	Quarry Bay Park 2	
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	Quarry Bay Park 1	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 3	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 2	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 4	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 8	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 1	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 10	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 9	
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 6	

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

Information on the dates of latest replacement of artificial turf on artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is set out in **Annex**.

Artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Region	District Council District	Venue	Date of Latest Replacement of Artificial Turf
Kowloon	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park 2	2020
Kowloon	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park 1	2015
Kowloon	Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	2007 ⁽¹⁾
Kowloon	Yau Tsim Mong	Cherry Street Park	2019
Kowloon	Sham Shui Po	Shek Kip Mei Park	2020
Kowloon	Sham Shui Po	Hing Wah Street West Playground	2018
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	2014
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	2015
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	2013
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	2019
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	On Sau Road Park	2021
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 1	2020
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 2	2012
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 3	2012
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	2014
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Po Kong Village Road Park 1	2010
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Po Kong Village Road Park 2	2010
Kowloon	Wong Tai Sin	Morse Park 4	2015
New Territories	Yuen Long	Tin Yip Road Park	2014
New Territories	North	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	2016
New Territories	Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	2016
New Territories	Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Park	2020
New Territories	Tuen Mun	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	2012
New Territories	Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	2019
New Territories	Sha Tin	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	2016
New Territories	Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	2019
New Territories	Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	2017
New Territories	Islands	Man Tung Road Park	2019

Region	District Council District	Venue	Date of Latest Replacement of Artificial Turf
Hong Kong Island	Central and Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	2010
Hong Kong Island	Southern	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	2020
Hong Kong Island	Southern	Aberdeen Sports Ground	2017
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	Quarry Bay Park 2	2013
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	Quarry Bay Park 1	2016
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 3	2015
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 2	2016
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 4	2015
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 8	2017
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 1	2017
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 10	2017
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 9	2017
Hong Kong Island	Wan Chai	Happy Valley Recreation Ground 6	2013

Note

(1) Arrangement will be made to replace the artificial turf in the second quarter of 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB122

(Question Serial No. 2138)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will make the public play spaces more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 public play spaces across the territory over the next 5 years from year 2020-21 onwards. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. details on the location, construction period, completion date, particulars of transformation and estimated expenditure of those public play spaces which have transformation commenced in the past 2 years in each of the 18 districts;
2. details on the location, construction period, completion date, particulars of transformation and estimated expenditure of public play spaces to be included for transformation in the coming 5 years in each of the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that the Government would launch a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory, with a view to offering the play spaces with different degrees of challenges and fun, and introduce more natural elements in order to provide innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces. The total estimated expenditure for the entire programme is \$686 million.

The LCSD launched 17 transformation projects in 2020-21 and will launch 26 projects in 2021-22 in various districts. A list of venues of transformation projects is at **Annex**. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been successfully launched by 2026.

List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22

Districts	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

Transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB123

(Question Serial No. 2140)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Government will continue to implement the Five-Year Plan to enhance and increase the provision of sports and recreational facilities to meet the needs of the general public and support the development of sports in Hong Kong. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the progress of the respective works? Please provide a breakdown by stage of works, construction period, projected completion date, projected date of resumption of service and works expenditure.
2. Are there any delays in the projects under the Five-Year Plan? If so, what are the details of such delays? What are the amounts of cost overruns involved?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

1. & 2.: The Government earmarked \$20 billion in 2017 to launch 26 projects in the next 5 years to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in different districts. Funding approval has already been obtained from the Legislative Council (LegCo) for 16 projects, of which the Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital was opened for public use in February 2021. The pre-construction activities/works have commenced for 14 projects, with the remaining to commence within 2021. Details of the 16 projects are as follows -

Project	Works Start Date	Tentative Completion/ Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)
1. Avenue Park at Kai Tak	2018	2021	321.9
2. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	2018	2021	186.7
3. District Open Space (Phase 1) Adjoining San Po Kong Public Housing Development (known as Open Space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	2019	2021	179.7
4. Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po	2019	2021	93.8
5. Open Space in Area 47 and 48, North District	2019	2021	123.7
6. Provision of Heated Pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin	2018	2022	576.5
7. Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium (pre-construction activities)	2019	2022	45.4
8. Station Square at Kai Tak	2019	2021 (Phase 1) 2022 (Phase 2)	1,651.5
9. Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	2019	2022	1,336.0
10. Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital	2018	Opened for public use in 2021	82.2

Project	Works Start Date	Tentative Completion/ Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)
11. Hoi Sham Park Extension in Kowloon City District (known as Hoi Sham Park Extension, To Kwa Wan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	2020	2023	293.2
12. Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	2020	2021-22 In Phases	145.5
13. Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui	2020	2023	104.0
14. Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex	2020	2024	1,120.0
15. Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (known as Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	2020	2023	74.3
16. Open Space in Area 27 (Phase 1), Tuen Mun (carried out in the form of Minor Building Works)	2021	2023	25.0

We plan to seek the funding approval of the LegCo Finance Committee (FC) for 4 projects in the 2020-21 legislative year. Details are as follows -

Project	Works Start Date (Note)	Tentative Completion Date (Note)	Estimated Expenditure (\$M) (Note)
1. Town Park in Area 68, Tseung Kwan O (known as Town Park in Area 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O in the Policy Address in January 2017)	2021	2024	558.2
2. Kwai Chung Park	2021	2023	318.3
3. Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	2021	2023	196.1
4. Open Space at Hung Hom Waterfront	2021	2024	266.7

Note: The tentative start date, completion date and estimated expenditure are based on the assumption that FC's funding approval is given in the first half of 2021.

As regards the remaining projects, they are at different planning stages. Cost estimate and implementation programme of the projects are being worked out. We will provide details when we consult the relevant LegCo panels and the Public Works Subcommittee, and seek the funding approval of FC on these projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB124

(Question Serial No. 2220)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. It is stated in the Budget that \$318 million will be earmarked to implement a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, substantially increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards. What are the justifications for the Government's plan to substantially increase the number of 5-a-side football pitches?
2. Regarding the Government's plan to develop football, have the football sector, professional and amateur footballers been consulted beforehand? If not, will consultation be conducted before the implementation in future?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

1. Being recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association as a form of football competition, futsal is suitable for promoting the sport of football at the community and school levels and is conducive to enhancing the overall level of football. While quite a number of countries and places are putting forth efforts to promote the development of futsal in recent years, the Futsal League competitions and inter-school futsal competitions have also been organised in Hong Kong with an ever-growing number of participants. To tie in with the international trend of development of football and support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong, the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards has to be substantially increased. Under the five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, some of the existing 5-a-side hard-surface football pitches not meeting the standards and 7-a-side hard-surface football pitches of smaller sizes will be converted into standard 5-a-side football pitches, while line-markings for 1 or 2 5-a-side football pitch(es) will be added on some 7-a-side hard-surface football pitches so that they can be used for futsal competitions.

2. The Government has all along been engaging the football sector and the relevant “national sports association” (NSA) on the development of football. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from the NSAs and local community, etc. in determining the priority for the improvement works so as to provide more standard football pitches for members of the public for promoting the development of football in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB125

(Question Serial No. 2222)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government stated in 2017 Policy Address that planning was underway to conduct a technical feasibility study for the “Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay” project in Shau Kei Wan. However, while it has almost been 4 years since the study, no construction work for development of the site has yet been confirmed. In this connection, please provide information on the latest progress on the “Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay” project and the expected implementation timetable.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The Government announced the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities (the Five-Year Plan) in 2017 Policy Address, launching 26 projects to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in the coming 5 years, and conducting technical feasibility study (TFS) for another 15 sports and recreation facility projects. The “Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay” is one of the projects for conducting TFS under the Five-Year Plan. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department, in conjunction with the Transport Department, will consult the Planning, Works and Housing Committee under the Eastern District Council on the proposed project scope in the first half of 2021. Subject to the support of the members of the Committee for the proposed scope in mid-2021, the technical feasibility study on the project will be conducted by the end of 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB126

(Question Serial No. 3169)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The LCSD mentioned in Programme (1) that it will continue to promote the optimal utilisation of sports facilities through various means including offering free or concessionary booking of selected sports facilities by schools, the elderly, full-time students, people with disabilities as well as specified types of organisations during specified off-peak hours. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide the number of hours of hiring of sports facilities and training venues by national sports associations (NSAs) during peak and off-peak hours, and the number of hours of hiring of sports facilities and training venues by non-NSAs during peak and off-peak hours in the past 3 years.
2. What are the LCSD's staff establishment and estimated expenditure on management of sports facilities and training venues?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

1. As there are a great variety and a large number of sports facilities under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), various organisations including national sports associations (NSAs) hire these facilities from time to time for organising different activities including those for training purpose. The LCSD does not maintain any record of the number of hours of hiring of sports facilities by NSAs and non-NSAs during peak and off-peak hours in the past 3 years.
2. The staff establishment for Programme (1) Recreation and Sports for 2021-22 is 4 732. They are tasked to develop and manage recreation and sports facilities and to organise a wide range of leisure activities in order to promote recreation and sports at all levels throughout the community. The estimated expenditure for major types of sports facilities managed by the LCSD in 2021-22 is set out at Annex.

Estimated Expenditure of Major Sports Facilities Managed by the LCSD in 2021-22

	2021-22
	Total Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Sports Centre	712.94
Sports Ground (including football pitch)	379.56
Tennis Court	150.12
Public Swimming Pool	1,237.63

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB127

(Question Serial No. 3254)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 51 of the Budget Speech that additional resources will be allocated to enhance recreational facilities. These enhancements will improve people's quality of life when the epidemic is over and may also appeal to our visitors.

Will the Government inform this Committee of the specific details of the plan? Is there an implementation timetable? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

The Government will allocate additional resources to upgrade recreational facilities, including transformation of public play spaces, enhancement of football pitches and outdoor fitness equipment.

The Government announced in the 2019 Policy Address that it would launch a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory. The total estimated expenditure for the entire programme is about \$686 million. The LCSD has been implementing the transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years, with a view to smoothly implementing the transformation projects for more than 170 venues by 2026.

Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the LCSD is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

Besides, the LCSD will also introduce novel outdoor fitness equipment suitable for young users on a pilot basis to meet the keen public demand for fitness equipment. Depending on the effectiveness and public response, the LCSD will consider the provision of fitness equipment in more outdoor venues. The LCSD will implement this project with existing resources and the provision for construction of new parks, thus there is no need to apply for additional provision.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB128

(Question Serial No. 1518)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

While Hong Kong is a city with a population of over 7.5 million, there are only 56 11-a-side football pitches under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). In this year's Budget, the Financial Secretary stated that "The Kai Tak Sports Park, scheduled for completion in 2023, will provide, among others, two main stadiums for hosting both international and local football matches. The Five-year Plan for Sports and Recreational Facilities also includes the construction or reconstruction of 12 football pitches, including the redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium". In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the details of "the construction or reconstruction of 12 football pitches" mentioned in the Budget Speech? Please provide a list of the football pitches to be constructed or reconstructed, the estimates involved and the project schedules.
2. Conceivably, many people in Hong Kong would agree that "it is very difficult to hire the 11-a-side football pitches managed by the LCSD". The core reason is that the number of football pitches in Hong Kong is insufficient against the increasing demand. This gives rise to rampant touting activities and a feeling among the public that "no football pitches will be available to them" if they do not participate in the "touting activities" in Hong Kong. There are also comments that it should not be ruled out that there are people using bots in automatic booking of football pitches or there are organisations making profits by "selling bookings or organising football matches after claiming the pitches". Will the Government step up enforcement actions to eliminate such practices, so as to give football lovers in Hong Kong more opportunities to enjoy football playing?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

1. In the Policy Address in January 2017, the Government announced the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities which covers 26 projects, including the

construction or reconstruction of 12 football pitches. Details of the pitches are as follows:

District	Project Name	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	Construction	1	2021 (Note 1)	2023 (Note 1)
Sha Tin	Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (pre-construction activities) (known as Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Construction	1	2020	2023
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	1	2018	2021
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	1	2020	2021-2022 (to be completed in phases)
Yuen Long	Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium (pre-construction activities)	Reconstruction	1	2019	2022

District	Project Name	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Yuen Long	Sports Facilities with Public Vehicle Park in Tung Tau Industrial Area, Yuen Long (known as Redevelopment of Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground, Yuen Long in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	2	(Note 2)	
Tai Po	Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po (known as Football-cum-Rugby Pitch in Area 33, Tai Po in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Construction	1		
Tuen Mun	Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun	Construction	1		
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Area 6, Tuen Mun	Construction	2		
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Area 17, Tuen Mun	Construction	1		

As the pitches form part of the project estimate, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (the LCSD) does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the pitches.

Note 1: The tentative completion date is based on the assumption that funding approval is given by the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first half of 2021.

Note 2: As the projects are at different planning stages, the implementation programme of the projects is being worked out. We will provide details when we consult the relevant LegCo panels and the Public Works Subcommittee, and seek the funding approval of the FC on these projects.

- Over the years, the LCSD has introduced administrative measures and system enhancements to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities through the Leisure Link System. Measures implemented include the shortening of the advance booking period for individual hirers; re-registration of Leisure Link Patrons using their

Hong Kong Identity Cards (HKID Cards) to prevent hirers from using multiple identity proofs to make booking; cancellation of the “standby” arrangement for turf soccer pitches; tightening the peak period booking quota for individual users; tightening the penalty system for organisations; establishing a penalty system for hirers. To better combat toutting activities, the LCSD has also introduced various additional measures in recent years, such as posting the information of cancelled sessions on LCSD website before releasing the available sessions for re-booking on the next day; cessation of the telephone booking system; cessation of booking on behalf of another person using a copy of other’s identity document at Leisure Link booking counters and arranging booking and allocation of turf football pitches by balloting. Besides, hirers must produce the original copies of the identity documents used for registration at the check-in counters for verification and registration before using the facilities. The LCSD will continue to monitor the situation and actively explore the feasibility of introducing more measures to combat toutting.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB129

(Question Serial No. 3192)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums; (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

While the usage of e-book collections of local public libraries has increased substantially in recent years, the total attendance of libraries and the number of materials borrowed have been decreasing for years. According to the General Revenue Account, Matters Requiring Special Attention of the Home Affairs Bureau in 2021-22 include providing steer on the enhancement of public museum and library services. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the attendance figures of various public museums and libraries in various districts in the past 3 financial years?
2. Please tabulate the respective numbers of books that were newly acquired and those that were written off in the past 3 financial years with a breakdown by District Council district.
3. Libraries all over the world are facing the same challenges. To reform the library functions, it is a major trend to tie in with community needs and develop libraries into hubs of activities and learning for the public, narrowing down the knowledge gap among people. Will the Government consider integrating libraries into the community, and trying to provide facilities such as musical performance areas, music rehearsal rooms, theatres and bicycle parking spaces in addition to books for loan by the public, similar to libraries in western countries, so as to allow the public to enjoy different services in libraries, thereby bringing a sparking effect to the relationship between libraries and the public and increasing the number of library visitors?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

1. Attendance figures of museums and public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 financial years are set out at **Annex**.

2. The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) maintains an integrated and inter-connected network of static libraries and mobile libraries with access to its entire library collections. Acquisition and withdrawal of library materials are processed centrally, and books can be transferred between libraries from time to time. The number of books acquired and withdrawn by the HKPL in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Number of newly acquired books (items)	Number of books withdrawn (items)
2018-19	690 000	450 000
2019-20	670 000	460 000
2020-21 ^(Note) (as at 28 February 2021)	530 000	130 000

Note: The number of books withdrawn in 2020-21 is lower than that in 2019-20 since the withdrawal of some books for 2020-21 has yet to be approved.

3. The LCSD is committed to providing public library services to meet the community's need for knowledge, information, self-learning and continuous education, to support profitable use of leisure time, and to promote local literary arts. In response to the change of social role of public libraries in the modern era and the development of Hong Kong society and people's lifestyle, the HKPL has formulated a strategic plan as the blueprint for the development of its services and liaised with/engaged stakeholders to collect views from the public and local community on library services, facilities, collections and future needs. Opinion surveys, usage and data analysis as well as a review of the development of public library systems in different cities of the world have also been conducted. The HKPL adopts a multi-pronged approach to develop, enhance and promote library services in order to keep abreast with the needs of the public/social development. As for the development of hardware, new library facilities are planned as appropriate having regard to district development, the availability of resources and technical feasibility, which includes actively exploring the feasibility of incorporating library facilities into the proposed projects of other cultural and recreation/community facilities/other government public service facilities for collaborative planning and development, so as to optimise the use of "Government, Institution or Community" sites for public facilities while enhancing the synergy of the service delivery of new facilities to bring greater convenience and appeal to the public. In addition, the LCSD will carry out renovation/minor refurbishment at existing libraries for facility enhancement where technically feasible and resources are available. Design elements will be employed for creation/flexible use of space, with facility of user-friendly design and set up so as to rebrand libraries as the community's focal points. As for software, the HKPL will continue to explore and develop different modes of service delivery to enhance the reading experience of the public, and arouse public awareness of reading and stimulate interest in reading among members of the public by organising diversified activities at libraries, in order that it will assume its full role of promoting reading and lifelong learning as well as becoming the community's cultural focal points in support of Hong Kong's development as a smart city.

**Attendance of Museums and Public Libraries
under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

(A) Museums

Museums		2018-19	2019-20⁽¹⁾	2020-21^{(1) (2)}
1	Hong Kong Museum of Art ⁽³⁾	-	116 493	199 406
2	Hong Kong Museum of History ⁽⁴⁾	1 238 417	654 849	118 593
3	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	660 506	538 610	83 252
4	Hong Kong Science Museum	1 285 870	875 809	90 058
5	Hong Kong Space Museum ⁽⁵⁾	983 175	652 833	55 466
6	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence ⁽⁶⁾	64 507	-	-
7	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	90 558	56 184	10 811
8	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	64 146	40 021	18 849
9	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	198 203	108 760	24 267
10	Hong Kong Railway Museum	277 775	200 702	66 779
11	Law Uk Folk Museum	16 164	9 771	2 875
12	Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	41 173	35 033	9 041
13	Sam Tung Uk Museum	116 451	68 339	9 189
14	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	42 590	30 015	16 860
15	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	75 156	42 494	12 907
16	Oil Street Art Space (Oi!)	180 627	129 708	39 011
17	Hong Kong Film Archive	145 490	106 203	21 205
Total		5 480 808	3 665 824	778 569

Notes

- (1) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, museums and venues under the LCSD were temporarily and intermittently closed.
- (2) Attendance as at 28 February 2021.
- (3) The Hong Kong Museum of Art was reopened on 30 November 2019 upon completion of renovation.
- (4) The permanent exhibition of the Hong Kong Museum of History has been temporarily closed since 19 October 2020 for renovation.
- (5) The Space Theatre of the Hong Kong Space Museum has been temporarily closed since 1 May 2020 for renovation.
- (6) The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence has been temporarily closed since September 2018 for major repair and renovation.

(B) Public Libraries

Public Libraries		2018-19	2019-20 ⁽⁷⁾	2020-21 ^{(7) (8)}
Static Libraries				
Central and Western	City Hall	797 700	647 865	165 309
	Shek Tong Tsui	495 919	416 699	76 678
	Smithfield	289 393	237 967	31 474
Eastern	Chai Wan	545 505	445 235	89 643
	Electric Road	251 687	205 620	21 795
	North Point	310 399	258 031	79 721
	Quarry Bay	512 655	376 897	53 534
	Siu Sai Wan	406 048	277 715	70 902
	Yiu Tung	158 950	116 727	18 248
Southern	Aberdeen	509 837	493 160	85 986
	Ap Lei Chau	226 950	182 712	20 217
	Pok Fu Lam	205 007	165 487	21 956
	Stanley	137 487	118 795	13 641
Wan Chai	Hong Kong Central Library	3 955 175	2 891 601	483 743
	Lockhart Road	520 006	398 267	91 215
	Wong Nai Chung	165 099	143 689	19 031
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	316 979	254 642	35 148
	Kowloon	614 491	512 237	146 970
	Kowloon City	211 363	186 973	27 111
	To Kwa Wan	515 428	424 021	90 099
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	907 792	675 974	114 498
	Lei Yue Mun	143 696	98 048	18 576
	Ngau Tau Kok	507 527	418 635	77 563
	Sau Mau Ping	145 400	117 836	21 791
	Shui Wo Street	536 002	445 642	81 093
	Shun Lee Estate	159 245	144 848	22 753
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	735 070	617 081	125 190
	Po On Road	904 294	769 748	123 077
	Shek Kip Mei	278 271	235 780	32 354
	Un Chau Street	282 068	231 736	25 078

Public Libraries		2018-19	2019-20 ⁽⁷⁾	2020-21 ^{(7) (8)}
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	191 310	159 205	18 124
	Lok Fu	264 637	194 312	27 065
	Lung Hing	321 311	260 514	34 240
	Ngau Chi Wan	409 984	334 326	64 956
	San Po Kong	725 688	635 465	107 344
	Tsz Wan Shan	377 996	314 699	32 441
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	542 850	420 084	89 421
	Tai Kok Tsui	427 940	358 933	29 783
	Tsim Sha Tsui	147 522	111 661	18 700
	Yau Ma Tei ⁽⁹⁾	510 108	411 014	96 453
Islands	Cheung Chau	202 950	167 725	29 557
	Mui Wo	46 800	38 775	6 198
	North Lamma ⁽¹⁰⁾	5 517	42 264	10 840
	Peng Chau	32 353	27 211	5 119
	South Lamma	1 529	1 104	177
	Tai O	31 925	26 380	3 712
	Tung Chung	469 909	367 033	87 920
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	483 532	403 831	83 965
	South Kwai Chung	644 663	514 406	73 623
	Tsing Yi	730 812	599 605	138 832
North	Fanling	608 843	509 067	113 900
	Fanling South	305 106	253 243	44 796
	Sha Tau Kok	26 847	20 636	2 880
	Sheung Shui	753 592	560 296	83 695
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	303 463	264 674	50 073
	Tiu Keng Leng	932 650	759 794	158 053
	Tseung Kwan O	645 636	528 645	97 396
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	212 411	166 035	14 136
	Ma On Shan	850 443	704 307	155 559
	Sha Tin	1 125 470	849 966	212 511
	Yuen Chau Kok	666 371	519 454	123 808
Tai Po	Tai Po	1 078 547	884 180	181 926
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	117 445	95 187	3 973
	Tsuen Wan	1 201 245	909 131	210 719

Public Libraries		2018-19	2019-20⁽⁷⁾	2020-21^{(7) (8)}
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	178 875	136 044	17 020
	Tai Hing	324 943	272 530	71 896
	Tuen Mun	1 283 395	1 052 015	264 677
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	1 199 831	948 372	173 020
	Tin Shui Wai North	355 495	263 198	27 562
	Yuen Long	1 053 306	873 925	176 744
Mobile Libraries				
Mobile Libraries 1-12		398 452	323 550	60 519
Total		35 937 145	28 792 464	5 487 727

Notes

- (7) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, all public libraries under the LCSD have been closed and services have been suspended temporarily and intermittently since 29 January 2020.
- (8) Attendance as at 28 February 2021.
- (9) Yau Ma Tei Public Library (District Library) was reprovisioned to the new premises in December 2020 with enhanced facilities and services.
- (10) North Lamma Public Library (Small Library) was reopened in June 2019 after in-situ reconstruction with enhanced facilities and services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB130

(Question Serial No. 0478)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please tabulate:

- the amounts of subvention granted to individual national sports associations by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21;
- the estimated subventions to be granted to individual national sports associations by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. The detailed breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is at **Annex**. The subvention to be allocated to NSAs in 2021-22 is being finalised.

**Subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the
Sports Subvention Scheme from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

	NSA	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	2,726	4,606	4,388
2.	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	6,840	7,487	7,416
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	17,350	16,999	18,638
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	5,597	6,917	7,269
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	12,511	13,354	14,061
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,066	3,556	3,504
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	1,489	2,028	2,056
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	1,625	2,415	2,721
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	4,158	5,632	5,601
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	2,400	3,892	2,964
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	3,854	5,512	5,583
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	10,913	12,504	12,598
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	4,220	5,065	4,881
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	2,805	3,787	3,723
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	2,952	3,478	3,551
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	6,253	7,302	7,261
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	19,852	20,894	20,255
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,193	2,680	2,516
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	2,324	3,022	2,935
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	5,311	6,618	6,808
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	7,336	8,177	9,222

	NSA	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	3,215	4,589	4,649
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	2,380	4,025	4,117
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,005	4,887	4,851
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,027	2,575	3,464
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	1,127	2,334	2,191
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,439	1,890	1,799
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	1,518	2,467	2,410
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	3,274	4,263	4,762
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	5,416	6,340	7,468
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,042	4,907	5,667
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	1,603	2,268	2,188
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	1,870	2,486	2,565
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	3,625	5,426	5,297
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,372	3,963	3,749
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7,367	8,697	8,670
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	5,551	7,685	7,723
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,646	2,561	2,700
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	7,607	8,677	8,750
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	3,432	5,193	5,130
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	1,670	2,788	2,543
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,675	2,056	2,188
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	2,689	3,976	3,911
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	1,771	2,445	2,588
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	9,360	11,368	11,227
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,274	8,987	8,856

	NSA	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
47.	Hong Kong Squash	13,902	15,506	15,453
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	10,509	12,110	12,242
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	16,351	19,071	19,871
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,888	3,513	3,412
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	12,459	13,428	13,492
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,937	3,369	3,305
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,781	4,729	4,719
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,286	1,623	1,564
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,157	1,699	1,592
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	11,863	14,268	14,864
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,170	1,582	1,515
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,383	1,965	1,799
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,911	9,729	9,557
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,276	4,828	4,768

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB131****(Question Serial No. 1136)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Performing ArtsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Concessionary Rates for Non-profit Organisations Scheme (Scheme) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) offers concessionary rates to applicants that meet the prescribed criteria. Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- The number of cases handled under the Scheme and the number of beneficiary organisations in each of the past 3 years; and
- Does the LCSD operate other similar schemes which provide subsidies or sponsorship of performance fees to organisations? If so, please state the number of cases handled under such schemes and the number of beneficiary organisations in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)Reply:

The number of bookings and the number of beneficiary organisations under the Concessionary Rates for Non-profit Organisations Scheme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for the period between 2018-19 and 2020-21 are set out below:

Concessionary Rates for Non-profit Organisations Scheme	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21⁽¹⁾ (Estimated)
Number of bookings	4 051	3 134	1 488
Number of beneficiary organisations	2 898	2 367	1 009

Note

(1) Some bookings were cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, 11 regional/district performing arts venues under the LCSD, viz. Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre, Ko Shan Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, Sha Tin Town Hall, Tai Po Civic Centre, North District Town Hall, Kwai Tsing Theatre, Tsuen

Wan Town Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall and Yuen Long Theatre, are open to applications for District Arts and Cultural Activities Venue Sponsorship from respective non-profit making district cultural and arts organisations. Details of the scheme for the past 3 years are set out below:

District Arts and Cultural Activities Venue Sponsorship	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21⁽²⁾ (Estimated)
Number of programmes/activities	269	236	150
Number of organisations sponsored	86	76	48

Note

(2) Some programmes/activities were cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB132

(Question Serial No. 1758)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government will transform more than 170 public play spaces over the next 5 years from year 2020-21 onwards, and will install some novel outdoor fitness equipment when renovating existing parks or constructing new ones. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- details of the public play spaces to be transformed (including locations selected, current progress, estimated total expenditure involved, manpower, etc.);
- details of the novel outdoor fitness equipment (including types of fitness equipment, expected target beneficiaries and their number, estimated total expenditure involved, manpower, etc.);
- whether performance indicators have been developed so as to see if the amount of funding meets the intended objectives. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- While the public play spaces and outdoor fitness equipment are well-received, many people find out the facilities are not available only when they arrive at the venue as resources are limited. Will the Government also consider providing real-time information to the public online? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that the Government would launch a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory. The estimated total expenditure of the entire programme is \$686 million and involves the creation of 15 posts. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that

transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been launched by 2026. The list of venues for transformation in the first two years (2020-21 and 2021-22) is set out at **Annex**. The LCSD will offer the PPS with different degrees of challenges and fun, and introduce more natural elements to provide innovative, challenging and interesting PPS.

2. The LCSD will introduce more novel outdoor fitness equipment in new parks and existing venues on a trial basis to meet the needs of people of different ages and abilities. The major types of fitness equipment include those for calisthenics, cross training and aerobic exercise fitness stations. The LCSD will, in accordance with the actual environment and district demographics of individual venues, select suitable novel fitness equipment for replacement of the old ones; and consider providing additional fitness equipment in more outdoor venues, depending on the effectiveness and public response. As the LCSD will implement the programme on a trial basis with existing resources and the funding for construction of new parks, there is no need to seek additional funding or create new posts.
3. The LCSD will evaluate the effectiveness of the programme by collecting statistics on the number of facility users, as well as feedback and opinions of the stakeholders.
4. Most facilities in the parks under the LCSD are free for public use on a first-come, first-served basis. In general, members of the public will queue for using the park facilities in a self-disciplined and orderly manner. If a particular facility is occupied, there are still other facilities for use. The LCSD will continue to monitor and review the usage of the PPS and outdoor fitness equipment, and will provide more popular facilities or enhance ancillary facilities to satisfy public needs, subject to availability of resources and actual situation.

List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22

District	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No.4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No.3 and No.4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

The transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB133

(Question Serial No. 0019)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 150 of the Budget Speech that to cater for people's diverse needs for fitness equipment, the LCSD will install some novel outdoor fitness equipment as appropriate when constructing new parks or renovating existing ones, such as the Yat Ming Road Park in North District which is near completion and the Butterfly Beach Park in Tuen Mun. Which parks will be constructed or renovated in the next 5 years? What is the estimated expenditure for each of the projects?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

To address people's needs for recreation and sports facilities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will review and upgrade recreation and sports facilities from time to time, including the installation of novel outdoor fitness equipment suitable for young users on a trial basis when constructing new parks or renovating existing ones. New projects with outdoor fitness equipment to be implemented/under construction in the next 5 years are listed at the **Annex**. As outdoor fitness equipment forms part of the park facilities, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the cost of the equipment. Subject to its effectiveness and public response, the LCSD will consider providing fitness equipment at more outdoor venues.

New Projects with Outdoor Fitness Equipment to be Implemented in the Next 5 Years

District	Project with Outdoor Fitness Equipment
Kowloon City	Avenue Park at Kai Tak
Kowloon City	Station Square at Kai Tak
Kowloon City	Hoi Sham Park Extension in Kowloon City District
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent area
Wong Tai Sin	District Open Space Adjoining San Po Kong Public Housing Development
Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui
North	Open Space in Area 47 and 48, North District
Tai Po	Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po
Tai Po	Sports Centre, Community Hall and Football Pitches in Area 1, Tai Po
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Site B2, Area 27, Tuen Mun
Yuen Long	Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB134

(Question Serial No. 1323)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in paragraph 152 of the Budget Speech, \$318 million will be reserved for implementing a five-year plan for upgrading 70 football pitches under the management of the LCSD, including substantially increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards, exploring the possibility of expanding the existing football pitches into standard 11-a-side turf pitches and expediting the replacement of artificial turf on football pitches. Would the Government advise what football pitches are planned to be built or refurbished in the coming 5 years? What are the estimated expenditures for the various projects?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB135****(Question Serial No. 1887)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Heritage and MuseumsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

With regard to the promotion of intangible cultural heritage (ICH), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. In the second round of “Community-driven Projects” and “Partnership Projects” launched under the ICH Funding Scheme by the ICH Office in 2020, what are i) the projects to be funded, ii) the names of organisations or ICH bearers receiving funding support, iii) the details of the projects, and iv) the amount of funding support?
2. What are the manpower and expenditures involved in supporting the above projects? Please provide a breakdown by rank, work nature and salary.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)Reply:

1. Projects funded in the second round of “Community-driven Projects” and “Partnership Projects” under the ICH Funding Scheme are at **Annexes I and II** respectively.
2. Under the staff establishment of the ICH Office, 3 civil servants are directly involved in supporting the ICH Funding Scheme. Their ranks, work nature and salaries are set out as follows:

Rank	Nature of Work	Salary^{Note} (\$)
Assistant Curator I	To organise and implement the ICH Funding Scheme, including vetting of applications, monitoring of project implementation, financial management, handling of public enquiries, publicity and promotion, etc.	58,635 - 73,775
Assistant Curator II		30,235 - 55,995

Rank	Nature of Work	Salary ^{Note} (\$)
Assistant Clerical Officer	To provide clerical and records management support for the ICH Funding Scheme, and handle disbursement of funds.	15,560 - 31,750

Note

Based on the Master Pay Scale

**Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Funding Scheme
Projects Funded under “Community-driven Projects 2020”**

	Project Name	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
1.	Immersive theatre on ICH	Class 7A Drama Group Limited	Immersive drama performances on ICH	853,000
2.	<i>Jiao</i> Festival and Tin Hau Festival of Poi Toi Island	Po Toi Island Welfare Association	Tin Hau Festival celebration, <i>Jiao</i> Festival celebration, traditional bamboo theatre building and guided tours	808,300
3.	Hakka Culture Festival	Heung Yee Kuk Foundation Limited	Hakka culture festival (including booths, workshops, demonstration-cum-performance and lectures, exhibition and book launch), publicity activities and publication	798,700
4.	Deciphering <i>Guangcai</i> : an ever-innovative ICH of Hong Kong	Ngai Tak Lung	Lectures, workshops, exhibition and publication of <i>Guangcai</i> making technique	791,400
5.	Continuity and transformation: the routine plays in Cantonese opera	Lum Man Yee	Research and publication	770,700
6.	Preservation and promotion of Hong Kong traditional paper craftsmanship	Au Yeung Ping Chi	Workshops and exhibition of paper crafting technique	673,400
7.	The 6th Hong Kong Culture Festival: The 5th Intangible Cultural Heritage Mart and the 6th Taoist Music Concert	Intangible Cultural Heritage Earthpulse Society Limited	ICH Mart (including performances, workshops and game booths) and music concert	633,700
8.	Costume brilliance of the Cantonese opera: a case study on the Hong Kong heritage	Hong Kong Art Culture And Education Development Centre Limited	Research, publication and database development on wearing culture of Cantonese opera	620,900
9.	Workshops on paper crafting technique	Hui Ka Hung	Training, exhibition and performances of paper crafting technique	593,100

	Project Name	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
10.	Courses and database on <i>Cheongsam</i>	Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Training, exhibition and development of online resources on sewing techniques of <i>Cheongsam</i>	581,700
11.	Sik Sik Yuen 100th anniversary “Wong Tai Sin Belief & Customs” roving exhibition	Sik Sik Yuen	Roving exhibition of Wong Tai Sin belief and customs	526,490
12.	From Tai O to Yim Tin Tsai: the transmission of salt making technique	The Salt & Light Preservation Centre Limited	Workshops, lecture-cum-visit, school talks and electronic booklet	511,600
13.	Hang Hau ICH Day (2021) and traditional Hakka Unicorn Dance conservation project	Joint Association of Traditional Hakka Unicorn in Sai Kung and Hang Hau, Hong Kong	Training class, workshops, field study, training programme for undergraduate on Unicorn Dance and ICH Day (including lectures, workshops and demonstration-cum-performance)	443,410
14.	Illustrating the Yu Lan Festival at 30 Houses, Hong Kong	Tse Tak Lung	Research and publication	390,400
15.	Tin Hau Festival at Hang Hau	Hang Hau Tin Hau Kung	Tin Hau Festival celebration, traditional bamboo theatre building and guided tours	376,830
16.	Inheriting <i>Guangcai</i> in Hong Kong	Tso Ip Ching Kiu, Ruby	Training on <i>Guangcai</i> making technique	366,860
17.	Ap Lei Chau Hung Shing Culture Festival 2021	Ap Lei Chau Kai Fong Tung Hing Association	Hung Shing Culture Festival (including dragon boat parade, guided tours and exhibition), traditional bamboo theatre building	339,450
18.	The preservation and promotion of the Seven Star School of Praying Mantis martial arts	Wong Wai Ying	Online courses on the Seven Star School of Praying Mantis, converting resources to electronic files, conducting oral history and producing martial arts teaching videos, and creating English webpages	334,200
19.	Transmission programmes of “ <i>Dishui Nanyin</i> ” 2020	The Heaven of Angels	Performances, training, roving school talks and lectures of <i>Nanyin</i>	332,790

	Project Name	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
20.	Production and transmission of Guangdong hand puppets	Chan Kam To	Lectures, demonstrations and performances of Guangdong hand puppets	326,400
21.	Transmission of floating colours parade at Cheung Chau	Leung Mee Ping	Exhibition, guided tours, lectures and demonstrations of floating colours parade at Cheung Chau	296,000
22.	Discovering traditional dragon boat @ Aberdeen	Southern District Dragon Boat Racing Committee	School talks, experience activities, exhibition and guided tours of dragon boat races	222,800
23.	Fat Tong Mun Tin Hau <i>Jiao</i> Festival	Fat Tong Mun Tin Hau Jiao Festival Association	Tin Hau Festival and <i>Jiao</i> Festival celebration and field study	217,460

**Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Funding Scheme
Projects Funded under “Partnership Projects 2020”**

A. Research and Publication on the Items of the “Representative List of the ICH of Hong Kong”

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
1.	Lingnan University (Hong Kong and South China Historical Research Programme)	2 items • Spring and Autumn ancestral worship of clans • Bamboo theatre building technique	2,193,000
2.	Hong Kong Baptist University (Department of History)	<i>Sek Pun</i> (Basin Feast)	1,479,000
3.	The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Centre for Chinese Music Studies, Department of Music)	<i>Nanyin</i>	987,000
4.	The Conservancy Association Centre for Heritage Limited (Authorised representative of Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organization Ltd)	Yu Lan Festival of the Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community	857,000
5.	The Conservancy Association Centre for Heritage Limited (Authorised representative of Hong Kong Cheung Chau Bun Festival Committee)	Cheung Chau <i>Jiao</i> Festival	857,000

B. Research and Survey for Enriching the “ICH Inventory of Hong Kong”

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
6.	Dr Wong Tin Kei	<p>13 items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tai Chi: Wu’s Tai Chi, Tung’s Tai Chi and other Tai Chi not yet included in the ICH Inventory of Hong Kong • Technique of leaf whistling • <i>Gongche</i> notation • Sixty Years’ <i>Jiao</i> Festival of Sheung Shui Heung • Belief and practices of Western Pure Land Buddhism: Three Times Observance, Seven-day Buddha Session and Seven-day Guan Yin Session, chantings, Pentatonic Buddhist Chanting and others • Beliefs and practices related to the supernatural: Shamans, <i>jitong</i>, spirit medium and others • Skills of abacus calculation • Pancake with sugar cracker production technique • Shanghai cuisine • Fujian shrimp oil production technique • Technique and social practice of ginger and vinegar making • Yu Lan Festival (<i>Zhongyuan</i> Festival) of Cheung Chau • <i>Jiao</i> Festival at Lam Tsuen, Tai Po 	618,000
7.	Dr Yip Tak Ping	<p>15 items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jiao</i> Festival at Tin Sam Village, Sha Tin • Yu Lan Festival at Sham Tseng • Southern school of massage and bone setting • Seal carving technique • Traditional bamboo scaffolding technique • Lantern lighting at Shan Ha Wai (Tsang Tai Uk), Sha Tin • Tin Hau Festival at Kowloon City • Double-steamed rice wine production technique • Signboard and neon light tube production technique • Kung Fu Tea making technique • The yearly praying for blessings and thanking deities at Ma Wan • Traditional table games: Chinese domino, Hakka card game and others • Traditional construction technique • Hakka pattern band making technique • Making technique of Chinese brush and brush of newborn hair 	313,000

C. Survey on ICH Items of Different Groups in Hong Kong

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
8.	The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Centre for the Study of Islamic Centre)	9 groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thai group • Jewish group • Muslim group (non-Chinese) • Sri Lankan group • Indian group • Parsee group • Russian group • Nepalese group • Hawaiian group 	1,046,000

D. Monograph Series on ICH of Hong Kong

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
9.	The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Institute of Future Cities)	Topic of monograph The transmission stories of herbal tea in villages	1,389,000
10.	The Open University of Hong Kong	Topic of monograph From Lingnan folk culture to Hong Kong ICH: theory and practice	775,000

E. Picture Book Series on ICH of Hong Kong

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
11.	Ng Chi Ching, Leslie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To publish a set of 10 picture books on ICH • To organise children puppet shows for publicity of picture books 	2,663,000

F. ICH Hub

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
12.	Siu Kwok Kin, Stanley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To plan, interpret, design and set up the ICH Hub • To design, produce and install multimedia programmes and interactive games to complement the content of the exhibition 	5,858,000

G. ICH Domain

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
13.	UNESCO Hong Kong Association	To organise a series of activities for teachers as well as secondary, primary and pre-primary students in the ICH Centre	3,017,000

H. ICH for All

	Grantee	Details	Amount of Grant (\$)
14.	Hong Kong Network for the Promotion of Inclusive Society Limited	To organise a series of workshops, guided tours, visits and experience activities on ICH for people with visual or hearing impairment	631,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB136

(Question Serial No. 2281)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Venues under the management of the LCSD were closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regarding closures due to the pandemic across the 18 districts over the past financial year, please tabulate the details of i) the LCSD venues; ii) sports and recreational facilities; iii) service items; iv) dates of closure; v) number of users affected; vi) amount of hire charges foregone.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

To tie in with the response level under the “Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance” being raised to Emergency Response Level and avoid people from gathering, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) closed a number of its recreational and sports facilities as necessary in the light of the pandemic development. In the past financial year, the LCSD had to close the facilities concerned on 4 occasions on 29 January, 23 and 28 March, 11 and 15 July, and 2 and 10 December 2020 due to the severe epidemic situation, and reopened them in phases on 3 and 11 March, 6 May, 29 August 2020, and 9 and 19 February 2021 as the epidemic situation gradually stabilised. The recreational and sports facilities that were closed include tennis courts, bowling greens, archery ranges, golf facilities, sports grounds, grass pitches and sports centres, etc. Some leisure facilities are still temporarily closed until further notice, including children’s play facilities, barbecue sites, indoor children’s play rooms, the Pui O Campsite, public swimming pools, gazetted beaches and some venues used for anti-epidemic purpose. Hence, the LCSD is unable to provide information on the dates of closure of facilities, number of users affected and amount of hire charges foregone, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB137****(Question Serial No. 1560)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Performing ArtsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 under this Programme that 3 annual major arts festivals, namely the "Chinese Opera Festival", the "International Arts Carnival" and the "New Vision Arts Festival" were cancelled. Free online programmes including "WeWeWebWeb Carnival" and "ReNew Vision" were created to offer alternative arts space to meet the needs of arts practitioners and arts enthusiasts. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the estimated expenditure and estimated number of viewers of "WeWeWebWeb Carnival" and "ReNew Vision".

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)Reply:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the "International Arts Carnival" and the "New Vision Arts Festival" in 2020-21 were cancelled. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department created free online programmes "WeWeWebWeb Carnival" and "ReNew Vision" to support local arts groups, and to help maintain a cultural life among members of the public staying at home during the pandemic.

In response to the pandemic and the new normal, the "International Arts Carnival" and the "New Vision Arts Festival" in 2021-22 will deliver both live and online performances, and continue to engage local and overseas arts groups to produce live-streamed or pre-recorded programmes. The combined effort is expected to cultivate an interest in the community, particularly among the younger generation, in attending performance as audience. The estimated expenditure and estimated number of viewers in question are as follows:

2021-22	WeWeWebWeb Carnival	ReNew Vision
Estimated expenditure	\$1.25 million	\$1.5 million
Estimated number of viewers	600 000	100 000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB138

(Question Serial No. 1561)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 under this Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will “produce a series of videos introducing popular sports to be uploaded to the new LCSD Edutainment Channel to arouse public interest”. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a. the Government's estimated expenditure on operating the LCSD Edutainment Channel in 2021-22;
- b. the Government's estimated expenditure on operating the LCSD Edutainment Channel in the coming 3 years;
- c. the person(s) or department(s) or organisation(s) responsible for operating the LCSD Edutainment Channel.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) rolled out a new service in December 2020 and launched the LCSD Edutainment Channel, a one-stop online platform. By integrating existing online resources as well as updating and producing new content, the platform seeks to provide members of the public access to arts, cultural, sports and recreation programmes and enhance their interest in these disciplines any time from the comfort of their homes amid the pandemic. The LCSD also launched 101 Academy on the online platform to provide a systematic introduction to basic knowledge in culture, arts, science, recreation and sports as well as horticulture to members of the public. The “Vis-à-vis +01” series under 101 Academy brings online interactive experience to the public through museum virtual tours, online sports training, and interactive guided tours of accessible parks.

It is expected that this new online platform will function as an instrument to bring sports and cultural resources to members of the public anytime and anywhere, and promote recreation, sports, culture and arts in a more effective manner.

In 2021-22, the estimated expenditure for operating the LCSD Edutainment Channel is about \$24 million. Another \$15 million has been earmarked for interactive sports training programmes on which about 10 000 viewers are expected to enrol.

The LCSD Edutainment Channel is managed and operated by the LCSD. Regarding the estimated expenditure for operating the LCSD Edutainment Channel in the coming 3 years, the LCSD will take into account public feedback on the programmes of the Channel in deciding the resources to be allocated in the future.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB139

(Question Serial No. 1562)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 under this Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will 'organise the "Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes" to provide a variety of sports training programmes online for people of all ages and abilities to practise at home amid the COVID-19 pandemic'. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a. the estimated expenditure, types of sports and expected number of beneficiaries of the "Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes".

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has launched the "Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes" to provide an online platform for real-time interactive teaching by coaches. Members of the public may stay at home amid the pandemic to practise physical activities and establish a healthy lifestyle. The "Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes" offer 10 types of sports programmes, namely aerobic dance, fitness exercise, body-mind stretch, parent-child fitness, tai chi, fitness yoga, hip hop dance, badminton, mini-tennis and table tennis for people of all ages. The estimated expenditure for the online training programmes is about \$15 million. It is expected that there will be 10 000 beneficiaries.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB140

(Question Serial No. 1565)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Government is planning for “the facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre (TPCC) as well as the renovation and improvement of Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre (SWHCC)”, costing a total of about \$900 million. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of: the equipment and facilities of TPCC and SWHCC to be included in the upgrading, renovation and improvement works; and whether innovative technology such as advanced sound system, projection mapping system, high-speed wireless networking or other advanced stage equipment will be incorporated to promote Arts Tech innovation and its development in the long run?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The facility upgrading of the Tai Po Civic Centre project will expand space provision and upgrade existing facilities to the standard of a professional performance venue, while enhancing the accessibility of the venue. The project scope includes expansion of the Auditorium and enhancement of related facilities including the provision of about 700 raked seats, provision of an audio description room and a quiet room, upgrading of stage machinery as well as lighting and sound equipment, extension of back-of-house area and improvement of related facilities; expansion of the Black Box Theatre including the enlargement of the performance space, provision of variable stage modes, addition of stage lighting equipment, extension of back-of-house area and improvement of related facilities; re-provisioning of 2 function rooms; expansion of the foyer and addition of toilet facilities, a baby-care room, passenger lifts and an escalator; provision of barrier-free access and facilities; and enhancement of outdoor landscaping to create an artistic and cultural ambience.

The renovation and improvement project for the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre includes refurbishment of all performance and hiring facilities of the venue; replacement of stage equipment and backstage facilities; provision of an audio description room and a quiet room in the Theatre; provision of a baby-care room in the foyer and addition of toilet facilities; improvement of the existing barrier-free access and facilities; replacement of building

services installations which include air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation, fire services, electrical, lighting, plumbing and drainage installations; and replacement of lifts, etc.

The LCSD will introduce appropriate innovative technologies and provide fibre-based broadband and wireless networking when planning for facility upgrading of its performance venues (including the two venues mentioned above) to meet the requirement of the performing arts sector and their aspiration for professional performance venues. Examples of the innovative technologies include immersive projection and sound systems, projection mapping system, tracking enabled audio-visual-light system and 4K live streaming system.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB141

(Question Serial No. 3269)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

For this year, are there any plans to protect the relics and artefacts of the War of Resistance Against Japan in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was built on the site of the former Lei Yu Mun Fort, a major battlefield of the War of Resistance against Japan in Hong Kong in December 1941. Upon restoration, the Fort was converted to the HKMCD and opened in 2000, presenting the history of the War of Resistance against Japan in its permanent exhibition. The HKMCD is now closed for a major revamp to its permanent exhibition and expected to re-open in 2021-22. With a new and interactive approach, the revamped exhibition will deepen visitors' understanding of this segment of history.

The Hong Kong Museum of History and HKMCD have been collecting precious artefacts related to the War of Resistance against Japan in Hong Kong, including government documents, war telegrams, military uniforms, newspapers, magazines, war bonds, letters of prisoners of war, diaries, drawings, postcards, photographs and posters. Acquisition of suitable artefacts will continue in this year for permanent collection, exhibition, education and research purposes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB142

(Question Serial No. 2570)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide the location, name, area, number of planting plots and average number of applicants per round of the community gardens across the territory; does the Government have any plan to add more community gardens? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

Currently, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) operates 25 community gardens in 18 Districts. Details are set out at Annex. The LCSD plans to provide 4 additional community gardens in 2021-22, including the community garden at Quarry Bay Park in Eastern District (with 91 planting plots), community garden at Dragon Road Garden in Wan Chai District (with 9 planting plots), community garden at Kai Tak East Park in Wong Tai Sin District (with 38 planting plots) and community garden at Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market Roof Top Garden in Kwun Tong District (with 20 planting plots). It is expected that the 4 new community gardens will be commissioned within 2021.

Details of the Community Garden Programme in 18 Districts in 2020-21

District/Location	Name	Area (m²)	Number of planting plots	Average number of applicants per round⁽¹⁾
Central and Western District				
Eastern Street North, Sai Ying Pun	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Community Garden	600	55	1 400
Eastern District				
Braemar Hill, North Point	Wai Tsui Crescent Community Garden	1 652	55	1 930
Southern District				
Near Hung Shing Street, Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade Community Garden	580	50	1 420
Near Ocean Park Road, Wong Chuk Hang	Ocean Park Road Community Garden	700	35	740
Wan Chai District				
Bullock Lane, Wan Chai	Wan Chai Park Community Garden	144	16	150
Kowloon City District				
Inverness Road	Kowloon Tsai Park Community Garden	440	30	270
Kwun Tong District				
71 New Clear Water Bay Road	Jordan Valley Park Community Garden	1 200	45	1 140
Kai Lok Street, Kowloon Bay	Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Community Garden	500	50	840
20 Sau Ming Road	Sau Ming Road Park Community Garden	200	30	570
Sham Shui Po District				
Boundary Street	Fa Hui Park Community Garden	1 100	50	1 080
1 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok	Lai Chi Kok Park Community Garden	2 048	80	1 190
Hoi Fai Road	Nam Cheong Park Community Garden	854	38	N.A. ⁽²⁾
Wong Tai Sin District				
Chuk Yuen Road	Lion Rock Park Community Garden	700	55	460

District/Location	Name	Area (m ²)	Number of planting plots	Average number of applicants per round ⁽¹⁾
Yau Tsim Mong District				
Man Cheong Street, Yau Ma Tei	Man Cheong Street Park Community Garden	2 500	90	1 440
Islands District				
Tat Tung Road, Tung Chung	Tung Chung Community Garden	1 000	75	450
Kwai Tsing District				
Kwai Fuk Road	Kwai Fuk Road Community Garden	500	26	400
North District				
Jockey Club Road, Sheung Shui	North District Park Community Garden	1 000	60	480
Sai Kung District				
Sheung Ning Road, Tseung Kwan O	Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden	510	Summer: 34 Winter: 28	650
Yuk Nga Lane, Tseung Kwan O	Yuk Nga Lane Community Garden	2 180	76	1 670
Sha Tin District				
Tai Wai	Che Kung Miu Road Playground Community Garden	540	30	270
Tai Po District				
Ting Kok Road	Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden	1 250	40	250
Tsuen Wan District				
59 Wing Shun Street	Tsuen Wan Park Community Garden	570	53	1 000
Tuen Mun District				
Tsing Tin Playground	Tsing Tin Playground Community Garden	1 400	50	740
Tuen Fu Road	Tuen Fu Road Community Garden	2 595	38	740
Yuen Long District				
Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai	Tin Sau Road Community Garden	1 000	60	N.A. ⁽³⁾

Notes

- (1) As the Leisure and Cultural Services Department cancelled the Community Garden Programmes originally scheduled for 2020-21 due to the pandemic, the average numbers of applicants are figures of 2019-20.

- (2) The Community Garden Programmes originally planned to be held at the new Nam Cheong Park Community Garden from May 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic.
- (3) The Tin Sau Road Community Garden has been closed since 2019 for construction of the Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai. It was originally planned that the Community Garden Programmes would be relocated to the temporary community garden in Area 109, Tin Shui Wai but the programmes were eventually cancelled due to the pandemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB143

(Question Serial No. 2571)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent Liu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. What were the attendance figures of each public swimming pool in 2018, 2019 and 2020? What were the respective numbers of civil service lifeguards and seasonal lifeguards?
2. What were/are the staff establishment and remuneration of civil servants and the total expenditure used/to be used for operating public swimming pools in the past 3 years and the coming year respectively?
3. How many days have the public swimming pools been temporarily closed since the outbreak of the COVID-19? What compensatory measures have been provided to the public swimming pool monthly ticket holders, and what is the expenditure involved?
4. What are the details of the Department's plan for redeveloping and refurbishing public swimming pools and constructing new ones?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (the LCSD) manages a total of 44 public swimming pools. The total attendances at each public swimming pool in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex I**. The numbers of civil service lifeguards and seasonal lifeguards are set out at **Annex II**.
2. The staff establishment and remuneration of civil servants and the total expenditure used/to be used for public swimming pools from 2018-19 to 2021-22 are set out at **Annex III**.
3. The public swimming pools were temporarily closed for 208 days in 2020 under the COVID-19 pandemic. Affected public swimming pool monthly ticket holders may submit the refund application form by mail; or apply for refund of charges after the district leisure services offices, designated booking offices for the sale of the

swimming pool monthly tickets or public swimming pools have been re-opened, by submitting the swimming pool monthly ticket and completed application form for refund to the above venues. The LCSD has informed the public of the refund arrangement through its website and notices posted at the entrances of swimming pools and district leisure services offices. No additional expenditure is involved for such refund arrangement.

4. Funding approval from the Finance Committee has been obtained for the following 5 projects for redeveloping swimming pools or constructing new ones:

Project	New Facilities/ Facilities to be Redeveloped	Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
1. Sports Centre, Community Hall and Football Pitches in Area 1, Tai Po	An indoor heated pool and an indoor heated training pool	2017	2021
2. Provision of heated pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin	Redevelopment of an outdoor swimming pool into a heated pool	2018	2022
3. Swimming pool complex and open space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	Construction of a swimming pool complex	2018	2022
4. Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex	Redevelopment of swimming pool complex for the provision of an indoor heated pool, an outdoor training pool and an outdoor leisure pool.	2020	2024
5. Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (pre-construction activities)	An indoor heated training pool and an indoor heated teaching pool	2020	2023

Total attendances at public swimming pools from 2018 to 2020

	Swimming Pool	2018	2019	2020⁽¹⁾
Central and Western District				
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	593 378	625 953	159 870
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	345 177	358 695	118 308
Eastern District				
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	179 684	177 893	48 210
4	Island East Swimming Pool	185 773	184 677	33 013
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	342 677	356 779	83 608
Southern District				
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	153 009	150 235	43 254
Wan Chai District				
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	563 291	548 863	128 240
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	621 028	589 634	198 898
9	Wan Chai Swimming Pool	141 310	153 277	48 013
Kowloon City District				
10	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	152 043	149 149	17 328
11	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	167 004	203 620	61 056
12	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	216 053	220 228	85 678
Kwun Tong District				
13	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	137 504	138 989	24 733
14	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	1 210 206	1 168 376	324 105
15	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	368 795	408 931	92 796
Sham Shui Po District				
16	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	683 179	749 019	214 113
17	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	202 428	182 182	52 781
18	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	331 448	297 132	126 158
Wong Tai Sin District				
19	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	263 513	335 583	30 825
20	Morse Park Swimming Pool ⁽²⁾	312 574	-	41 068

	Swimming Pool	2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Yau Tsim Mong District				
21	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	834 535	801 597	115 047
22	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	162 589	145 602	46 524
Islands District				
23	Mui Wo Swimming Pool	15 810	17 911	4 154
24	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	292 000	310 550	92 615
Kwai Tsing District				
25	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	141 725	120 245	39 288
26	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	120 237	100 571	15 302
27	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	261 531	244 733	68 265
28	Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	135 265	165 289	39 268
North District				
29	Fanling Swimming Pool	386 880	407 712	122 413
30	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	61 966	67 643	4 352
Sai Kung District				
31	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	87 428	86 897	24 689
32	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	427 878	430 317	97 839
Sha Tin District				
33	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	456 785	494 111	130 712
34	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	268 830	284 480	54 638
35	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	338 935	335 662	100 613
Tai Po District				
36	Tai Po Swimming Pool	308 871	317 502	76 208
Tsuen Wan District				
37	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	611 270	624 790	136 786
38	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	65 429	65 882	14 500
Tuen Mun District				
39	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	23 399	24 363	1 636
40	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	626 633	637 542	156 219
41	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	281 643	285 873	88 774
Yuen Long District				
42	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	373 103	377 410	78 301
43	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	261 106	266 436	49 299
44	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	424 449	443 732	120 594

Note

- (1) The decrease in attendances at the swimming pools in 2020 was due to the temporary closure of public swimming pools for several months under the COVID-19 pandemic, and the tightening of the capacities of the public swimming pools by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department after reopening due to social distancing measures.
- (2) Works were carried out at Morse Park Swimming Pool from 2019 for the provision of an indoor heated pool. The swimming pool was partially reopened on 20 June 2020.

Numbers of Civil Service Lifeguards and Seasonal Lifeguards from 2018 to 2020

Year (as at 1 August)	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (including Senior Lifeguards and Lifeguards)	No. of Seasonal Lifeguards
2018	1 184	674
2019	1 249	480
2020	1 350	308

Establishment of Civil Servants, Staff Salaries and Total Expenditure of Public Swimming Pools from 2018-19 to 2021-22

Year	Establishment of Civil Servants of Public Swimming Pools	Staff Salaries ⁽¹⁾ (\$ million)	Total Expenditure (\$ million)
2018-19	1 302	627.53	995.32
2019-20 ⁽²⁾	1 372	676.75	1,193.80
2020-21 ⁽²⁾	1 423	676.75 (Estimated Expenditure)	1,204.14 (Estimated Expenditure)
2021-22	1 464 (Estimate)	697.06 (Estimated Expenditure)	1,237.63 (Estimated Expenditure)

Note

- (1) Staff salaries include staff cost on civil service posts, expenditure on non-civil service contract staff and other contractor staff and allowances.
- (2) The LCSD created a total of 161 civil service lifeguard posts (including lifeguards at public swimming pools and beaches) in 2019-20 and 2020-21 in an effort to improve the stability of the life-saving workforce.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB144****(Question Serial No. 2572)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. The locations of all venues with pet gardens across the territory, their respective areas and opening hours;
2. The locations of the pet gardens to be opened this year, their respective areas and opening hours;
3. The locations of all "Inclusive Parks for Pets" across the territory, their respective areas and opening hours.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 99)Reply:

1. & 3. The locations, area and opening hours of the pet gardens and Inclusive Parks for Pets managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are set out at **Annex I** and **Annex II**.
2. The LCSD plans to provide at least 2 more pet gardens in 2021. The locations, sizes and opening hours of these additional pet gardens are set out below:

District	Project	Area of pet garden (m ²)	Opening hours
North	Open Space in Area 47 and 48	650	24 hours
Wong Tai Sin	District Open Space adjoining San Po Kong Public Housing Development	143	0700-2300

**List of venues provided with pet gardens
under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

District	Venue Name	Area of Pet Garden (m²)	Opening Hours
Hong Kong Island			
*Central and Western	1. @ Cadogan Street Temporary Garden	200	24 hours
	2. @ Central and Western District Promenade—Central Section	4 700	24 hours
	3. @ Central and Western District Promenade—Sheung Wan Section	1 500	24 hours
	4. Fung Mat Road Sitting-out Area	150	24 hours
	5. @ Oaklands Avenue Sitting-out Area	125	24 hours
Eastern	6. Fu Hong Street Pet Garden	851.5	24 hours
	7. @ Hong Cheung Street Sitting-out Area	750	24 hours
	8.. Lok Man Road Pet Garden	450	24 hours
	9. @ North Point Promenade (Phase I)	526	24 hours
	10. @ Quarry Bay Promenade	3 000	24 hours
	11. @ Tung Hei Road Sitting-out Area	1 500	24 hours
	12. Sheung On Street Pet Garden	358	24 hours
Southern	13. @ Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade	530	0700-2330
	14. Heung Yip Path Pet Garden	1 184	0700-2330
Wan Chai	15. Tai Hang Drive Sitting-out Area	96	24 hours
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	16. Hung Ling Street Sitting-out Area	1 060	24 hours
	17. @ Kowloon Tsai Park	390	24 hours
	18. @ Sheung Shing Street Park	665	0900-2300
	19. @ Sung Wong Toi Playground	1 880	24 hours

District	Venue Name	Area of Pet Garden (m ²)	Opening Hours
Kwun Tong	20. @ Kwun Tong Ferry Pier Square	1 200	24 hours
	21. @ Tai Yip Street Garden	300	24 hours
Sham Shui Po	22. Butterfly Valley Road Pet Garden	7 000	0700-2400
	23. @ Lai Chi Kok Park	370	<u>Mondays to Fridays:</u> 1500-0700 <u>Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays:</u> 24 hours
	24. @ Hing Wah Street West Playground	1 011	0700-2300
Wong Tai Sin	25. @ Po Kong Village Road / Shung Wah Street Sitting-out Area	105	24 hours
Yau Tsim Mong	26. @ Man Cheong Street Park	2 600	0700-2400
	27. @ Waterloo Road / Ferry Street Sitting-out Area	953	0700-2300
New Territories			
Islands	28. @ Tung Chung North Park	2 180	0700-2300
Kwai Tsing	29. @ Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden	2 400	24 hours
	30. @ Jockey Club Hing Shing Road Playground	1 290	24 hours
	31. Kwai Chung Castle Peak Road Sitting-out Area	2 546	24 hours
	32. @ Tai Wo Hau Road Playground	400	24 hours
	33. Tsing Yu Street Garden	10 300	24 hours
North	34. Po Wing Road Sitting-out Area	2 300	0700-2400
	35. @ Sheung Shui Heung Basketball Court	250	24 hours
Sai Kung	36. Po Lam Sitting-Out Area	1 248	24 hours
	37. @ Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park	648	24 hours
	38. Wan Po Road Pet Garden	12 800	0700-2230
Sha Tin	39. Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Pet Garden	2 360	24 hours

District	Venue Name	Area of Pet Garden (m²)	Opening Hours
Tai Po	40. @ Chung Nga Road Children's Playground	260	24 hours
	41. @ Kwong Fuk Park	2 000	24 hours
Tsuen Wan	42. @ Kwok Shui Road Park	400	24 hours
	43. @ Sham Tsz Street Playground	160	0700-2300
	44. @ Tsuen Wan Park	350	24 hours
	45. @ Wo Yi Hop Road Garden	106	24 hours
Tuen Mun	46. @ Hoi Wong Road Garden	2 400	24 hours
	47. Lam Tei Pet Garden	2 772	24 hours
Yuen Long	48. @ Hung Tak Road Sitting-out Area No.2	500	24 hours
	49. @ Tin Yip Road Sitting-out Area	805	24 hours
	50. @ Town Park North Children's Playground	438	24 hours

Note

* Victoria Peak Garden in Central and Western District is categorised as “Inclusive Park for Pets”.

@ Pet gardens are provided at designated areas of the venues.

**List of venues provided with Inclusive Parks for Pets
under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

District	Venue Name	Area of Inclusive Park for Pets (m²)	Opening Hours
Hong Kong Island			
Central and Western	1. Central and Western District Promenade—Central Section	5 784	24 hours
	2. Victoria Peak Garden	96 400	24 hours
Eastern	3. Fu Hong Street Sitting-out Area	563	24 hours
	4. North Point Promenade (Phase I)	2 200	24 hours
	5. Siu Sai Wan Promenade	7 134	24 hours
Southern	6. Aberdeen Promenade	16 580	24 hours
	7. Kwun Hoi Path Sitting-out Area	1 300	24 hours
Wan Chai	8. Lin Fa Kung Garden	3 300	24 hours
	9. Lin Fa Kung Street East Sitting-out Area	300	24 hours
	10. Wan Chai Temporary Promenade	8 630	24 hours
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	11. Kai Tak Runway Park	28 200	24 hours
	12. Lung Cheung Road Park	14 100	24 hours
Kwun Tong	13. Hiu Kwong Street Rest Garden	4 036	24 hours
	14. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area	1 395	24 hours
Sham Shui Po	15. Osmanthus Road Rest Garden	1 533	24 hours
	16. Tong Yam Street Hillside Sitting-out Area	702	24 hours
Wong Tai Sin	17. Ngau Chi Wan Village Playground	1 300	24 hours
	18. Ngau Chi Wan Village Sitting-out Area	470	24 hours
	19. San Po Kong Interchange Rest Garden	3 500	24 hours
	20. Wing Ting Road Sitting-out Area	260	24 hours

District	Venue Name	Area of Inclusive Park for Pets (m²)	Opening Hours
Yau Tsim Mong	21. Chui Yu Road Rest Garden	4 120	0700-2300
	22. Waterloo Road/Ferry Street Sitting-out Area	92.6	0700-2300
New Territories			
Islands	23. Mui Wo River Silver Garden [Area 2]	650	24 hours
	24. Tung Chung North Park [Area A]	2 690	24 hours
Kwai Tsing	25. Cheung Fai Road Promenade	4 200	24 hours
	26. Tai Wo Hau Road Playground	9 639	24 hours
	27. Tsing Yi Promenade [Grand Horizon Portion]	3 480	24 hours
North	28. Fanling Station Sitting-out Area	1 530	24 hours
	29. On Lok Tsuen (No. 4) Sitting-out Area	2 900	24 hours
Sai Kung	30. Fuk Man Garden	4 000	24 hours
	31. Wo Mei Rest Garden	630	24 hours
Sha Tin	32. Pak Shek Kok Promenade [Sha Tin Section]	25 000	24 hours
	33. Shing Mun River Promenade Garden No. 3 [Area B]	5 500	24 hours
Tai Po	34. Ha Hang Village Sitting-out Area	3 090	24 hours
	35. Pak Shek Kok Promenade [Tai Po Section]	18 000	24 hours
	36. Ting Tai Road Children's Playground	3 520	24 hours
Tsuen Wan	37. Tsuen Wan Park	80 000	24 hours
	38. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	42 600	24 hours
Tuen Mun	39. Ki Lun Kong Public Park	2804	24 hours
Yuen Long	40. Tin Ho Road Playground	10 830	24 hours
	41. Wang Yip Street South Rest Garden	1 573	24 hours

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB145

(Question Serial No. 2573)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

How many days have public libraries, mobile libraries and self-service library stations been temporarily closed respectively since the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic?

How many book sterilisers are available for use by visitors in various public libraries, mobile libraries and self-service library stations? In the coming year, how many public libraries, mobile libraries and self-service library stations will be provided with book sterilisers and how many additional book sterilisers will be provided?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 101)

Reply:

In view of the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has to align with the Government's anti-epidemic measures. Public library services were temporarily suspended on and off during the epidemic since 29 January 2020 to reduce the flow of people and social contact. In 2020, static and mobile libraries suspended services for 177 and 282 days respectively, inclusive of regular library closing days; self-service library stations suspended services for 127 days. During the temporary closure of the facilities, public libraries continued to provide e-books, e-databases and other online services for the public.

The LCSD has already been providing a total of 83 book sterilisers at all the static libraries. The libraries would review the usage rate, actual situation and needs if additional book sterilisers would be provided. While mobile libraries and self-service library stations are not provided with book sterilisers owing to environment and space constraints, the LCSD has arranged enhanced cleansing and application of anti-microbial coating for the facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB146****(Question Serial No. 2574)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. What are the numbers of mobile library vans and their stock size, attendance, number of loans and number of returns in the past 3 calendar years?
2. What are the stock size, number of loans, number of pickups of reserved materials and number of returns of each of the self-service library stations in the past 3 calendar years?
3. Since public libraries were temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, self-service library stations have become very popular. What initiatives did/does/will the Department adopt to enable more readers to borrow and return books at self-service library stations?
4. Is there any plan to provide additional self-service library stations in the coming year? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) operates a total of 12 mobile libraries, serving over 110 service stops by 12 mobile library vans across the territory. The stock size, attendance, number of loans and number of returns of the 12 mobile libraries in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	2018	2019	2020^(Note)
Stock Size	482 814	491 962	495 030
Attendance	390 759	386 788	78 487
Number of Loans	588 468	553 205	128 095
Number of Returns	698 037	652 430	115 293

Note: In line with the Government's monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of infection control measures, mobile libraries were temporarily closed in 2020 intermittently.

2. The LCSD provides 3 self-service library stations under a trial scheme, 1 each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories at convenient locations with heavier pedestrian flow but far from existing libraries, rendering round-the-clock services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials. The stock size, number of loans, number of pickups of reserved materials and number of returns of the 3 self-service library stations located at the Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area, Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Kowloon, and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai of the New Territories in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Self-service Library Station on Hong Kong Island (launched in December 2017)

Year	2018	2019	2020
Stock Size	12 518	12 963	13 605
Number of Loans	18 974	14 693	10 851
Number of Returns	50 705	52 733	28 727
Number of Pickups of Reserved Materials	6 261	6 089	3 084

Self-service Library Station in Kowloon (launched in December 2018)

Year	2018	2019	2020
Stock Size	12 157	12 646	13 260
Number of Loans	1 165	12 360	8 313
Number of Returns	430	10 766	8 475
Number of Pickups of Reserved Materials	26	1 537	1 927

Self-service Library Station in the New Territories (launched in January 2020)

Year	2018	2019	2020
Stock Size	-	-	12 813
Number of Loans	-	-	14 312
Number of Returns	-	-	36 467
Number of Pickups of Reserved Materials	-	-	2 543

3. The LCSD informs members of the public, through press releases and the Hong Kong Public Libraries website, that self-service library stations are providing services as usual while they are open. In addition, reserved materials are transferred from temporarily closed libraries to self-service library stations designated by the readers free of charge so as to facilitate the borrowing of library materials.
4. Self-service library stations are provided under a trial scheme. The LCSD will collect usage data of the service for analysing its utilisation, and evaluate the effectiveness of the trial scheme taking into account the cost effectiveness, users' feedback, sustainability and complementarity with other library services. At the onset of the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, services of self-service library stations were suspended to reduce the flow of people and maintain social distancing. The LCSD will commence the review when the pandemic becomes stable. Subject to the outcome of the review, the LCSD will explore the feasibility of providing self-service library stations in other districts with the current mode.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB147

(Question Serial No. 3023)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. What were the attendance figures and number of library materials borrowed of each public library in the past 3 calendar years?
2. Is there any plan to renovate or reconstruct the static public libraries or provide additional ones for the coming year? If so, what are the details?
3. Regarding the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the past 3 calendar years, what were the number of copies in the library collection and number of loans (please provide a breakdown by adult Chinese fiction, adult Chinese non-fiction, junior Chinese fiction, junior Chinese non-fiction, adult English fiction, adult English non-fiction, junior English fiction and junior English non-fiction)?
4. What were the number of e-book collections and loans of e-books of public libraries in each of the past 3 calendar years? What was the expenditure incurred by the acquisition of e-books in the past 3 years and what is the estimated expenditure for the coming year?
5. What were the number of books reported lost, the number of books written off, as well as the amount of outstanding overdue fines over the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

1. The attendance figures and number of loans of each of the public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years are tabulated at **Annex I** and **Annex II**.
2. The LCSD's library facilities of which construction, reprovisioning or renovation are underway/ being planned in the coming year are as follows:

Static Library Facilities	Expected Commencement Date and Completion Date of the Projects
(a) Construction underway/planned	
Sham Shui Po Public Library	Construction commenced in late 2016, expected to complete in 2021 for opening in 2022.
A new district library at Lei King Road in the Eastern District	Construction commenced in late 2020 and expected to complete in 2023.
(b) Expansion	
Sha Tau Kok Public Library	Interior fitting-out work now underway and expected to open in the second quarter of 2021.
Sau Mau Ping Public Library	Interior fitting-out work now underway and expected to open in the third quarter of 2021.
(c) Proposed Renovation	
Tsuen Wan Public Library	Works expected to complete in about 3.5 years, subject to funding approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in the 2020-21 legislative year.

3. The number of copies in the library collection and number of loans for the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the past 3 years are tabulated at **Annex III**.
4. As at 31 December 2020, the Hong Kong Public Libraries had acquired or subscribed to 11 e-book collections with about 378 000 items. The number of titles of the 11 e-book collections in the past 3 years is at **Annex IV**. Unlike physical library materials, e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. Different service providers use different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played and browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections in the past 3 years are at **Annex V**. The expenditures/estimates for the acquisition or subscription of e-book collections in the past 3 years and for the coming year are set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2018-19	6.1
2019-20	6.1
2020-21 (Estimated)	6.2
2021-22 (Estimated)	7.3

5. The number of books reported lost, withdrawn and the amount of outstanding overdue fines not yet settled in the past 3 years are provided in the table below:

Year	Number of Books Reported Lost	Number of Books Withdrawn	Amount of Outstanding Overdue Fines⁽¹⁾ (\$'000)
2018-19	10 258	451 516	676
2019-20	7 945	460 300	875
2020-21	3 626 ^{(2) (3)}	132 334 ^{(2) (3)}	387

Notes

- (1) The amount accrued in the library system as at 6 March 2021.
- (2) Number of books reported lost and withdrawn as at 28 February 2021.
- (3) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries have been closed and services have been suspended temporarily and intermittently, leading to a corresponding decrease in the numbers of books reported lost and withdrawn.

Attendance Figures of Public Libraries from 2018 to 2020

Public Libraries		Attendance		
		2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Static Libraries				
Hong Kong Island				
Central & Western	City Hall	793 917	775 753	220 059
	Shek Tong Tsui	495 452	498 227	102 616
	Smithfield	281 722	287 224	46 475
Eastern	Chai Wan	549 486	535 725	117 392
	Electric Road	252 381	245 964	39 064
	North Point	310 039	310 424	97 172
	Quarry Bay	510 706	469 714	77 953
	Siu Sai Wan	408 203	344 801	90 485
	Yiu Tung	166 915	138 323	25 558
Southern	Aberdeen	513 630	568 423	118 949
	Ap Lei Chau	225 641	220 945	33 633
	Pok Fu Lam	206 067	199 792	33 376
	Stanley	135 680	142 726	21 080
Wan Chai	Hong Kong Central Library	4 017 675	3 574 531	697 147
	Lockhart Road	527 578	478 967	122 409
	Wong Nai Chung	162 936	170 699	30 088
Kowloon				
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	318 146	306 972	51 219
	Kowloon	612 432	608 554	187 009
	Kowloon City	207 805	224 419	39 773
	To Kwa Wan	518 434	505 528	121 352
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	909 935	834 507	162 562
	Lei Yue Mun	144 122	127 539	19 324
	Ngau Tau Kok	512 463	500 984	105 191
	Sau Mau Ping	148 151	141 518	29 841
	Shui Wo Street	535 129	533 874	109 498
	Shun Lee Estate	155 907	171 609	32 514

Public Libraries		Attendance		
		2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	731 111	738 633	161 065
	Po On Road	913 356	907 345	173 029
	Shek Kip Mei	275 664	282 236	48 156
	Un Chau Street	280 572	277 223	41 384
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	191 633	189 975	28 863
	Lok Fu	267 891	242 003	41 196
	Lung Hing	322 523	312 759	55 196
	Ngau Chi Wan	411 874	398 989	87 449
	San Po Kong	712 553	763 647	147 325
	Tsz Wan Shan	375 177	374 569	52 256
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	546 933	512 452	114 315
	Tai Kok Tsui	431 427	425 891	54 899
	Tsim Sha Tsui	147 681	137 924	27 203
	Yau Ma Tei ⁽²⁾	516 696	496 324	120 787
New Territories				
Islands	Cheung Chau	202 462	200 201	39 029
	Mui Wo	46 096	46 851	9 643
	North Lamma ⁽³⁾	5 545	40 465	13 955
	Peng Chau	32 165	32 755	6 980
	South Lamma	1 493	1 411	272
	Tai O	32 035	31 596	6 221
	Tung Chung	477 226	443 792	108 752
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	486 513	478 854	115 881
	South Kwai Chung	649 216	625 753	104 272
	Tsing Yi	729 551	716 238	172 354
North	Fanling	610 178	604 924	142 950
	Fanling South	305 710	300 887	62 223
	Sha Tau Kok	27 025	24 339	4 406
	Sheung Shui	754 361	689 921	114 644
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	303 806	312 810	66 151
	Tiu Keng Leng	926 497	914 338	205 018
	Tseung Kwan O	667 166	636 857	127 574

Public Libraries		Attendance		
		2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	215 587	203 445	27 372
	Ma On Shan	855 276	839 459	193 812
	Sha Tin	1 128 258	1 025 193	268 436
	Yuen Chau Kok	668 592	629 598	151 468
Tai Po	Tai Po	1 079 983	1 057 952	232 298
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	118 578	116 105	9 408
	Tsuen Wan	1 185 457	1 107 659	274 373
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	180 022	166 047	26 556
	Tai Hing	324 827	323 764	91 227
	Tuen Mun	1 285 027	1 253 363	334 696
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	1 192 715	1 140 411	237 956
	Tin Shui Wai North	380 238	310 857	44 740
	Yuen Long	1 046 875	1 044 427	230 651
Mobile Libraries				
Mobile Libraries 1-12		390 759	389 315	88 091
Total		36 054 882	34 687 299	7 396 271

Notes

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- (3) North Lamma Public Library (Small Library) was reopened in June 2019 after in-situ reconstruction.

Number of Loans of Public Libraries from 2018 to 2020

Public Libraries		Number of Library Materials Borrowed		
		2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Static Libraries				
Hong Kong Island				
Central and Western	City Hall	744 217	690 946	443 304
	Shek Tong Tsui	415 282	398 520	157 833
	Smithfield	223 077	217 984	49 717
Eastern	Chai Wan	479 382	474 732	263 138
	Electric Road	209 439	193 029	66 247
	North Point	227 306	222 810	76 772
	Quarry Bay	448 361	479 828	243 952
	Siu Sai Wan	243 350	222 404	69 866
	Yiu Tung	138 731	136 011	68 179
Southern	Aberdeen	465 602	441 752	318 064
	Ap Lei Chau	257 602	250 294	80 791
	Pok Fu Lam	197 425	190 121	109 309
	Stanley	120 883	117 276	65 195
Wan Chai	Hong Kong Central Library	1 441 725	1 258 886	590 172
	Lockhart Road	397 687	369 215	146 447
	Wong Nai Chung	99 255	104 578	37 127
Kowloon				
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	296 243	277 490	63 262
	Kowloon	660 888	673 913	486 117
	Kowloon City	225 708	208 457	77 229
	To Kwa Wan	338 575	370 519	147 794
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	577 396	528 385	217 355
	Lei Yue Mun	197 976	186 325	71 430
	Ngau Tau Kok	390 568	361 012	137 319
	Sau Mau Ping	146 379	137 484	58 343
	Shui Wo Street	422 786	397 010	143 907
	Shun Lee Estate	227 833	252 448	150 357

Public Libraries		Number of Library Materials Borrowed		
		2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	631 141	572 635	270 271
	Po On Road	462 005	465 377	180 760
	Shek Kip Mei	299 217	312 519	214 213
	Un Chau Street	169 225	149 053	56 373
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	123 952	111 075	24 375
	Lok Fu	195 809	179 465	54 903
	Lung Hing	190 762	168 293	42 973
	Ngau Chi Wan	490 625	453 333	234 897
	San Po Kong	451 775	448 184	175 472
	Tsz Wan Shan	248 403	291 255	142 401
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	409 507	367 887	119 369
	Tai Kok Tsui	320 238	318 050	163 650
	Tsim Sha Tsui	287 119	288 761	150 990
	Yau Ma Tei ⁽²⁾	441 017	419 184	231 488
New Territories				
Islands	Cheung Chau	73 437	65 797	19 839
	Mui Wo	22 588	24 747	6 710
	North Lamma ⁽³⁾	10 855	22 839	10 663
	Peng Chau	33 498	35 409	25 288
	South Lamma	426	382	110
	Tai O	7 473	7 087	11 435
	Tung Chung	547 635	504 536	247 806
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	273 956	268 252	115 571
	South Kwai Chung	576 572	533 589	318 228
	Tsing Yi	520 843	507 833	200 954
North	Fanling	449 615	433 710	243 378
	Fanling South	239 250	215 659	59 480
	Sha Tau Kok	10 358	7 804	1 474
	Sheung Shui	411 664	375 709	122 876
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	323 193	283 190	156 074
	Tiu Keng Leng	870 300	860 915	369 605
	Tseung Kwan O	905 713	888 149	561 076

Public Libraries		Number of Library Materials Borrowed		
		2018	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	103 700	91 731	21 433
	Ma On Shan	634 287	617 087	279 954
	Sha Tin	1 143 975	1 082 472	693 750
	Yuen Chau Kok	656 264	613 074	209 169
Tai Po	Tai Po	713 630	626 465	260 994
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	79 405	77 714	28 086
	Tsuen Wan	1 142 846	1 107 031	523 902
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	126 133	118 908	30 794
	Tai Hing	195 606	171 583	53 686
	Tuen Mun	1 212 793	1 253 601	676 817
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	962 376	961 081	529 145
	Tin Shui Wai North	135 541	125 614	32 775
	Yuen Long	729 278	720 573	278 073
Mobile Libraries				
Mobile Libraries 1-12		588 468	554 880	136 938
Self-service Library Stations				
Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area		25 235	20 782	13 935
Hong Kong Cultural Centre ⁽⁴⁾		1 191	13 897	10 240
Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai ⁽⁴⁾		-	-	16 855
Total		28 042 575	26 898 600	12 668 474

Notes

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- (3) North Lamma Public Library (Small Library) was reopened in June 2019 after in-situ reconstruction.
- (4) The self-service library stations located at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Kowloon and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai of the New Territories commenced service in December 2018 and January 2020 respectively.

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2020

Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳 ⁽¹⁾	875	5 156
2.	神鵰俠侶 ⁽¹⁾	923	3 936
3.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽¹⁾	759	3 792
4.	第十一號羅蜜歐	215	3 439
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	829	3 425
6.	船屋	215	3 277
7.	有限溫存	212	3 170
8.	好好好	215	3 157
9.	結或不結 離或不離	215	3 096
10.	1984 ⁽¹⁾	281	2 934

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	財務自由行 ⁽¹⁾	304	3 535
2.	大阪・京都 ⁽¹⁾	831	3 431
3.	九州 ⁽¹⁾	518	3 250
4.	九州攻略完全制霸 ⁽¹⁾	514	3 063
5.	選股與估值：價值投資的得勝之道 ⁽¹⁾	359	3 036
6.	英國王：英格蘭・蘇格蘭・威爾士・北愛爾蘭 ⁽¹⁾	385	2 943
7.	80後百萬富翁 ⁽¹⁾	250	2 835
8.	東京近郊攻略完全制霸 ⁽¹⁾	399	2 777
9.	東京食玩買終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	749	2 725
10.	東京 ⁽¹⁾	524	2 621

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 ⁽¹⁾	1 439	7 954
2.	三國演義 ⁽¹⁾	1 166	7 875
3.	水滸傳 ⁽¹⁾	1 333	6 075
4.	小王子 ⁽¹⁾	1 910	5 591
5.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境／愛麗絲夢遊奇境 ⁽¹⁾	1 641	3 968
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 ⁽¹⁾	1 469	3 831
7.	綠野仙蹤 ⁽¹⁾	1 303	3 728
8.	紅樓夢 ⁽¹⁾	910	3 544
9.	小婦人 ⁽¹⁾	1 036	3 221
10.	童話夢工場・6, 拇指姑娘與豆丁王子 (童話夢工場) ^{(1) (2)}	220	3 021

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	什麼都不愛吃的皮皮 (新雅・繪本館) ⁽²⁾	238	2 992
2.	壞種子 (格林名家繪本館) ⁽²⁾	168	2 881
3.	幼兒情緒翻翻書 (新雅・寶寶心靈館) ⁽²⁾	240	2 836
4.	這本書教你分左右	241	2 731
5.	別在超市裏搗蛋 (社區體驗系列) ⁽²⁾	240	2 697
6.	不准電視機吃飯 (物教育繪本) ⁽²⁾	240	2 679
7.	認真的西蘭花 (新雅・繪本館 菜園繪本系列) ⁽²⁾	238	2 656
8.	正義使者：晃晃星人之卷 (精選圖畫書) ^{(1) (2)}	246	2 610
9.	我會自己刷牙 (小象帕歐繪本系列) ⁽²⁾	240	2 447
10.	不愛刷牙的小虎 (培養好習慣) ⁽²⁾	200	2 349

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	139	808
2.	The next person you meet in Heaven ⁽¹⁾	59	635
3.	Animal farm: a fairy story ⁽¹⁾	84	621
4.	The hobbit, or, There and back again ⁽¹⁾	144	605
5.	The Great Gatsby ⁽¹⁾	160	599
6.	The time keeper	109	583
7.	Murder on the Orient Express ⁽¹⁾	72	507
8.	For one more day ⁽¹⁾	121	501
9.	Nineteen eighty-four ⁽¹⁾	81	500
10.	The fellowship of the ring: being the first part of The lord of the rings [The lord of the rings] ^{(1) (2)}	136	499

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2019. ⁽²⁾	205	2 256
2.	Becoming ⁽¹⁾	160	1 665
3.	Language proficiency assessment for teachers. English language ... question papers	143	1 170
4.	21 lessons for the 21st century ⁽¹⁾	102	1 081
5.	Thinking, fast and slow	106	1 069
6.	Cambridge English IELTS. 10: with answers: authentic examination papers from Cambridge English language assessment. (IELTS practice tests series) ^{(1) (2)}	73	950
7.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning ⁽¹⁾	166	827
8.	Barron's essential words for the IELTS ⁽¹⁾	70	817
9.	Sapiens: a brief history of humankind ⁽¹⁾	72	775
10.	On tyranny: twenty lessons from the twentieth century	70	734

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽¹⁾	372	2 478
2.	Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets (Harry Potter series) ^{(1) (2)}	307	2 242
3.	The guardian of the realm: the eleventh adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy (Kingdom of Fantasy) ⁽²⁾	154	1 881
4.	The hunt for the Colosseum ghost (Geronimo Stilton special edition) ⁽²⁾	149	1 602
5.	The Land of Flowers: a Geronimo Stilton adventure (Thea Stilton special edition) ⁽²⁾	144	1 597
6. ⁽⁴⁾	No time to lose: the fifth journey through time (Journey through time) ^{(2) (3)}	155	1 551
6. ⁽⁴⁾	The Twits ^{(1) (3)}	212	1 551
8.	Matilda ⁽¹⁾	224	1 368
9.	The hunt for the curious cheese (Geronimo Stilton) ⁽²⁾	150	1 358
10.	Charlie and the great glass elevator ⁽¹⁾	271	1 354

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The laughing princess (Oxford reading tree) ^{(1) (2)}	346	2 407
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	231	2 116
3.	The first hippo on the moon ⁽¹⁾	112	1 544
4.	The bear who went boo! ⁽¹⁾	84	1 349
5.	Maisy's bus (My friend Maisy) ^{(1) (2)}	55	1 257
6.	Dog Man: brawl of the wild (Dog Man) ⁽²⁾	90	1 253
7.	Max and Marla are having a picnic	55	1 213
8.	Peppa's first colors. (Peppa Pig) ⁽²⁾	73	1 197
9.	Truck full of ducks	55	1 195
10.	Good night, Sophie: a touch and feel book (Sophie la girafe) ⁽²⁾	83	1 188

Notes

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- (3) Books with the same number of loans are listed in alphabetical order of the titles.
- (4) The numbers of loans of the 2 books are the same.

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2019

Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳 ⁽⁵⁾	921	11 053
2.	神鵰俠侶 ⁽⁵⁾	1 147	8 755
3.	俠客行 ⁽⁵⁾	1 132	6 917
4.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽⁵⁾	792	6 380
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽⁵⁾	865	6 102
6.	好好好	215	5 678
7.	去年今日此門	213	5 552
8.	結或不結 離或不離	215	5 524
9.	這是戰爭	215	5 521
10.	天龍八部 ⁽⁵⁾	694	5 465

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	大阪・京都 ⁽⁵⁾	741	13 964
2.	東京食玩買終極天書 ⁽⁵⁾	715	11 993
3.	九州達人天書 ⁽⁵⁾	503	10 293
4.	東京 ⁽⁵⁾	533	10 111
5.	九州 ⁽⁵⁾	524	9 860
6.	九州：玩味泡湯親自然Easy go! ⁽⁵⁾	489	9 846
7.	北海道達人天書 ⁽⁵⁾	600	9 413
8.	紅楓粉櫻古意漫遊Easy Go!：京阪神 關西 ⁽⁵⁾	630	9 335
9.	澳洲王 ⁽⁵⁾	495	9 201
10.	台北 九份 淡水 基隆 宜蘭食玩買終極天書 ⁽⁵⁾	472	9 013

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 ⁽⁵⁾	1 550	14 240
2.	三國演義 ⁽⁵⁾	1 178	12 137
3.	水滸傳 ⁽⁵⁾	1 249	9 075
4.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境／愛麗絲夢遊奇境 ⁽⁵⁾	1 821	8 847
5.	小王子 ⁽⁵⁾	1 882	8 290
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 ⁽⁵⁾	1 450	7 286
7.	名偵探福爾摩斯／福爾摩斯探案 集／神探福爾摩斯／偵探福爾摩斯 ⁽⁵⁾	764	6 828
8.	綠野仙蹤／綠野仙踪 ⁽⁵⁾	1 499	6 797
9.	紅樓夢 ⁽⁵⁾	869	6 217
10.	英倫魔術事件簿 ⁽⁶⁾ (老鼠記者)	251	5 519

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	老夫子再版精選・第037冊，飛行夢 ⁽⁶⁾ (老夫子精選系列)	200	4 477
2.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ^{(5) (6)} (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	309	4 437
3.	什麼都不愛吃的皮皮 ⁽⁶⁾ (新雅・繪本館)	239	4 244
4.	Peppa Pig粉紅豬小妹・睡覺時間 = Bedtime for Peppa ⁽⁶⁾ (粉紅豬小妹)	201	4 232
5.	這本書教你分左右	241	4 218
6.	大阪尋寶記 ⁽⁶⁾ (世界歷史探險系列)	169	4 082
7.	不准電視機吃飯 ⁽⁶⁾ (食物教育繪本)	240	4 045
8.	自信的甘筍 ⁽⁶⁾ (新雅・繪本館 菜園繪本系列)	239	4 031
9.	正義使者：晃晃星人之卷 ^{(5) (6)} (精選圖畫書)	250	4 002
10.	寶寶，晚安！ ⁽⁶⁾ (新雅・寶寶生活館)	202	3 923

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	149	1 451
2.	The Great Gatsby ⁽⁵⁾	190	1 225
3.	The time keeper	110	1 109
4.	Me before you ⁽⁵⁾	96	1 074
5.	The fellowship of the ring ^{(5) (6)} (The lord of the rings)	244	1 039
6.	For one more day ⁽⁵⁾	124	986
7.	Origin: a novel	80	946
8.	Nineteen eighty-four ⁽⁵⁾	74	943
9.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes ⁽⁵⁾	147	864
10.	Animal farm: a fairy story ⁽⁵⁾	78	855

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2018 ⁽⁶⁾	202	3 918
2.	Becoming ⁽⁵⁾	160	1 641
3.	Thinking, fast and slow	106	1 611
4.	Cambridge English IELTS.10: with answers: authentic examination papers from Cambridge English language assessment ^{(5) (6)} (IELTS practice tests series)	73	1 474
5.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning ⁽⁵⁾	156	1 446
6.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	222	1 351
7.	21 lessons for the 21st century ⁽⁵⁾	102	1 285
8.	Hong Kong company law ⁽⁵⁾	178	1 239
9.	Language proficiency assessment for teachers. English language ... question papers ⁽⁶⁾	134	1 152
10.	Bad blood: secrets and lies in a Silicon Valley startup	85	1 131

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽⁵⁾	394	4 704
2.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ^{(5) (6)} (Harry Potter)	317	3 776
3.	Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel ^{(5) (6)} (Captain Underpants)	307	3 454
4.	The hunt for the Colosseum ghost ⁽⁶⁾ (Geronimo Stilton special edition; Thea Stilton)	151	3 089
5.	No time to lose: the fifth journey through time ⁽⁶⁾ (Geronimo Stilton; Journey through time)	155	3 050
6.	The chocolate chase ⁽⁶⁾ (Geronimo Stilton)	146	2 858
7.	Matilda ⁽⁵⁾	238	2 752
8.	The treasure of the sea ⁽⁶⁾ (Thea Stilton)	153	2 665
9.	The Land of Flowers: a Geronimo Stilton adventure ⁽⁶⁾ (Thea Stilton. Special edition)	145	2 647
10.	The Twits ⁽⁵⁾	216	2 642

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The laughing princess ^{(5) (6)} (Oxford reading tree series)	354	5 188
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	229	4 418
3.	Peppa loves Christmas ⁽⁶⁾ (Peppa Pig series)	119	2 522
4.	The smartest giant in town ⁽⁵⁾	243	2 520
5.	Disney Pixar Toy story. The bunny surprise ⁽⁶⁾ (Learning ladder)	173	2 201
6.	Dog Man and Cat Kid ⁽⁶⁾ (Dog Man)	90	2 080
7.	Little Miss Princess ^{(5) (6)} (Little Miss, my complete collection)	286	2 043
8.	The Gruffalo ⁽⁵⁾	173	2 035
9.	The snail and the whale ⁽⁵⁾	181	2 013
10.	My first Mr. Men lift-the-flap ⁽⁵⁾	99	1 939

Notes

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Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2018

Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳 ⁽⁷⁾	960	10 590
2.	神鵰俠侶 ⁽⁷⁾	819	6 755
3.	森莎拉	215	5 960
4.	新女孩	213	5 904
5.	天龍八部 ⁽⁷⁾	724	5 687
6.	珍瓏	218	5 652
7.	不一樣的口紅	214	5 642
8.	阿波羅的神壇	215	5 549
9.	鹿鼎記 ⁽⁷⁾	776	5 524
10.	笑傲江湖 ⁽⁷⁾	643	5 474

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	東京食玩買終極天書 ⁽⁷⁾	768	13 445
2.	京阪神達人天書 ⁽⁷⁾	554	11 252
3.	北海道達人天書 ⁽⁷⁾	640	11 124
4.	四國 香川 德島 高知 愛媛食玩買終極天書 ⁽⁷⁾	674	11 001
5.	大阪・京都 ⁽⁷⁾	478	10 221
6.	紅楓粉櫻古意漫遊Easy Go!：京阪神關西 ⁽⁷⁾	515	10 036
7.	東京達人天書 ⁽⁷⁾	539	10 030
8.	名古屋 高山 金沢 白川鄉 伊勢食玩買終極天書 ⁽⁷⁾	474	9 829
9.	澳洲王 ⁽⁷⁾	485	9 744
10.	沖繩王 ⁽⁷⁾	477	8 973

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 ⁽⁷⁾	1 732	15 044
2.	三國演義 ⁽⁷⁾	1 236	12 136
3.	水滸傳 ⁽⁷⁾	1 351	10 132
4.	愛麗斯漫遊仙境／ 愛麗絲夢遊奇境 ⁽⁷⁾	1 830	9 354
5.	小王子 ⁽⁷⁾	1 816	9 200
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 ⁽⁷⁾	1 669	8 130
7.	綠野仙蹤／綠野仙踪 ⁽⁷⁾	1 596	7 178
8.	紅樓夢／石頭記 ⁽⁷⁾	916	7 011
9.	金牌鼠贏盡奧運會 ^{(7) (8)} (老鼠記者)	425	6 737
10.	幽靈旅館 ^{(7) (8)} (魔幻偵探所)	427	5 922

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	老夫子再版精選・第012冊 ⁽⁸⁾ (老夫子精選系列)	201	4 780
2.	我會說「謝謝」 ⁽⁸⁾ (湯瑪士小火車禮貌書)	200	4 061
3.	爆笑成語・1 ⁽⁸⁾ (爆笑課堂系列)	198	3 968
4.	迷你多啦，放心交給它！	238	3 936
5.	一隻減肥的豬 ⁽⁸⁾ (新雅・繪本館)	206	3 903
6.	大雄的人魚大海戰 ⁽⁸⁾ (多啦A夢彩色電影版)	234	3 880
7.	白雪森林 ⁽⁸⁾ (《愛探險的朵拉》系列故事)	198	3 847
8.	腦筋大激活 ^{(7) (8)} (智fun系列)	264	3 821
9.	不害怕考試的17個學習秘訣 ⁽⁸⁾ (漫畫兒童卡內基)	165	3 799
10.	深海尋寶 ⁽⁸⁾ (愛探險的朵拉／和媽媽一起讀)	201	3 791

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	161	1 817
2.	Origin: a novel ⁽⁷⁾	104	1 538
3.	The time keeper	111	1 273
4.	For one more day ⁽⁷⁾	126	1 141
5.	The Great Gatsby ⁽⁷⁾	183	1 132
6.	Me before you ⁽⁷⁾	89	1 047
7.	The Hobbit: or there and back again ⁽⁷⁾	154	1 033
8.	The ABC murders ⁽⁷⁾	80	858
9.	The adventures of Sherlock Holmes ⁽⁷⁾	122	857
10.	My not so perfect life ⁽⁷⁾	58	853

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2017 ⁽⁸⁾	205	4 128
2.	Cambridge English IELTS. 12: academic with answers: authentic examination papers. ⁽⁸⁾ (IELTS practice tests series)	120	1 774
3.	Lonely Planet Eastern Europe	236	1 658
4.	Thinking, fast and slow	100	1 585
5.	Advanced taxation in Hong Kong ⁽⁷⁾	163	1 555
6.	Barron's IELTS: International English Language Testing System ⁽⁷⁾	121	1 517
7.	Hong Kong company law ⁽⁷⁾	133	1 474
8.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning ⁽⁷⁾	117	1 284
9.	The Norton anthology of English literature	140	1 252
10.	HKALE. AS use of English ⁽⁸⁾	533	1 217

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽⁷⁾	388	5 092
2.	Captain Underpants and the perilous plot of Professor Poopypants: the fourth epic novel ^{(7) (8)} (Captain Underpants series)	329	4 882
3.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ^{(7) (8)} (Harry Potter series)	319	4 020
4.	The wizard's wand: the ninth adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy ⁽⁸⁾ (Kingdom of Fantasy series)	154	3 240
5.	Charlie and the great glass elevator ⁽⁷⁾	341	3 203
6.	Matilda ⁽⁷⁾	258	3 112
7.	The hunt for the curious cheese ⁽⁸⁾ (Geronimo Stilton series)	148	3 008
8.	The giraffe and the pelly and me ⁽⁷⁾	255	2 992
9.	The Twits ⁽⁷⁾	215	2 824
10.	George's marvellous medicine ⁽⁷⁾	255	2 805

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The laughing princess ^{(7) (8)} (Oxford reading tree series)	391	6 255
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	236	5 075
3.	The smartest giant in town ⁽⁷⁾	265	4 056
4.	Peppa loves Christmas ⁽⁸⁾ (Peppa Pig series)	120	2 706
5.	Disney Princess. Happy birthday, Princess! ⁽⁸⁾ (Learning ladder series)	199	2 621
6.	Thomas and the Easter Egg Hunt ⁽⁸⁾ (My first railway library series)	142	2 615
7.	Thomas and the piglets. ⁽⁸⁾ (Thomas & friends Step into reading series)	170	2 408
8.	Henry in the dark ⁽⁸⁾ (Step into reading. Step 2 Thomas & friends series)	170	2 328
9.	Mr. Nobody ^{(7) (8)} (Mr. Men, my complete collection series)	284	2 297
10.	Stick Man ⁽⁷⁾	152	1 949

Notes

- (7) Including books of different editions/years of publication of the same title (only the information of the first volume will be provided if the books were published with multiple volumes).
- (8) For a series of books under the same title, only the information of the books with the highest circulation will be provided.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Total Number of Titles of e-Book Collections (2018 to 2020)**

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Total Number of Titles ⁽¹⁾		
		2018	2019	2020
Chinese e-Book Databases				
1	HyRead ebook	9 598	12 121	14 646
2	SUEP e-Book	3 573	4 231	5 406
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	98 560	104 000	108 263
4	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	314	373	444
5	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	467	467	470
English e-Book Databases				
6	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	156 615	177 318	197 054
7	eBooks on EBSCOhost	17 960	22 301	26 439
8	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	-	4 987	11 094
9	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	6 932	11 764	13 314
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽³⁾	523	522	1 005
Total		294 542	338 084	378 135

Notes

- (1) The e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Usage of e-Book Collections (2018 to 2020)**

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections of the Hong Kong Public Libraries provided by individual e-book database service providers from 2018 to 2020 are tabulated below.

Item	Title of e-Book Collections ⁽¹⁾	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count		
			2018	2019	2020
Collections adopting similar statistical elements based on the number of e-books consulted					
1	HyRead ebook	online reading, borrowing and trial	353 543	600 520	2 009 714
2	SUEP e-Book	online reading, borrowing and trial	116 279	211 572	961 564
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	online reading and borrowing	56 716	54 572	118 916
4	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	online reading	25 149	30 350	136 640
5	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	online reading and download	30 998	23 135	35 571
6	eBooks on EBSCOhost	online reading and download	26 634	24 899	52 668
7	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	borrowing	-	18 962	83 231
Sub-total			609 319	964 010	3 398 304
Collections adopting other statistical elements					
8	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	tracks played	26 315	28 949	42 976
9	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	browses by category	13 015	11 821	27 356
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽³⁾	searches	8 971	7 502	11 727

Notes

- (1) HyRead ebook, SUEP e-Book, Apabi Chinese eBooks, Funpark and Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese are Chinese e-book databases whereas ProQuest Ebook Central, eBooks on EBSCOhost, OverDrive eBooks, Naxos Spoken Word Library and Safari Books Online are English e-book databases.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB148****(Question Serial No. 3024)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. What were the number of library materials returned through each of the book drops at major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations and the usage rates (i.e. the percentage of usage over the maximum capacity of each book drop) in the past 3 years?
2. What was the handling cost for each material returned through book drops at major MTR interchange stations in the past 3 years? What was the additional expenditure incurred in each of the financial years? What will the estimated expenditure in the coming year be?
3. Upon the completion of a review on the trial scheme in 2013, did the Government conduct any other review on the effectiveness of providing book drops at MTR stations? Is there any plan to provide book drops at more MTR stations, transport interchanges or other public places?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)Reply:

1. The total number of library books returned through the book drops at 3 major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations and the usage rates⁽¹⁾ in the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

Year	Central Station		Kowloon Tong Station		Nam Cheong Station	
	Total number of books	Usage rate	Total number of books	Usage rate	Total number of books	Usage rate
2018	203 946	58%	180 124	51%	79 268	23%
2019	165 475	47%	158 240	45%	74 474	21%
2020 ⁽²⁾	65 609	29%	62 389	27%	39 497	17%

Notes

- (1) At each of the MTR stations, there are 4 book drops, each of which can contain 120 books, and the books are collected twice daily. The maximum capacity for each MTR station is 960 books a day.

$$\text{Usage rate} = \frac{\text{Number of books returned}}{\text{Total maximum capacity of the book drops}}$$

- (2) In view of the COVID-19 epidemic situation, public library service and book drop service at the 3 major MTR interchange stations were suspended intermittently in 2020, leading to a decline in usage rates of book drops at MTR interchange stations.
2. The handling cost for each library book returned through book drops at major MTR interchange stations in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 is \$9.12, \$11.30 and \$18.82 (estimated) respectively, and the expenditure on repair and maintenance is \$110,000, \$120,000 and \$130,000 (estimated) respectively. While continual easing of the epidemic may lead to gradual increase in usage, it is expected that the estimated expenditure in 2021-22 will be comparable to those of the past 2 years since a minimum monthly service charge has to be paid to the contractor as required in the logistics service contract.
3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has provided book drop service under a trial scheme at 3 major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong since late September 2011. A review was conducted on the scheme in 2013. Since then, the LCSD has been paying close attention to the usage and effectiveness of the book drop service, and there has been a slight increase in the usage rate. The service has not been used to its full capacity mainly because most readers still prefer visiting the libraries in person to return and borrow books on the same occasion. Taking into account the habits and preference of the library users and the cost-effectiveness of the service, the LCSD has no plan to extend the service to more MTR stations or other public areas at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB149****(Question Serial No. 2016)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

In connection with “earmarking \$318 million to implement a five-year plan for upgrading over 70 football pitches under the management of LCSD, including substantially increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards, exploring the possibility of expanding the existing football pitches into standard 11-a-side turf pitches and expediting the replacement of artificial turf on football pitches”,

- please provide information on the number, locations, commissioning dates of the 5-a-side football pitches proposed to be additionally provided and the expenditures involved, broken down by district;
- please provide in the table below information on the number, locations, works commencement dates and commissioning dates of the football pitches proposed to be expanded into standard 11-a-side turf pitches and the expenditures involved:

District	Location of existing venue	Works commencement date	Commissioning date	Expenditure involved

- please provide in the table below information on the names, locations, works commencement dates, commissioning dates of venues of which replacement of artificial turf is proposed to be expedited and the expenditures involved:

District	Location of existing venue	Works commencement date	Commissioning date	Expenditure involved

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB150

(Question Serial No. 2019)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In connection with “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”,

- What are the staff establishment and expenditures involved in public swimming pools and beaches managed by the Government, with a breakdown by swimming pool/district?
- What are the staff establishment, strength, number of vacancies and staff percentage of civil service lifeguards (including senior lifeguards and lifeguards) and seasonal lifeguards responsible for water sports activities in the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-20), with a breakdown by district, individual public swimming pool and beach, peak and non-peak season?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently manages 44 public swimming pools and 41 gazetted beaches in which 38 of them are provided with lifeguard services. The establishment and cost of civil service (CS) staff at public swimming pools and beaches are set out at **Annex I**.
- b. The LCSD deploys CS lifeguards to serve at public swimming pools and gazetted beaches on a district basis. Non-civil service contract (NCSC) seasonal lifeguards will be employed to augment the lifeguard manpower during the swimming season. The number of CS lifeguards (including senior lifeguards) and NCSC seasonal lifeguards at public swimming pools and gazetted beaches by district is set out at **Annex II**.

**Establishment and Cost of Civil Service (CS) Staff ⁽²⁾
in Public Swimming Pools and Gazetted Beaches ⁽¹⁾**

Swimming Pool/ District		2020-21	
		CS Staff Establishment (Nos.) ⁽³⁾	Staff Cost (\$ million) (up to February 2021)
A. Public Swimming Pools			
<u>Hong Kong Island</u>			
Central and Western			
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	48	13.54
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	35	9.07
Eastern			
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	35	9.44
4	Island East Swimming Pool	29	7.26
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	31	8.29
Southern			
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	36	9.06
Wan Chai			
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	32	9.26
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	39	13.67
9	Wan Chai Swimming Pool	17	4.91
<u>Kowloon</u>			
Kowloon City			
10	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	23	7.40
11	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	21	6.90
12	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	25	8.41
Kwun Tong			
13	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	22	8.16
14	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	48	12.80
15	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	32	7.43
Sham Shui Po			
16	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	40	12.37
17	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	29	7.56
18	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	26	9.94

Swimming Pool/ District		2020-21	
		CS Staff Establishment (Nos.) ⁽³⁾	Staff Cost (\$ million) (up to February 2021)
Wong Tai Sin			
19	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	32	9.00
20	Morse Park Swimming Pool	28	9.03
Yau Tsim Mong			
21	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	65	17.28
22	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	26	8.18
<u>New Territories</u>			
Islands			
23	Mui Wo Swimming Pool	16	5.21
24	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	36	10.88
Kwai Tsing			
25	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	30	8.36
26	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	26	8.60
27	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	31	9.14
28	Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	28	8.65
North			
29	Fanling Swimming Pool	26	7.77
30	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	24	7.13
Sai Kung			
31	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	23	8.43
32	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	48	14.01
Sha Tin			
33	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	54	13.96
34	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	32	9.45
35	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	41	10.16
Tai Po			
36	Tai Po Swimming Pool	35	10.26
Tsuen Wan			
37	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	45	15.39
38	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	24	8.17

Swimming Pool/ District		2020-21	
		CS Staff Establishment (Nos.) ⁽³⁾	Staff Cost (\$ million) (up to February 2021)
Tuen Mun			
39	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	22	5.67
40	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	43	12.30
41	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	30	9.08
Yuen Long			
42	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	30	8.21
43	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	28	7.37
44	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	32	9.34
B. Gazetted Beaches ⁽¹⁾			
<u>Hong Kong Island</u>			
1	Southern District	137	40.59
<u>New Territories</u>			
2	Islands District	86	21.77
3	Sai Kung District	94	25.57
4	Tsuen Wan District	72	18.83
5	Tuen Mun District	93	27.52

Notes

- (1) The number and cost of staff of gazetted beaches are counted on a district basis.
- (2) The figures cover civil service staff of various grades such as Amenities Assistant, lifeguards and senior lifeguards, etc. involved in the management, life-saving, filtration and other duties at venues/districts. Additional seasonal lifeguards, temporary filtration plant staff and other temporary staff are employed on a seasonal basis to enhance lifesaving and meet operational needs during the swimming season.
- (3) The figures do not include relief staff as they will be deployed to work at other leisure venues due to operational needs.

Lifeguards at Public Swimming Pools and Gazetted Beaches in 2018

District	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard as at 1 August)				No. of Seasonal Lifeguards							
					Non-peak Months (as at 1 April)				Peak Months (as at 1 August)			
	Establishment (a)	Strength (b)	Vacancy/ Surplus ⁽¹⁾ (c)=(a)-(b)	Percentage of Vacancy over Establishment (c)/(a)	Basic Requirement (d)	No. of SLG Recruited (e)	Vacancy/ Surplus (f)=(d)-(e)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (f)/(d)	Basic Requirement (g)	No. of SLG Recruited (h)	Vacancy/ Surplus (I)=(g)-(h)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (I)/(g)
Central and Western	53	53	0	0%	2	2	0	0.0%	21	6	15	71.4%
Eastern	48	46	2	4.2%	32	15	17	53.1%	36	19	17	47.2%
Southern	111	108	3	2.7%	80	65	15	18.8%	110	77	33	30.0%
Wan Chai	52	53	-1	-1.9%	5	5	0	0.0%	21	8	13	61.9%
Kowloon City	41	42	-1	-2.4%	38	24	14	36.8%	51	32	19	37.3%
Kwun Tong	58	57	1	1.7%	15	15	0	0.0%	38	38	0	0.0%
Sham Shui Po	62	63	-1	-1.6%	23	23	0	0.0%	53	44	9	16.9%
Wong Tai Sin	36	38	-2	-5.6%	21	19	2	9.5%	36	35	1	2.8%
Yau Tsim Mong	49	56	-7	-14.3%	11	11	0	0.0%	39	23	16	41.0%
Islands	93	89	4	4.3%	44	12	32	72.7%	62	28	34	54.8%
Kwai Tsing	72	66	6	8.3%	46	20	26	56.5%	59	37	22	37.3%
North	31	28	3	9.7%	15	15	0	0.0%	27	26	1	3.7%
Sai Kung	121	119	2	1.7%	29	21	8	27.6%	93	47	46	49.5%
Sha Tin	77	74	3	3.9%	28	28	0	0.0%	68	50	18	26.5%
Tai Po	24	24	0	0%	23	23	0	0.0%	23	23	0	0.0%

District	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard as at 1 August)				No. of Seasonal Lifeguards							
					Non-peak Months (as at 1 April)				Peak Months (as at 1 August)			
	Establishment (a)	Strength (b)	Vacancy/ Surplus ⁽¹⁾ (c)=(a)-(b)	Percentage of Vacancy over Establishment (c)/(a)	Basic Requirement (d)	No. of SLG Recruited (e)	Vacancy/ Surplus (f)=(d)-(e)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (f)/(d)	Basic Requirement (g)	No. of SLG Recruited (h)	Vacancy/ Surplus (I)=(g)-(h)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (I)/(g)
Tsuen Wan	89	88	1	1.1%	44	44	0	0.0%	80	65	15	18.8%
Tuen Mun	133	128	5	3.8%	48	47	1	2.1%	100	81	19	19.0%
Yuen Long	53	52	1	1.9%	19	19	0	0.0%	36	35	1	2.8%
Total	1 203	1 184	19	1.6%	523	408	115	21.9%	953	674	279	29.3%

Note

- (1) Vacancies/surplus in individual districts were mainly due to officers on trial in other civil service grades and temporary redeployment of manpower to meet operational needs.

Lifeguards at Public Swimming Pools and Gazetted Beaches in 2019

District	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard as at 1 August)				No. of Seasonal Lifeguards							
					Non-peak Months (as at 1 April)				Peak Months (as at 1 August)			
	Establishment (a)	Strength (b)	Vacancy/ Surplus ⁽¹⁾ (c)=(a)-(b)	Percentage of Vacancy over Establishment (c)/(a)	Basic Requirement (d)	No. of SLG Recruited (e)	Vacancy/ Surplus (f)=(d)-(e)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (f)/(d)	Basic Requirement (g)	No. of SLG Recruited (h)	Vacancy/ Surplus (I)=(g)-(h)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (I)/(g)
Central and Western	55	54	1	1.8%	2	2	0	0%	19	8	11	57.9%
Eastern	52	50	2	3.8%	28	9	19	67.9%	32	20	12	37.5%
Southern	128	122	6	4.7%	77	61	16	20.8%	95	54	41	43.2%
Wan Chai	55	59	-4	-7.3%	5	5	0	0%	14	10	4	28.6%
Kowloon City	43	43	0	0.0%	37	22	15	40.5%	50	31	19	38.0%
Kwun Tong	62	58	4	6.5%	33	17	16	48.5%	38	37	1	2.6%
Sham Shui Po	62	64	-2	-3.2%	24	21	3	12.5%	53	24	29	54.7%
Wong Tai Sin	39	35	4	10.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0%
Yau Tsim Mong	57	57	0	0.0%	10	10	0	0%	38	19	19	50.0%
Islands	101	93	8	7.9%	41	13	28	68.3%	58	21	37	63.8%
Kwai Tsing	72	66	6	8.3%	48	11	37	77.1%	59	15	44	74.6%
North	33	31	2	6.1%	15	15	0	0%	25	21	4	16.0%
Sai Kung	129	125	4	3.1%	29	23	6	20.7%	86	42	44	51.2%
Sha Tin	85	81	4	4.7%	29	22	7	24.1%	61	28	33	54.1%
Tai Po	24	24	0	0.0%	23	23	0	0%	23	21	2	8.7%

District	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard as at 1 August)				No. of Seasonal Lifeguards							
					Non-peak Months (as at 1 April)				Peak Months (as at 1 August)			
	Establishment (a)	Strength (b)	Vacancy/ Surplus ⁽¹⁾ (c)=(a)-(b)	Percentage of Vacancy over Establishment (c)/(a)	Basic Requirement (d)	No. of SLG Recruited (e)	Vacancy/ Surplus (f)=(d)-(e)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (f)/(d)	Basic Requirement (g)	No. of SLG Recruited (h)	Vacancy/ Surplus (I)=(g)-(h)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (I)/(g)
Tsuen Wan	100	100	0	0.0%	40	30	10	25.0%	66	38	28	42.4%
Tuen Mun	139	132	7	5.0%	38	25	13	34.2%	97	59	38	39.2%
Yuen Long	55	55	0	0.0%	19	19	0	0%	34	32	2	5.9%
Total	1291	1249	42	3.3%	498	328	170	34.1%	848	480	368	43.4%

Note

- (1) Vacancies/surplus in individual districts were mainly due to officers on trial in other civil service grades and temporary redeployment of manpower to meet operational needs.

Lifeguards at Public Swimming Pools and Gazetted Beaches in 2020

District	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard as at 1 August)				No. of Seasonal Lifeguards				
					Non-peak Months (as at 1 April ⁽²⁾)	Peak Months (as at 1 August)			
	Establishment (a)	Strength (b)	Vacancy/ Surplus ⁽¹⁾ (c)=(a)-(b)	Percentage of Vacancy over Establishment (c)/(a)	No. of SLG Recruited (e)	Basic Requirement (g)	No. of SLG Recruited (h)	Vacancy/ Surplus (I)=(g)-(h)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (I)/(g)
Central and Western	56	55	1	1.8%	3	19	8	11	57.9%
Eastern	56	51	5	8.9%	1	30	13	17	56.7%
Southern	144	135	9	6.3%	3	83	36	47	56.6%
Wan Chai	57	61	-4	-7.0%	2	14	6	8	57.1%
Kowloon City	45	45	0	0.0%	4	48	23	25	52.1%
Kwun Tong	67	59	8	11.9%	1	37	24	13	35.1%
Sham Shui Po	63	69	-6	-9.5%	3	50	17	33	66.0%
Wong Tai Sin	42	42	0	0.0%	0	4	4	0	0.0%
Yau Tsim Mong	65	62	3	4.6%	1	33	10	23	69.7%
Islands	104	106	-2	-1.9%	0	46	10	36	78.3%
Kwai Tsing	72	77	-5	-6.9%	1	51	5	46	90.2%
North	34	33	1	2.9%	0	24	17	7	29.2%
Sai Kung	138	137	1	0.7%	2	75	22	53	70.7%
Sha Tin	95	85	10	10.5%	1	57	9	48	84.2%
Tai Po	24	24	0	0.0%	0	23	16	7	30.4%

District	No. of Civil Service Lifeguards (Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard as at 1 August)				No. of Seasonal Lifeguards				
					Non-peak Months (as at 1 April ⁽²⁾)	Peak Months (as at 1 August)			
	Establishment (a)	Strength (b)	Vacancy/ Surplus ⁽¹⁾ (c)=(a)-(b)	Percentage of Vacancy over Establishment (c)/(a)	No. of SLG Recruited (e)	Basic Requirement (g)	No. of SLG Recruited (h)	Vacancy/ Surplus (I)=(g)-(h)	Percentage of Vacancy over Basic Requirement (I)/(g)
Tsuen Wan	111	111	0	0.0%	2	56	26	30	53.6%
Tuen Mun	146	143	3	2.1%	1	85	39	46	54.1%
Yuen Long	56	55	1	1.8%	1	34	23	11	32.4%
Total	1375	1350	25	1.8%	26	769	308	461	59.9%

Note

- (1) Vacancies/surplus in individual districts were mainly due to officers on trial in other civil service grades and temporary redeployment of manpower to meet operational needs.
- (2) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, public swimming pools of the LCSD have been temporarily closed since 29 January 2020, up to 20 May 2020, leading to reduced employment of seasonal lifeguards during the period.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB151

(Question Serial No. 2020)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In connection with “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”,

- What are the annual expenditures and manpower involved in the management of public swimming pool complexes under the LCSD, with a breakdown by rank and grade?
- What are the respective numbers of complete or partial closure of public swimming pool complexes under the LCSD in each month over the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-2020), with a breakdown by District Council district, public swimming pool complex and reason for closure (e.g. complete or partial closure due to inadequate lifeguards)?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

- a. The establishment of civil servants of public swimming pools is set out at **Annex I**. As some swimming pool complexes are part of the public leisure venues, which include other facilities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) does not have a breakdown of the expenditure by grade and rank of staff of swimming pool complexes.
- b. Public swimming pools are available for use by members of the public during opening hours. Full or partial closure is implemented on a need basis due to situations such as inadequate lifeguards, scheduled or urgent maintenance for swimming pools, adverse weather affecting the outdoor pools, and contingencies due to water contamination by pollutants, etc. The number of days of full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years is set out at **Annex II**. The LCSD does not keep statistics on full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to other reasons.

**Public Swimming Pools
Establishment of Civil Servants
(2020-21)**

Grade	Rank	Establishment of Civil Servants
Amenities Assistant	Senior Amenities Assistant	43
	Amenities Assistant I	64
	Amenities Assistant II	39
	Amenities Assistant III	83
Senior Artisan	Senior Artisan (Swimming Pool/Beach)	106
	Senior Artisan (Filtration Plant)	42
Artisan	Artisan (Swimming Pool/Beach)	826
	Artisan (Filtration Plant)	140
Clerical Assistant	Clerical Assistant	80

Note:

The figures do not include relief staff as they will be deployed to work at other leisure venues due to operational needs.

The number of public swimming pools fully or partially closed due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years

Some swimming pool facilities will be fully or partially closed temporarily due to inadequate lifeguards. The pool facilities will be re-opened to the public immediately when the manpower of lifeguards returns to normal. For the purpose of calculation, full or partial closure of facilities of less than one day is counted as one day.

Swimming Pool ⁽¹⁾		2018		2019		2020 ⁽²⁾	
		Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure
Central and Western							
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	-	142	-	100	-	4
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	-	5	2	9	-	1
Eastern District							
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	-	179	-	163	-	37
4	Island East Swimming Pool	-	14	-	20	-	2
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	-	1	-	8	-	1
Southern District							
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	-	195	-	184	-	1
Wan Chai							
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	-	151	2	56	-	46
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	-	20	-	7	-	1
Kowloon City							
9	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	-	149	-	114	-	-
10	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	-	75	-	49	-	9
11	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	-	205	-	180	-	16
Kwun Tong							
12	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	-	27	-	26	-	-
13	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	-	-	-	2	-	-
14	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	-	-	-	3	-	1
Sham Shui Po							
15	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	-	145	-	148	-	88
16	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	-	182	-	214	-	99
17	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	-	206	-	199	-	99

Swimming Pool ⁽¹⁾		2018		2019		2020 ⁽²⁾	
		Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure
Wong Tai Sin							
18	Hammer Hill Swimming Pool	-	9	-	35	-	-
19	Morse Park Swimming Pool ⁽⁴⁾	-	6	-	-	-	14
Yau Tsim Mong							
20	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	-	154	-	148	-	43
21	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	-	-	-	1	-	-
Islands							
22	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	-	2	-	2	1	-
Kwai Tsing							
23	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	-	205	-	214	-	59
24	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	-	116	1	188	-	2
25	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	-	162	-	214	-	61
North							
26	Fanling Swimming Pool	-	-	-	2	-	-
27	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	-	1	-	1	-	-
Sai Kung							
28	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	-	185	-	204	-	43
29	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	-	193	-	195	-	44
Sha Tin							
30	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	-	161	-	184	-	6
31	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	-	8	-	12	-	44
32	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	-	124	-	145	-	48
Tai Po							
33	Tai Po Swimming Pool	-	6	-	17	-	31
Tsuen Wan							
34	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	-	63	-	92	-	22
35	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	-	210	-	103	1	3
Tuen Mun							
36	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	-	37	-	68	-	10
37	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	-	74	-	103	-	8
38	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	-	75	-	133	-	28

Swimming Pool ⁽¹⁾		2018		2019		2020 ⁽²⁾	
		Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure
Yuen Long							
39	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	-	27	-	30	-	20
40	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	-	116	-	99	-	6

Notes:

- (1) There has not been closure of Wan Chai Swimming Pool, Mui Wo Swimming Pool, Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool and Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years.
- (2) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public swimming pools were closed for 208 days in 2020 and such days were excluded.
- (3) The figures refer to the numbers of days of temporary closure of some minor pool facilities, such as leisure pool, diving pool or jacuzzi due to inadequate lifeguards on duty, while major pool facilities, such as main pool and secondary pool remained open for public use as far as practicable.
- (4) Works were carried out at Morse Park Swimming Pool from 2019 for the provision of an indoor heated pool. The swimming pool was partially reopened on 20 June 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB152****(Question Serial No. 2021)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

In connection with “develop the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system”,

- please provide information on the numbers of successful bookings of government sports facilities through the Leisure Link System and the turn up and usage rates in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-2020) in the table below:

District	Type of sports facilities/venues	Number of booking made via the Leisure Link System	Turn up and usage rate

- What is the commissioning date for the new system? Is there any deferment due to the impact of COVID-19? How will the system effectively promote and enhance community-wide participation in sports? Has any target been set for reviewing the effectiveness of the new system? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- What will be the estimated expenditure involved in the development of the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)Reply:

- Currently, all bookings of major sports facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are handled by the Leisure Link System. The total numbers of used hours/sessions and the average usage rate of major sports facilities in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex**.

- The new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (the new system) will provide efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking service which can encourage members of the public to participate in sports regularly. The new system will provide a unified and one-stop electronic service platform to enable the public to enquire about and book sports and recreation facilities/services provided by the LCSD through the Internet and mobile apps anytime and anywhere. Users who create personal accounts under the new system will also be able to enjoy personalised services such as instant viewing of booking or enrolment records of sports and recreation facilities and programmes. The new system will be equipped with more powerful and convenient functions with greater flexibility which enable users to set specific selection criteria according to their needs and preferences when searching for and booking facilities and programmes. The new system will also provide more electronic payment methods to facilitate the public to make payment. In addition, the public can use the new smart self-service stations in about 270 leisure venues (including the 18 District Leisure Services Offices) for convenient services such as instant registration of personal accounts, self-service check-in of facility sessions and programmes. The LCSD would measure the performance of the new system, taking into account aspects such as patron registration, facility booking, programme enrolment, balloting, refund processing and usage of facilities. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the progress of system development over the past year. Nevertheless, the system development team is pressing ahead with their work. It is expected that the core functions of Phase 1 and the enhanced functions of Phase 2 will be rolled out in 2023 and 2024 respectively.
- The implementation of the new system requires a non-recurrent expenditure of about \$500 million and a dedicated team of staff with a total staff cost of about \$77 million.

Total Used Hours/Sessions of Major Sports Facilities in 2018

District	Sports Centres¹ (Arena)		Tennis Courts²		Turf Pitches³ (Natural and artificial turf)	
	Total Used Hours	Average Usage Rate	Total Used Hours	Average Usage Rate	Total Used Sessions	Average Usage Rate
Hong Kong Island						
Central and Western	217 437	89%	No provision		2 219	78%
Eastern	188 323	89%	66 051	81%	5 198	81%
Southern	119 355	77%	30 281	82%	4 331	67%
Wan Chai	68 465	89%	138 544	88%	16 756	65%
Kowloon						
Kowloon City	159 453	90%	43 471	64%	7 598	84%
Kwun Tong	221 663	85%	48 082	59%	10 914	77%
Sham Shui Po	180 269	91%	58 035	68%	5 221	82%
Wong Tai Sin	156 638	88%	50 324	60%	14 900	71%
Yau Tsim Mong	203 019	93%	34 133	77%	4 418	71%
New Territories						
Islands	70 295	62%	2 788	17%	2 330	74%
Kwai Tsing	209 897	82%	30 971	52%	2 794	70%
North	116 268	82%	12 136	48%	3 147	73%
Sai Kung	178 909	83%	27 436	72%	2 572	66%
Sha Tin	182 222	91%	65 878	59%	5 576	71%
Tai Po	130 398	85%	25 694	60%	4 422	67%
Tsuen Wan	133 943	90%	46 415	55%	797	94%
Tuen Mun	150 619	84%	28 714	43%	2 501	63%
Yuen Long	219 063	85%	21 672	57%	2 972	76%
Total	2 906 236	86%	730 625	65%	98 666	72%

Notes

1. The arenas of sports centres are mainly used for badminton, basketball and volleyball.
2. No tennis court is provided in Central and Western District.
3. The turf pitches are hired on a 90-minute per session basis. As natural and artificial turf pitches are used inter-changeably to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.

Total Used Hours/Sessions of Major Sports Facilities in 2019

District	Sports Centres ¹ (Arena)		Tennis Courts ²		Turf Pitches ³ (Natural and artificial turf)	
	Total Used Hours	Average Usage Rate	Total Used Hours	Average Usage Rate	Total Used Sessions	Average Usage Rate
Hong Kong Island						
Central and Western	158 864	92%	No provision		2 208	71%
Eastern	181 697	91%	63 946	86%	5 028	80%
Southern	115 844	83%	30 480	82%	3 843	71%
Wan Chai	61 554	92%	138 350	83%	16 531	66%
Kowloon						
Kowloon City	158 712	91%	43 061	67%	6 932	81%
Kwun Tong	209 423	87%	45 688	58%	9 928	77%
Sham Shui Po	170 011	91%	60 272	69%	6 277	83%
Wong Tai Sin	143 439	90%	55 689	64%	14 603	71%
Yau Tsim Mong	195 769	94%	34 346	77%	2 846	67%
New Territories						
Islands	69 387	66%	2 720	17%	816	78%
Kwai Tsing	207 549	83%	31 096	53%	2 163	69%
North	120 398	84%	13 533	49%	3 387	73%
Sai Kung	180 348	85%	28 491	77%	2 584	71%
Sha Tin	181 009	93%	68 317	61%	4 217	75%
Tai Po	125 509	87%	23 991	64%	4 471	69%
Tsuen Wan	143 479	89%	47 624	59%	743	94%
Tuen Mun	142 410	87%	30 618	46%	2 580	68%
Yuen Long	225 286	86%	19 289	56%	2 713	78%
Total	2 790 688	88%	737 511	66%	91 870	73%

Notes

1. The arenas of sports centres are mainly used for badminton, basketball and volleyball.
2. No tennis court is provided in Central and Western District.
3. The turf pitches are hired on a 90-minute per session basis. As natural and artificial turf pitches are used inter-changeably to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.

Total Used Hours/Sessions of Major Sports Facilities in 2020

District	Sports Centres ¹ (Arena)		Tennis Courts ²		Turf Pitches ³ (Natural and artificial turf)	
	Total Used Hours	Average Usage Rate	Total Used Hours	Average Usage Rate	Total Used Sessions	Average Usage Rate
Hong Kong Island						
Central and Western	78 669	89%	No provision		823	76%
Eastern	80 242	91%	45 268	94%	1 801	80%
Southern	51 298	82%	19 100	95%	805	74%
Wan Chai	23 506	88%	97 412	93%	5 932	68%
Kowloon						
Kowloon City	69 673	88%	30 784	75%	1 771	80%
Kwun Tong	101 596	86%	35 658	69%	4 007	85%
Sham Shui Po	79 274	90%	41 992	76%	1 644	84%
Wong Tai Sin	58 077	85%	40 657	73%	4 814	74%
Yau Tsim Mong	89 693	94%	24 264	85%	1 638	77%
New Territories						
Islands	27 655	54%	1 901	19%	896	82%
Kwai Tsing	90 774	79%	20 590	60%	298	97%
North	53 237	80%	9 269	51%	1 234	72%
Sai Kung	76 137	85%	20 277	88%	901	68%
Sha Tin	94 772	92%	45 451	70%	2 007	71%
Tai Po	56 764	86%	18 120	72%	905	72%
Tsuen Wan	60 733	88%	34 081	68%	256	65%
Tuen Mun	69 756	84%	20 137	51%	846	63%
Yuen Long	103 442	83%	14 803	60%	1 019	74%
Total	1 265 298	85%	519 764	75%	31 597	75%

Notes

1. The arenas of sports centres are mainly used for badminton, basketball and volleyball.
2. No tennis court is provided in Central and Western District.
3. The turf pitches are hired on a 90-minute per session basis. As natural and artificial turf pitches are used inter-changeably to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.
4. The sports facilities were closed a number of times in 2020 due to the pandemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB153****(Question Serial No. 2022)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

In relation with 'providing subvention to "national sports associations" (NSAs) and sports organisations for training athletes and organising sports activities', please provide in the table below the relevant information in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2018 to 2020).

NSAs and sports organisations	Funding approved	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to "national sports associations" (NSAs) and "sports organisations" (SOs) under the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. The detailed breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs and SOs and other relevant information under SSS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are set out at **Annexes 1 to 3**.

Subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) / “sports organisations” (SOs) and the relevant information under the Sports Subvention Scheme in 2018-19

NSA	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
1. Hong Kong Archery Association	2,726	162	30	5	47.6
2. Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	6,840	74	707	7	35.7
3. Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	17,350	140	1 166	8	15.6
4. The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	5,597	100	300	5	26.4
5. Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	12,511	304	1 000	8	22.0
6. Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,066	11	160	5	47.9
7. Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	1,489	45	33	4	51.6
8. Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	1,625	70	264	3	41.0
9. The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	4,158	80	330	6	31.2
10. Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	2,400	66	111	4	37.0
11. Cricket Hong Kong Limited	3,854	104	160	6	36.4

NSA	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
12. The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	10,913	120	350	8	34.3
13. Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	4,220	100	325	5	26.5
14. Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	2,805	77	41	4	31.7
15. Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	2,952	20	58	6	42.0
16. Hong Kong Fencing Association	6,253	94	594	7	36.8
17. The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	19,852	21	2 217	7	11.7
18. Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,193	73	225	3	29.7
19. Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	2,324	122	33	4	37.6
20. The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	5,311	132	246	7	39.4
21. Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	7,336	333	511	6	22.4
22. The Hong Kong Hockey Association	3,215	133	121	6	36.8
23. Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	2,380	80	11	3	23.9
24. The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,005	90	102	6	34.5
25. The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,027	280	21	5	62.6

NSA	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
26. Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	1,127	48	9	3	50.7
27. Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,439	54	20	3	45.1
28. Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	1,518	32	43	2	30.5
29. Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	3,274	54	111	4	30.9
30. The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	5,416	54	189	4	20.8
31. China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,042	48	283	5	31.5
32. Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	1,603	42	47	3	35.3
33. Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	1,870	109	81	3	35.9
34. Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	3,625	80	109	6	37.6
35. Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,372	112	55	5	33.0
36. Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	7,367	132	772	9	39.6
37. Hong Kong Rugby Union	5,551	243	734	6	32.6
38. Hong Kong Sailing Federation	1,646	32	33	4	53.3
39. The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	7,607	270	64	7	28.7
40. Hong Kong Shooting Association	3,432	60	71	5	33.4
41. Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	1,670	105	128	3	38.8

NSA	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
42. Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	1,675	40	7	4	53.9
43. Hong Kong Softball Association	2,689	7	35	3	27.6
44. Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	1,771	100	19	3	34.0
45. Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	9,360	250	317	7	26.5
46. Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,274	105	76	7	29.8
47. Hong Kong Squash	13,902	520	1 456	9	20.6
48. Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	10,509	25	505	8	24.8
49. The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	16,351	197	960	8	20.6
50. Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	2,888	270	35	5	39.8
51. The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	12,459	86	716	6	18.7
52. Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	2,937	70	108	7	66.0
53. Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	3,781	50	75	7	50.3
54. Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,286	15	26	3	46.2

NSA	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
55. The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,157	N.A.	4	4	54.6
56. Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	11,863	371	942	6	13.6
57. Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,170	4	12	3	55.4
58. The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,383	50	35	3	47.0
59. Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	7,911	112	772	8	37.1
60. Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,276	77	199	8	58.0

SO	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
1. Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China	3,882	N.A.	153	N.A.	N.A.
2. Hong Kong Chess Federation	49	N.A.	14	N.A.	N.A.
3. Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association	196	N.A.	3	N.A.	N.A.
4. Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association	169	N.A.	4	N.A.	N.A.
5. The Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong	31	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
6. The Citizen Athletic Association Limited	180	N.A.	17	N.A.	N.A.
7. Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited	4	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
8. Hong Kong Dance Federation	28	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
9. Hong Kong Go Association	43	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
10. Happy Valley Athletic Association Limited	249	N.A.	24	N.A.	N.A.
11. Hong Kong Miniature Football Association	132	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.
12. Kowloon Miniature Football Association	120	N.A.	5	N.A.	N.A.
13. Hong Kong Lacrosse Association Limited	281	N.A.	5	N.A.	N.A.
14. The New Territories Regional Sports Association	405	N.A.	9	N.A.	N.A.
15. The Outward Bound (Alumni) Association of Hong Kong	53	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.

SO	2018-19				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
16. Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	301	N.A.	4	N.A.	N.A.
17. The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	93	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.
18. South China Athletic Association	146	N.A.	11	N.A.	N.A.
19. The Hong Kong Tai Chi Association	22	N.A.	2	N.A.	N.A.
20. Hong Kong Teachers' Association	47	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
21. Hong Kong Tug-of-War Association Limited	270	N.A.	25	N.A.	N.A.
22. Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association	4	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
23. Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association	10	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
24. Hong Kong Woodball Association Limited	24	N.A.	8	N.A.	N.A.

Subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) / “sports organisations” (SOs) and the relevant information under the Sports Subvention Scheme in 2019-20

NSA	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
1. Hong Kong Archery Association	4,606	164	51	5	28.6
2. Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	7,487	90*	689	7	33.8
3. Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	16,999	306	1 166	8	16.5
4. The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	6,917	120	300	5	22.1
5. Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	13,354	276	1 017	8	21.3
6. Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,556	12	180	5	42.9
7. Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	2,028	50	33	4	39.3
8. Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	2,415	70	278	3	28.6
9. The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	5,632	80	318	6	23.8
10. Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	3,892	73	124	4	23.6
11. Cricket Hong Kong Limited	5,512	105	162	6	26.4

NSA	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
12. The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	12,504	143	363	8	23.1
13. Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	5,065	40	338	5	23.0
14. Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	3,787	91	48	4	24.3
15. Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	3,478	37	51	6	37.0
16. Hong Kong Fencing Association	7,302	96	613	7	32.6
17. The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	20,894	649*	2 237	7	11.5
18. Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,680	119*	225	3	25.2
19. Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	3,022	125	36	4	30.0
20. The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	6,618	130	321	7	32.8
21. Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	8,177	316	522	6	20.9
22. The Hong Kong Hockey Association	4,589	148	140	6	26.7
23. Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	4,025	95	11	3	14.7
24. The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,887	84	94	6	29.3
25. The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,575	280	14	5	51.1

NSA	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
26. Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	2,334	52	50	3	25.4
27. Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,890	68	29	3	35.6
28. Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	2,467	40	49	2	19.5
29. Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	4,263	67	205	4	24.6
30. The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	6,340	51	184	4	18.4
31. China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,907	51	286	5	26.9
32. Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	2,268	38	103	3	25.9
33. Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	2,486	130	104	3	27.9
34. Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	5,426	88	111	6	25.2
35. Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,963	190	70	5	29.2
36. Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	8,697	62*	826	9	34.7
37. Hong Kong Rugby Union	7,685	210*	751	6	24.4
38. Hong Kong Sailing Federation	2,561	24	33	4	35.5
39. The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	8,677	275	69	7	26.1
40. Hong Kong Shooting Association	5,193	107	61	5	22.9
41. Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	2,788	68	136	3	24.1

NSA	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
42. Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	2,056	21	6	4	45.5
43. Hong Kong Softball Association	3,976	120*	39	3	19.4
44. Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	2,445	122	20	3	25.5
45. Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	11,368	347	307	7	22.6
46. Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,987	191	72	7	28.5
47. Hong Kong Squash	15,506	407	1 481	9	19.1
48. Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	12,110	197*	497	8	22.3
49. The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	19,071	200	964	8	18.3
50. Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	3,513	278	36	5	33.9
51. The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	13,428	81	772	6	17.9
52. Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,369	117	109	7	59.6
53. Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	4,729	48	117	7	41.8
54. Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,623	15	27	3	37.9

NSA	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
55. The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,699	N.A.	9	4	38.5
56. Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	14,268	304	1 008	6	11.7
57. Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,582	35*	14	3	42.5
58. The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,965	50	36	3	34.3
59. Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	9,729	104	775	8	31.2
60. Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,828	88	205	8	53.2

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SO	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
1. Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China	3,909	N.A.	153	N.A.	N.A.
2. Hong Kong Chess Federation	53	N.A.	9	N.A.	N.A.
3. Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association	196	N.A.	3	N.A.	N.A.
4. Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association	175	N.A.	5	N.A.	N.A.
5. The Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong	32	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
6. The Citizen Athletic Association Limited	193	N.A.	17	N.A.	N.A.
7. Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited	5	N.A.	2	N.A.	N.A.
8. Hong Kong Dance Federation	32	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
9. Hong Kong Go Association	45	N.A.	8	N.A.	N.A.
10. Happy Valley Athletic Association Limited	259	N.A.	24	N.A.	N.A.
11. Hong Kong Miniature Football Association	170	N.A.	9	N.A.	N.A.
12. Kowloon Miniature Football Association	123	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.
13. Hong Kong Lacrosse Association Limited	285	N.A.	9	N.A.	N.A.
14. The New Territories Regional Sports Association	398	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.

SO	2019-20				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
15. The Outward Bound (Alumni) Association of Hong Kong	54	N.A.	5	N.A.	N.A.
16. Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	454	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.
17. The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	96	N.A.	11	N.A.	N.A.
18. South China Athletic Association	151	N.A.	2	N.A.	N.A.
19. The Hong Kong Tai Chi Association	23	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
20. Hong Kong Teachers' Association	48	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
21. Hong Kong Tug-of-War Association Limited	272	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
22. Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association	4	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.
23. Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association	11	N.A.	25	N.A.	N.A.
24. Hong Kong Woodball Association Limited	33	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.

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Subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) / “sports organisations” (SOs) and the relevant information under the Sports Subvention Scheme in 2020-21

NSA	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
1. Hong Kong Archery Association	4,388	47	5	5	31.3
2. Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	7,416	100	457	7	35.6
3. Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	18,638	237	201	8	15.7
4. The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	7,269	117	41	5	22.0
5. Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	14,061	290	35	8	21.1
6. Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,504	12	149	5	45.5
7. Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	2,056	50	12	4	40.5
8. Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	2,721	6	2	4	30.6
9. The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	5,601	50	13	6	26.3
10. Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	2,964	17	1	4	32.5
11. Cricket Hong Kong Limited	5,583	101	39	6	27.2

NSA	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
12. The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	12,598	116	8	8	24.0
13. Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	4,881	122	259	5	24.9
14. Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	3,723	135	7	4	25.8
15. Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	3,551	19	16	6	37.9
16. Hong Kong Fencing Association	7,261	72	24	7	34.2
17. The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	20,255	448	376	7	12.4
18. Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,516	0	32	3	28.1
19. Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	2,935	100	7	4	32.3
20. The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	6,808	115	34	7	33.3
21. Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	9,222	214	9	6	19.3
22. The Hong Kong Hockey Association	4,649	168	48	6	27.5
23. Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	4,117	56	10	3	15.0
24. The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,851	96	27	6	30.8
25. The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	3,464	69	2	5	39.7

NSA	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
26. Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	2,191	30	14	3	28.2
27. Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,799	41	9	3	39.2
28. Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	2,410	40	9	2	20.9
29. Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	4,762	81	56	4	23.0
30. The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	7,468	59	102	4	16.4
31. China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	5,667	74	18	5	24.3
32. Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	2,188	27	65	3	28.0
33. Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	2,565	139	22	3	28.3
34. Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	5,297	112	7	6	27.0
35. Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,749	75	194	5	32.2
36. Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	8,670	23	91	9	36.4
37. Hong Kong Rugby Union	7,723	240	28	6	25.4
38. Hong Kong Sailing Federation	2,700	26	10	4	36.8
39. The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	8,750	0	0	7	27.0
40. Hong Kong Shooting Association	5,130	27	12	5	24.2
41. Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	2,543	61	4	3	27.7

NSA	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
42. Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	2,188	36	2	4	44.6
43. Hong Kong Softball Association	3,911	115	9	3	20.6
44. Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	2,588	114	15	3	25.2
45. Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	11,227	365	243	7	23.8
46. Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,856	53	16	7	30.2
47. Hong Kong Squash	15,453	592	10	9	20.0
48. Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	12,242	184	175	8	22.9
49. The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	19,871	113	145	8	18.3
50. Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	3,412	206	12	5	36.5
51. The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	13,492	92	704	7	18.6
52. Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,305	0	19	7	63.5
53. Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	4,719	43	7	7	43.7
54. Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,564	15	12	3	41.0

NSA	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
55. The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,592	N.A.	0	4	42.9
56. Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	14,864	247	28	6	11.8
57. Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,515	36	3	3	46.5
58. The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,799	25	9	3	39.3
59. Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	9,557	104	355	8	32.3
60. Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,768	128	21	8	56.3

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SO	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
1. Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China	4,962	N.A.	58	N.A.	N.A.
2. Hong Kong Chess Federation	56	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
3. Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association	199	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
4. Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association	177	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
5. The Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong	34	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
6. The Citizen Athletic Association Limited	211	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
7. Hong Kong Contract Bridge Association Limited	5	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
8. Hong Kong Dance Federation	28	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
9. Hong Kong Go Association	102	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
10. Happy Valley Athletic Association Limited	271	N.A.	3	N.A.	N.A.
11. Hong Kong Miniature Football Association	145	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
12. Kowloon Miniature Football Association	131	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
13. Hong Kong Lacrosse Association Limited	167	N.A.	2	N.A.	N.A.
14. The New Territories Regional Sports Association	439	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
15. The Outward Bound (Alumni) Association of Hong Kong	61	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.

SO	2020-21				
	Funding approved (\$'000)	Number of athletes trained#	Number of sports activities organised	Number of paid staff	Percentage of staff salaries over provisions
16. Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	359	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
17. The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf	100	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
18. South China Athletic Association	160	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
19. The Hong Kong Tai Chi Association	24	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
20. Hong Kong Teachers' Association	50	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
21. Hong Kong Tug-of-War Association Limited	290	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
22. Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association	4	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.
23. Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association	12	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.
24. Hong Kong Woodball Association Limited	28	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB154****(Question Serial No. 2023)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the “average usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches”,

- please list in the table below information about natural and artificial turf pitches in the territory.

District	Turf pitch	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	Natural turf pitch/ Second generation artificial turf pitch/ Third generation artificial turf pitch	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side/ 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years		
							Refurbishment works	Year	Estimated expenditure

- Regarding the maintenance of turf pitches, is complete returfing of the pitches carried out regularly? If so, what are the replacement schedule and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)Reply:

The information on the natural and artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is set out at **Annex**.

In general, the LCSD arranges returfing for natural turf pitches every summer. The scale of returfing area varies among pitches depending on the size of the damaged area at each individual pitch. Most of the returfing work is only carried out at the heavy traffic area near goal mouth and central corridor region. Moreover, over-seeding of Ryegrass is carried out at pitches where needed in winter to increase the grass density for the sake of presentation, durability and safety as well as to protect the summer grass. The LCSD does not have a breakdown on the cost of natural turf maintenance, which is part of the daily

management of the pitches. The related cost also varies depending on the area of damaged turf at individual pitches.

As regards the artificial turf systems currently in use in the LCSD's artificial turf pitches, the LCSD's venue management will assess the pitch condition and in consultation with the Architectural Services Department to work out the exact time for the required refurbishment programme. The refurbishment programme in the coming 2 years is set out at **Annex**. As refurbishment and repair of artificial turf systems in leisure venues managed by the LCSD is undertaken by works department, the LCSD does not have the details on expenditures involved for refurbishment of artificial turf pitches.

Natural and artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

District	Turf pitch ⁽¹⁾	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽⁵⁾	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side / 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years (2021&2022)	
							Refurbishment works	Year
Central & Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	76%	-	3G	7-a-side	2010	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2022
Eastern	Quarry Bay Park	79%	1	3G	7-a-side	2016	Nil	
			2	3G	7-a-side	2013		
	Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	100%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1996	Nil	
Southern	Aberdeen Sports Ground	74%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1971	Nil	
			-	3G	11-a-side	2017		
	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	- ⁽²⁾	-	3G	11-a-side	2007 (2020)	Nil	
Wan Chai	Causeway Bay Sports Ground	100%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1983 (2018)	Nil	
	Happy Valley Recreation Ground	67%	1	3G	11-a-side	2017	Nil	
			2	3G	11-a-side	2016		
			3	3G	11-a-side	2015		
			4	3G	11-a-side	2015		
			5	NTP	11-a-side	1953 (2017)	Nil	
			6	3G	11-a-side	2013	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2022
			7	NTP	7-a-side	1953 (2020)	Nil	

District	Turf pitch ⁽¹⁾	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽⁵⁾	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side / 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years (2021&2022)	
							Refurbishment works	Year
			8	3G	7-a-side	2017	Nil	
			9	2G	7-a-side	2017		
			10	2G	7-a-side	2017		
	So Kon Po Recreation Ground	100%	-	NTP	11-a-side	2000	Nil	
Kowloon City	Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground	67%	1	NTP	11-a-side	1982 (2015)	Nil	
			2	NTP	11-a-side			
	Kowloon Tsai Park	78%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1964	Nil	
			1	3G	11-a-side	2015		
			2	3G	11-a-side	2007 (2020)	Nil	
	Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	89%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1964 (2019)	Nil	
	Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	96%	1	NTP	7-a-side	1995	Improvement of irrigation system	2021
			2	NTP	7-a-side		Nil	
Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	84%		3G	11-a-side	2014	Nil	
				3G	7-a-side	2005 (2019)		
	Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	95%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1987	Nil	
	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	90%	-	3G	7-a-side	2015	Nil	
	Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	97%	-	NTP	11-a-side	2004 (2017)	Nil	
	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	73%	-	3G	7-a-side	2013	Nil	
	Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch	88%	-	NTP	7-a-side	2010	Nil	

District	Turf pitch ⁽¹⁾	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽⁵⁾	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side / 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years (2021&2022)	
							Refurbishment works	Year
	On Sau Road Park	- ⁽³⁾	-	3G	7-a-side	2021	Nil	
Sham Shui Po	Hing Wah Street West Playground	86%	-	3G	7-a-side	2018	Nil	
	Sham Shui Po Sports Ground	100%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1988	Nil	
	Shek Kip Mei Park	50%	-	3G	11-a-side	2011 (2020)	Nil	
	Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	100%	1	NTP	7-a-side	1971 (2017)	Nil	
			2	NTP	11-a-side			
			3	NTP	11-a-side			
Wong Tai Sin	Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground	91%	-	NTP	7-a-side	1989 (2019)	Nil	
				NTP	11-a-side	1989 (2014)		
	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	70%	-	2G	11-a-side	2014	Nil	
	Morse Park	78%	1	3G	11-a-side	2007 (2020)	Nil	
			2	3G	11-a-side	2012	Nil	
			3	3G	11-a-side	2012	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2022
			4	3G	7-a-side	2015	Nil	
	Po Kong Village Road Park	68%	1	3G	11-a-side	2010	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2022
			2	3G	11-a-side			
Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	64%	-	2G	11-a-side	2007	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2021
	Cherry Street Park	88%	-	3G	7-a-side	2005 (2019)	Nil	

District	Turf pitch ⁽¹⁾	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽⁵⁾	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side / 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years (2021&2022)	
							Refurbishment works	Year
Islands	Man Tung Road Park	82%	-	3G	7-a-side	2005 (2019)	Nil	
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Chung Sports Ground	100%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1979 (2016)	Improvement of irrigation and drainage system	2021
	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	- ⁽⁴⁾	-	3G	11-a-side	2010 (2019)	Nil	
	Tsing Yi Sports Ground	98%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1996 (2018)	Nil	
	Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	93%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1978 (2017)	Nil	
North	Fanling Recreation Ground (Stage I)	76%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1972	Nil	
	Kwu Tung Grass Soccer Pitch	58%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1985	Nil	
	North District Sports Ground	69%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1992 (2018)	Nil	
	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	74%	-	3G	7-a-side	2016	Nil	
Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	67%	-	3G	11-a-side	2017	Nil	
	Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	51%	-	NTP	11-a-side	2002	Nil	
	Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	100%	-	NTP	7-a-side	2009 (2017)	Nil	
				NTP	11-a-side			
Sha Tin	Hin Tin Playground	70%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1992	Conversion of natural turf pitch into 3G artificial turf pitch and refurbishment of toilets and changing rooms	2022
	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	64%	-	3G	11-a-side	2004 (2019)	Nil	

District	Turf pitch ⁽¹⁾	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽⁵⁾	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side / 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years (2021&2022)	
							Refurbishment works	Year
	Ma On Shan Sports Ground	97%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1999	Improvement of irrigation system	2021
	Sha Tin Sports Ground	90%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1984	Nil	
	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	69%	-	3G	11-a-side	2016	Nil	
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	71%	-	3G	11-a-side	2016	Nil	
	Kwong Fuk Park	58%	-	3G	11-a-side	2005 (2020)	Nil	
	Tai Po Sports Ground	91%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1992	Nil	
Tsuen Wan	Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	83%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1998 (2010)	Nil	
	Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	53%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1990 (2016)	Returfing and improvement of irrigation system	2022
Tuen Mun	Siu Lun Sports Ground	54%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1996	Nil	
	Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	82%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1981 (2020)	Nil	
	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	63%	-	3G	11-a-side	2012	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2022
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	86%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1994 (2017)	Nil	
	Tin Yip Road Park	71%	-	3G	11-a-side	2014	Refurbishment of artificial turf system	2022

District	Turf pitch ⁽¹⁾	Overall usage rate in 2020	Pitch no.	NTP / 2G / 3G ⁽⁵⁾	Size of turf pitch (7-a-side / 11-a-side)	Year of commissioning (Year of last refurbishment)	Refurbishment programme in coming 2 years (2021&2022)	
							Refurbishment works	Year
	Yuen Long Stadium	80%	-	NTP	11-a-side	1968 (2017)	Redevelopment works of the stadium, including reconstruction of turf pitch and drainage system	2022

Notes

- (1) Usage rates of Hong Kong Stadium and Mong Kok Stadium are excluded.
- (2) Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground was temporarily closed in 2020 for maintenance.
- (3) On Sau Road Park was opened in early March 2021.
- (4) Tsing Yi Northeast Park was temporarily closed in 2020 due to maintenance work and the pandemic.
- (5) NTP : Natural turf pitch
2G : Second generation artificial turf pitch
3G : Third generation artificial turf pitch

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB155****(Question Serial No. 2032)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

Regarding "The Five-year Plan for Sports and Recreational Facilities also includes the construction or reconstruction of 12 football pitches, including the redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium.", please provide details, including the locations of the 12 football pitches, the works commencement dates, commissioning dates and expenditures involved broken down by district.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)Reply:

In relation with the 26 projects under the Five-year Plan for Sports and Recreational Facilities as stated in the Policy Address in January 2017 by the Government, 12 football pitches will be constructed or reconstructed. The details are as follows:

District	Project	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	Construction	1	2021 (Note 1)	2023 (Note 1)
Sha Tin	Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (pre-construction activities) (known as Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Construction	1	2020	2023

District	Project	Construction/ Reconstruction	No. of Football Pitches	Works Commencement Date	Tentative Completion Date
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	1	2018	2021
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	1	2020	2021-2022 To be completed in phases
Yuen Long	Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium (pre-construction activities)	Reconstruction	1	2019	2022
Yuen Long	Sports Facilities with Public Vehicle Park in Tung Tau Industrial Area, Yuen Long (known as Redevelopment of Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground, Yuen Long in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Reconstruction	2	(Note 2)	
Tai Po	Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po (known as Football-cum-Rugby Pitch in Area 33, Tai Po in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Construction	1		
Tuen Mun	Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun	Construction	1		
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Area 6, Tuen Mun	Construction	2		
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Area 17, Tuen Mun	Construction	1		

As the construction/reconstruction expenditure of the football pitch forms part of the entire project estimate, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the pitches.

Note 1: The tentative works commencement date and completion date are based on the assumption that the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) is given in the first half of 2021.

Note 2: As the projects are at different stages of planning, the implementation programme has yet to be confirmed. We will provide the details of these projects when we consult the relevant LegCo panels and the Public Works Subcommittee, and seek funding approval of the FC.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB156****(Question Serial No. 2627)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

With regard to the planning and development of manpower, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- the number of civil service lifeguard (including senior lifeguard and lifeguard) posts created in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-2020);
- the details of the last 6 rounds of recruitment exercises for civil service lifeguards (including senior lifeguards and lifeguards) in the table below;

Date of recruitment exercise (the last 6 rounds)	Target number of recruits	Number of applications received/ Number of applicants invited for interview	Number of candidates who passed the trade test	Number of candidates who passed the recruitment interview	Number of candidates who passed the medical examination and other procedures	Number of offers made	Number of offers declined	Number of candidates reported to duty	Total recruitment expenses involved

- the details of the last 6 rounds of recruitment exercises for seasonal lifeguards in the table below:

Date of recruitment exercise (the last 6 rounds)	Target number of recruits	Number of applications received/ Number of applicants invited for interview	Number of candidates who passed the trade test	Number of candidates who passed the recruitment interview	Number of candidates who passed the medical examination and other procedures	Number of offers made	Number of offers declined	Number of candidates reported to duty	Total recruitment expenses involved

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

- a. The number of civil service lifeguard (including senior lifeguard and lifeguard) posts created in each of the past 3 years is tabulated below:

Financial year	Number of civil service lifeguard posts created			
	Senior Artisan (Beach/ Swimming Pool)	Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool)	Artisan (Lifeguard at Water Sports Centre)	Total
2020-21	3	91	-	94
2019-20	1	83	-	84
2018-19	4	4	10	18

- b. Details of recruitment exercises for civil service lifeguards (including senior lifeguards and lifeguards) in the past 6 years are set out at **Annex I**.
- c. Details of recruitment exercises for seasonal lifeguards in the past 6 years are set out at **Annex II**.

**Details of recruitment exercises for civil service lifeguards
(including senior lifeguards and lifeguards) in the past 6 years**

Date of recruitment exercise	Targeted number of recruits (initial number of vacancy)	Number of applications received/ Number of applicants invited for interview	Number of candidates who passed the trade tests	Number of candidates who passed the recruitment interview	Number of offers made ⁽¹⁾	Number of offers declined ⁽¹⁾	Number of candidates who passed the medical examination and other procedures ⁽¹⁾	Number of candidates reported for duty (position as at 1 March 2021) ⁽²⁾	Total recruitment expenses involved ⁽³⁾ (\$)
Senior Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool)									
February 2019	20	233 / 174	72	72	34	0	33	29	N.A. as in-service recruitment exercise was conducted
January 2015	13	245 / 229	171	171	58	2	56	56	
Senior Artisan (Lifeguard at Water Sports Centre)									
July 2018	2	59 / 23	12	19	5	0	5	5	5,848
Artisan (Beach/Swimming Pool)									
September 2020	72	299 / 229	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	3,724
August 2019	37	338 / 279	169	174	128	2	126	126	3,724
August 2018	52	488 / 356	171	272	134	1	130	129	5,848
September 2015	20	768 / 322	186	186	177	29	148	148	1,050
Artisan (Lifeguard at Water Sports Centre)									
September 2020	10	44 / 17	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	N.A. ⁽⁴⁾	3,724
August 2019	8	48 / 19	7	7	3	4	3	3	3,724
July 2017	7	96 / 43	28	28	28	10	18	18	5,608

Notes

- (1) The figures are subject to change, depending on the actual results of the recruitment exercises.
- (2) The number of candidates finally reported for duty was larger than the number of targeted number of recruits as additional new recruits were engaged to fill new vacancies arising from natural wastage/resignation of staff/creation of new posts, etc. afterwards.
- (3) Recruitment expenses mainly covered the issue of recruitment advertisements on newspapers. Other expenses including manpower and administrative costs, etc. could not be separately identified as the staff and administrative costs were also involved in conducting recruitment exercises for other grades/positions.
- (4) As the recruitment exercise is still in progress, the statistics are not available at this stage.

Details of recruitment exercises for seasonal lifeguards in the past 6 years

Date of recruitment exercise	Targeted number of recruits (initial number of vacancy)	Number of applications received/ Number of applicants invited for interview	Number of candidates who passed the trade tests	Number of candidates who passed the recruitment interview	Number passed recruitment procedures ⁽¹⁾	Number of offers made ⁽¹⁾	Number of offers declined	Number reported for duty	Total recruitment expenses involved ⁽²⁾ (\$)
<i>Seasonal lifeguard on non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms</i>									
November 2019 ⁽³⁾	786	831 / 800	491	526	489	489	107	382	547,366
November 2018	861	915 / 861	657	716	705	705	110	595	652,306
November 2017	963	1 020 / 990	837	861	934	934	130	804	519,472
November 2016	952	1 164 / 1 160	918	978	950	950	139	811	1,479,949
November 2015	930	1 379 / 1 378	1 043	1 101	1 061	1 061	154	907	390,413
October 2014	1 000	1 637 / 1 637	1 184	1 226	1 200	1 200	194	1 006	114,802
<i>Seasonal lifeguard on post-retirement service contract (PRSC) terms⁽⁴⁾</i>									
December 2019	45	13 / 12	11	11	11	11	1	10	N.A.
December 2018	45	10 / 10	9	9	9	10	1	9	
December 2017	45	20 / 20	19	19	19	19	0	19	
January 2017	45	29 / 27	24	24	24	24	11	13	
March 2016	45	25 / 13	13	13	13	13	7	6	

Notes

- (1) Since there are different periods of short-term appointment of seasonal lifeguards throughout a swimming season (e.g. peak months and non-peak months), there may be occasions that 1 candidate would be offered with multiple contracts for different periods of appointment. Under the above circumstances, the number passed recruitment procedures and the number of offers made would be greater than the number of candidates who passed the trade tests/recruitment interview.
- (2) Recruitment expenses mainly covered the issue of recruitment advertisements on newspapers and social media, etc. Other expenses including manpower and administrative costs, etc. could not be separately identified as the staff and administrative costs were also involved in conducting recruitment exercises for other grades/positions.
- (3) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) temporarily suspended the selection interviews/trade tests for recruitment of seasonal lifeguards from early February to late May 2020 and from mid-July to late September 2020.
- (4) The LCSD conducted recruitment exercises of seasonal lifeguards on PRSC terms since 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB157****(Question Serial No. 2309)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Heritage and MuseumsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please provide in the table below information on the recurring expenditures incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the acquisition of artworks in the past year.

Year	Total expenditure on the acquisition of artworks	Expenditure on the acquisition of overseas artworks	Number of overseas artworks acquired	Expenditure on the acquisition of artworks from the Mainland or Taiwan	Number of artworks acquired from the Mainland or Taiwan	Expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks	Number of local artworks acquired	Number of local artists involved
2020-21								

- (b) In 2020-21, what are the number of local artists commissioned by the LCSD to create artworks, the number of artworks created by these artists and the expenditure involved?
- (c) Have the artworks of local artists acquired or commissioned by the LCSD in 2020-21 been put on public display? If so, what are the specific details?
- (d) In 2021-22, what is the estimated expenditure on the acquisition of collections for each LCSD museum? What is the estimated expenditure on the acquisition of artworks? What percentage does the estimated expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks account for? What are the expected numbers of local artists and artworks to be commissioned by the LCSD? What are the respective estimated expenditures?
- (e) Was there any competition with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority in the acquisition of artworks last year? If so, how was it resolved?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for acquiring artworks in 2020-21 is \$5.2289 million. Details are set out below:

Year	Total expenditure on the acquisition of artworks	Expenditure on the acquisition of overseas artworks	Number of overseas artworks acquired	Expenditure on the acquisition of artworks from the Mainland or Taiwan	Number of artworks acquired from the Mainland or Taiwan	Expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks	Number of local artworks acquired	Number of local artists involved
2020-21 (Estimated)	\$5.2289 million	\$384,300	3	\$600,100	2	\$4.2445 million	26 ^{Note}	15

Note

Including mixed media, ink paintings, videos, ceramic tea wares, prints, calligraphy and paintings, etc.

- (b) The commissioning projects normally span over 2 to 3 years from planning to completion. In 2020-21, the estimated expenditure involved is \$15.9 million, covering 50 artworks by 56 local artists/art groups.
- (c) The LCSD has put on display a number of the artworks acquired or commissioned in 2020-21. Details are as follows:

Number and type of artwork	Venue for display	Date of display
4 comics and 1 pictorial	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	1 March 2017 onwards ^{Note}
1 video	Hong Kong Museum of Art	30 November 2019 to 30 May 2021 ^{Note}
6 animations		30 October 2020 to 7 February 2021
1 installation artwork	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	24 June to 1 November 2020
1 installation artwork	Tsunan-machi, Niigata Prefecture, Japan	10 October to 1 November 2020
1 mixed installation artwork	Oi!	4 November to 31 December 2020
1 installation artwork	Trade and Industry Tower	31 December 2020 to 31 December 2022
1 computer painting and 2 multi-media installation artworks	Nantau City, Shenzhen	9 to 31 January 2021
5 installation artworks		6 to 10 February 2021 and 15 to 28 February 2021
17 installation artworks	Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens	16 January to 30 June 2021

Note

The dates here refer to the dates of display of the permanent exhibitions. Artworks are acquired or commissioned periodically by museums for exhibition purpose.

- (d) The estimated expenditure to be incurred by the LCSD for acquiring museum collections and commissioning art and cultural projects for exhibition and display purposes in 2021-22 is \$23.333 million, of which \$6 million is to be used for the acquisition of museum collections. About 70% to 75% of the funding would be allocated to the acquisition of artworks, particularly those created by local artists.
- (e) The LCSD has been in constant dialogue with M+ of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority with a view to ensuring that there is no competition between LCSD museums and M+ in the acquisition of artworks.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB158

(Question Serial No. 2322)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the areas of work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is to provide subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) and sports organisations for training athletes and organising sports activities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) A breakdown of the amounts of subvention granted to individual NSAs in 2019-20, 2020-21 and the estimated amounts of subventions for 2021-22. What areas of work will the subvention be used for? What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure proper use of the subvention?
- (b) What mechanism has the Government put in place to assess the quality of the subvented activities and ensure the compliance of these activities with the requirements? What follow-up measures are put in place against substandard subvented activities?
- (c) It was stated in last year's Budget that the LCSD would allocate an additional recurrent provision of \$25 million and an extra two-year subsidy of \$17 million per year to enhance the financial assistance for NSAs. The funds could be used to support participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs. In this regard, what was the amount of extra provision so allocated to each NSA respectively in the past year? How much provision was used for supporting participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs, respectively?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to support the promotion and development of sports in Hong Kong. NSAs may use the subvention to cover their personnel, office

and programme expenses. Programme expenses include “national”, youth and regional squad training, training programmes in the community, local competitions, school sports programmes, community sports clubs projects, participation in international events, training of officials and attendance at overseas meetings. The detailed breakdown of the subventions granted to individual NSAs in 2019-20 and 2020-21 is at **Annex I**. The subvention to be allocated to NSAs in 2021-22 is being finalised.

To ensure that the subvention allocated to NSAs is used properly, the LCSD enters into annual Subvention Agreements with individual NSAs. Under the Agreements, NSAs have the obligation to use the subvention to implement the planned programmes in strict accordance with the requirements stated in the Agreements. The Government and the Audit Commission may enquire into, examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of the subvention as well as their management and control procedures. NSAs are also required to respond and follow up on any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Government. In addition, NSAs have to disclose all information relevant to the subvention funding as and when necessary.

NSAs are required to submit quarterly reports on their programmes, and annual accounts audited by certified public accountants. They are also required to formulate and comply with a Code of Conduct, Accounting Procedures Guidelines and Procurement Practices and Guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure due process is followed. The LCSD conducts regular on-site inspections of the subvented programmes as well as periodic quality assurance inspections to ensure the quality of programmes provided by NSAs, the adoption of proper accounting procedures and their compliance with the terms of the Subvention Agreements.

- (b) The LCSD assesses the performance of NSAs against the targets set including their effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention. They are measured against 4 Key Performance Areas (KPA) including (i) Organisation of Programmes, (ii) Development and Promotion of Sports, (iii) Performance of Athletes and (iv) Corporate Governance and Compliance. The achievements of NSAs on KPAs will be taken as reference when granting subventions to NSAs. In case of cancellation of programmes or non-compliance to the set targets are observed, subvention to NSAs will be deducted.
- (c) The LCSD will take into account various factors, including the annual plan for 2020-21 submitted by NSAs, their previous performance, past expenditure pattern, effectiveness in managing programmes and administering subvention, etc. in determining the additional amount of subvention to NSAs for supporting their participation in overseas competitions, offering squad training programmes and supporting under-privileged athletes, as well as other operating costs. The amount of additional subvention so allocated to each NSA respectively in the past year is at **Annex II**.

**Subvention granted to “national sports associations” (NSAs) under the
Sports Subvention Scheme in 2019-20 and 2020-21**

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	4,606	4,388
2.	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	7,487	7,416
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	16,999	18,638
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	6,917	7,269
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	13,354	14,061
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	3,556	3,504
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	2,028	2,056
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	2,415	2,721
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	5,632	5,601
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	3,892	2,964
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	5,512	5,583
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	12,504	12,598
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	5,065	4,881
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	3,787	3,723
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	3,478	3,551
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	7,302	7,261
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	20,894	20,255
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	2,680	2,516
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	3,022	2,935
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	6,618	6,808
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	8,177	9,222
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	4,589	4,649
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	4,025	4,117
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	4,887	4,851
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	2,575	3,464
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	2,334	2,191
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	1,890	1,799
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	2,467	2,410
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	4,263	4,762
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	6,340	7,468

	NSA	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	4,907	5,667
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	2,268	2,188
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	2,486	2,565
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	5,426	5,297
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	3,963	3,749
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	8,697	8,670
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	7,685	7,723
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	2,561	2,700
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	8,677	8,750
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	5,193	5,130
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	2,788	2,543
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	2,056	2,188
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	3,976	3,911
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	2,445	2,588
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	11,368	11,227
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	8,987	8,856
47.	Hong Kong Squash	15,506	15,453
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	12,110	12,242
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	19,071	19,871
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	3,513	3,412
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	13,428	13,492
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	3,369	3,305
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	4,729	4,719
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	1,623	1,564
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,699	1,592
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	14,268	14,864
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	1,582	1,515
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	1,965	1,799
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	9,729	9,557
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	4,828	4,768

Additional subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) in 2020-21

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under-privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
1.	Hong Kong Archery Association	1,339	85	20	27	1,471
2.	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	0	0	0	143	143
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	511	525	0	35	1,071
4.	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	577	309	20	110	1,016
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	353	0	0	43	396
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	0	37	0	37	74
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	195	108	50	36	389
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	470	292	0	48	811
9.	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	657	302	0	26	985
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	375	9	0	25	409
11.	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	1,252	172	0	54	1,478

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under-privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
12.	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	510	653	0	49	1,212
13.	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	193	291	0	84	568
14.	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	361	153	0	59	573
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	35	170	0	77	282
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association	0	685	0	107	792
17.	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	1,343	0	0	46	1,389
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	151	19	0	41	211
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	297	170	0	100	567
20.	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	491	135	0	140	766
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	579	516	241	28	1,364
22.	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	659	311	0	44	1,014
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	1,040	461	0	0	1,501
24.	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	451	220	0	94	765
25.	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	0	736	0	52	788

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under-privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	322	375	0	73	770
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	176	19	0	71	266
28.	Hong Kong China Korfball Association Limited	450	136	0	53	639
29.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	432	559	0	107	1,098
30.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	153	104	0	140	397
31.	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	120	746	0	227	1,093
32.	Hong Kong Muay-Thai Association Limited	202	32	0	67	301
33.	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	174	273	0	0	447
34.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	1,277	94	0	108	1,479
35.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	0	250	0	54	304
36.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	229	301	0	64	594
37.	Hong Kong Rugby Union	1,598	119	0	45	1,762
38.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	734	217	0	30	981
39.	The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	666	332	0	57	1,055

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under-privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
40.	Hong Kong Shooting Association	716	746	0	47	1,509
41.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	673	66	0	19	758
42.	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	207	182	0	26	415
43.	Hong Kong Softball Association	711	238	0	64	1,013
44.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited	165	445	0	63	673
45.	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	416	579	0	81	1,076
46.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	0	186	0	45	231
47.	Hong Kong Squash	0	316	0	77	393
48.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	715	278	120	43	1,156
49.	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	116	164	0	36	316
50.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	181	164	0	117	462

	NSA	Participation in overseas competitions (\$'000)	Squad training programmes (\$'000)	Supporting under-privileged athletes (\$'000)	Operating costs (\$'000)	Total amount of extra provision (\$'000)
51.	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	309	158	0	43	510
52.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	0	133	0	42	175
53.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	213	308	0	32	553
54.	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	101	11	65	0	177
55.	The University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	337	0	0	19	356
56.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	826	176	73	25	1,100
57.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association Limited	212	20	0	23	255
58.	The Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association Limited	259	40	0	35	333
59.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	868	275	0	39	1,182
60.	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	0	52	0	39	91

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB159

(Question Serial No. 2324)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

One of the tasks of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is to present and promote cultural, entertainment and film programmes. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the actual and estimated expenditures of the following programmes organised by the Audience Building Office in the past 2 financial years as well as the current financial year?
- (i) Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme
 - (ii) Community Oral History Theatre Project
 - (iii) School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme
 - (iv) School Culture Day Scheme
 - (v) Performing Arts Appreciation Project for Secondary Students
 - (vi) Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students
 - (vii) General Education in Arts Programme for Tertiary Students
 - (viii) Let's Enjoy Cantonese Opera in Bamboo Theatre
- (b) What are the actual and estimated expenditures of the following festivals organised by the Festivals Office in the past 3 financial years as well as the current financial year?
- (i) International Arts Carnival
 - (ii) Thematic Arts Festival - New Vision Arts Festival
 - (iii) Thematic Arts Festival - World Cultures Festival
- (c) How many arts activities were organised under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme (CCAS) in 2019 and 2020 respectively? What was the expenditure involved in each activity?
- (d) The LCSD introduced the Community Arts Project (CAP) under the CCAS in 2018-19. How many arts and cultural activities were organised under the CAP in the past year? What was the expenditure involved? How many activities are expected to be organised in this year? What is the estimated expenditure?

- (e) In the 2019-20 Budget, the Financial Secretary allocated an additional funding of \$51 million to the LCSD for organisation of enhanced community arts activities for a period of 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. What programmes were launched or how many arts and cultural activities were organised in the past year? What were the details and expenditures involved? How many activities are expected to be organised with the above additional funding in this year? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

- (a) The expenditures of the programmes organised by the Audience Building Office (ABO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) from 2019-20 to 2021-22 are set out below:

	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)		
	2019-20	2020-21 (Estimate)	2021-22 (Estimate)
(i) Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme ⁽¹⁾	10,088	7,880 ⁽³⁾	12,515
(ii) Community Oral History Theatre Project	140	0 ⁽³⁾	120
(iii) Audience Building Programmes for Students ⁽²⁾	7,440	8,009	8,690
(iv) Let's Enjoy Cantonese Opera in Bamboo Theatre	450	265 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁴⁾

Notes

- (1) Expenditure on Community Arts Project is included.
- (2) The ABO currently organises various programmes targeting students, including "School Performing Arts in Practice Scheme", "School Culture Day Scheme", "Performing Arts Appreciation Project for Secondary Students", "Arts Experience Scheme for Senior Secondary Students", "General Education in Arts Programme for Tertiary Students" and "Arts on Air: Creative Arts Project in Primary Schools". Adjustments to programme contents will be made from time to time to meet changing needs.
- (3) With some of the scheduled activities being postponed to 2021-22 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a decrease in expenditure for 2020-21 compared to that for 2019-20.
- (4) To avoid duplication with the Cantonese opera education programmes organised by Xiqu Centre of the West Kowloon Cultural District, the ABO will suspend "Let's Enjoy Cantonese Opera in Bamboo Theatre" from 2021-22 onwards, with the resources to be re-allocated to other schemes.
- (b) The expenditures of the 3 festivals organised by the Festivals Office from 2018-19 to 2021-22 are set out below:

	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)			
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Estimate)	2021-22 (Estimate)
(i) International Arts Carnival/ WeWeWebWeb Carnival ⁽⁵⁾	10,541	12,257	4,689	1,485
(ii) Thematic Festival – New Vision Arts Festival ⁽⁶⁾ /ReNew Vision ⁽⁵⁾	20,262	N.A.	9,376	27,605
(iii) Thematic Festival – World Cultures Festival ⁽⁶⁾	N.A.	18,148	N.A.	N.A.

Notes

(5) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the “International Arts Carnival” and the “New Vision Arts Festival” in 2020 were cancelled and replaced by “WeWeWebWeb Carnival” and “ReNew Vision”, new online platforms launched to showcase artistic creation.

(6) The LCSD organised the World Cultures Festival and New Vision Arts Festival in the autumn of alternate years since 2002. To facilitate brand building and positioning, the New Vision Arts Festival has become an annual festival from 2020 onwards.

(c) The number of projects/activities held under the Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme (CCAS) in 2019 and 2020 and their average expenditure are set out below:

Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme	2019	2020 (Estimate)
Number of projects	20	21
Number of activities	569	220 ⁽⁷⁾
Average expenditure of each project (\$'000)	520	490 ⁽⁸⁾

Notes

(7) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, there is a significant decrease in the number of activities held in 2020 compared to that of 2019.

(8) As some of the projects of the CCAS 2020 were of relatively smaller scale and lower budget, the average expenditure of the 21 projects is slightly lower compared to that of 2019.

(d) To further enhance the CCAS which has been implemented for many years, the LCSD invited arts groups/arts practitioners with rich experience and potential to curate the Community Arts Project with enhanced and sustained impact. The number of activities and the expenditures of the Community Arts Project in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are set out below:

Community Arts Project	2020-21 (Estimate)	2021-22 (Estimate)
Number of activities	70	80
Direct production cost (\$'000)	2,600	1,700

- (e) To further promote arts development and enhance artistic ambience in the community, the LCSD launches the Community Arts Scheme (CAS) to provide additional resources to match recurrent funding from district councils on a one-to-one ratio. As a start, the Department collaborated with Wan Chai and Sai Kung District Councils to launch the Scheme in 2019-20. Building on the success of the Scheme, the Department extended the Scheme to the Southern, Sham Shui Po, Islands, and Kwun Tong districts in 2020-21, and plans to include the 18 districts across the territory in 2021-22. The number of CAS activities scheduled for 2020-21 to 2021-22 and their expenditures are set out below:

Community Arts Scheme		2020-21 (Estimate)		2021-22 (Estimate)	
District	Description	No. of Activities	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)	No. of Activities	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)
Sai Kung ⁽⁹⁾	a. Cantonese Opera-cum-Shadow Puppetry Project for Youngsters b. "Body in Time" Dance Project for Elderly c. 8 activities covering different art forms	22	1,459	66	1,333
Wan Chai ⁽⁹⁾	a. Cantonese Opera-cum-Shadow Puppetry Project for Youngsters b. "Mountain No Mountain" Cross-disciplinary Art Project ^(10&11) c. 10 activities covering different art forms	10	396	70	1,361
Islands ⁽⁹⁾	a. "Defying Gravity" Musical Project b. 10 activities covering different art forms	1	50	47	900
Southern ⁽⁹⁾	a. "Our Days Down South" Musical Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms	7	186	31	654
Sham Shui Po ⁽⁹⁾	a. "When I was just a Little Kid" Musical Theatre Project b. 19 activities covering different art forms	11	63	26	987
Kwun Tong ⁽⁹⁾	a. "Dialogue of Past and Present" Ancient Instruments Project b. 29 activities covering different art forms	16	232	36	858
Central and Western ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Rebooting Arts in Central and Western District" Theatre Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms			32	700
Eastern ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Dance on E" Community Dance Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms			29	700
Kowloon City ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "My Main Stage Music Production Programme in Kowloon City" b. 12 activities covering different art forms			62	700
Yau Tsim Mong ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Fantasie in Yau Tsim Mong" Musical Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms			35	700
Wong Tai Sin ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Drumming Art - Energy and Power" Percussion Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms			35	700
Kwai Tsing ⁽¹¹⁾	a. Landing at Kwai Tsing - Songs for Everyone b. "Good Times of Kwai Tsing" Theatre Project c. 12 activities covering different art forms			63	1,250

Community Arts Scheme		2020-21 (Estimate)		2021-22 (Estimate)	
District	Description	No. of Activities	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)	No. of Activities	Direct Production Cost (\$'000)
North ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "The Story about District in the North" Theatre Project b. "North District Harmonious Music" Harmonica and Recorder Project c. 12 activities covering different art forms			53	1,250
Sha Tin ⁽¹¹⁾	a. Community Music Scheme in Sha Tin b. 62 activities covering different art forms			82	1,325
Tai Po ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Stories Crossing@Tai Po" Theatre Project b. "Wherefore Tai Po Story Hunt in Alleys and Lanes" Puppetry Project c. 12 activities covering different art forms			71	1,250
Tsuen Wan ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Dancing in Tsuen Wan" Contemporary Dance Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms			38	700
Tuen Mun ⁽¹¹⁾	a. Cantonese Opera-cum-Shadow Puppetry Project for Youngsters b. "Musical! Step-up" Musical Project c. 30 activities covering different art forms			68	1,475
Yuen Long ⁽¹¹⁾	a. "Feeling the Countryside, Understanding the History, Sharing the Culture" Theatre Project b. "Dancing All Around Yuen Long" Dance Project c. 24 activities covering different art forms			63	1,400

Notes

- (9) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, finale performances for the CAS in Wan Chai and Sai Kung districts in 2019-20 were postponed to November 2020. Most of the activities under the 2020-21 CAS in the 6 districts, namely Wan Chai, Sai Kung, Southern, Sham Shui Po, Islands and Kwun Tong districts, are also postponed to 2021-22. The additional costs incurred for the postponement are included in the expenditures.
- (10) Wan Chai District Council requested to launch another project on multi-arts in 2021-22 to tie in with the development of the arts in the district.
- (11) Proposals pending approval from the district councils.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB160****(Question Serial No. 2325)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Performing ArtsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please use the table below to provide details of the cultural programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as “presentations by the LCSD” in the past financial year.

Programme title	Date of the programme	Arts group(s) involved	Local or visiting group	Expenditures involved

- (b) Please use the table below to provide details of the cultural programmes organised by the LCSD as “sponsored programmes” in the past financial year.

Programme title	Date of the programme	Arts group(s) involved	Local or visiting group	Expenditures involved

- (c) How many cultural programmes does the LCSD expect to organise as “presentations by the LCSD” and “sponsored programmes” respectively in this financial year? What will be the expenditure involved?
- (d) Among the cultural programmes organised by the LCSD as “presentations by the LCSD” and “sponsored programmes” in this financial year, how many of them will be incorporating arts technology? What will be the expenditure involved?
- (e) Additional funding of \$176 million for a period of 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 comprises \$125 million for the LCSD to organise large-scale world class performing arts events and \$51 million for the LCSD to revamp district free entertainment programmes. In this connection:
- i) Please tabulate the names of the large-scale world class performing arts events organised in 2020-21, their respective expenditures involved and attendance.

- ii) What are the large-scale world class performing arts events expected to be organised in this year? What will be the expenditure involved?
 - iii) How did the LCSD revamp district free entertainment programmes in 2020-21? What was the expenditure involved?
 - iv) How will the LCSD revamp district free entertainment programmes in this year? What will be the expenditure involved?
- (f) In the past 2 financial years as well as the current financial year, how much expenditure did or will the LCSD spend on the Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS)? How much funding was or will be received by each of the 22 venue partners at 12 performing arts venues through the VPS over the past 3 financial years and the current financial year?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) presented 698 cultural programmes in 2020-21, including 151 online programmes. The number of and expenditure for these programmes are set out at **Annex I**.
- (b) Apart from its own presentations, the LCSD also sponsored 611 different local and overseas productions in 2020-21 by providing part of the programme fees, publicity support and/or free venue and ticketing services, including 225 online programmes. The number of and expenditure for these programmes are set out at **Annex II**.
- (c) In 2021-22, the LCSD plans to present 1 284 cultural programmes (including 105 online programmes) and sponsor 1 265 programmes (including 12 online programmes) at an estimated expenditure of \$188 million and \$81.65 million respectively.
- (d) In 2021-22, the LCSD plans to present 15 local and visiting programmes incorporating arts technology and sponsor another 4 at an estimated expenditure of \$14.28 million and \$2.52 million respectively.
- (e)
 - i) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, all large-scale world class performing arts events scheduled for 2020-21 are cancelled or postponed to 2021-22.
 - ii) Large-scale events scheduled for 2021-22 include the orchestral concert by Staatskapelle Dresden and contemporary dance production *Kreatur* by Sasha Waltz & Guests (both from Germany); *Needles and Opium* written and directed by Robert Lepage (Canada); *Sandman* directed by Robert Wilson (United States); and *The Knight of the Burning Pestle* jointly produced by Cheek by Jowl (United Kingdom) and Moscow Pushkin Drama Theatre (Russia).
 - iii)&iv) To further promote arts development and enhance artistic ambience in the community, the LCSD launches the Community Arts Scheme (CAS) using

additional resources to match recurrent funding from district councils on a one-to-one ratio. As a start, the Department collaborated with Wan Chai and Sai Kung District Councils to launch the Scheme in 2019-20. Building on the success of the Scheme, the Department extended the Scheme to the Southern, Sham Shui Po, Islands and Kwun Tong Districts in 2020-21, and plans to include the 18 districts across the territory in 2021-22. The number of CAS activities scheduled for 2020-21 and 2021-22 and their expenditures are set out below:

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Islands ⁽¹⁾	a. "Defying Gravity" Musical Project b. 10 activities covering different art forms	1	50	47	900
Southern ⁽¹⁾	a. "Our Days Down South" Musical Project b. 12 activities covering different art forms	7	186	31	654
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Notes

- (1) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, finale performances for the CAS in Wan Chai and Sai Kung Districts in 2019-20 were postponed to November 2020. Most of the activities under the 2020-21 CAS in the 6 districts, namely Wan Chai, Sai Kung, Southern, Sham Shui Po, Islands and Kwun Tong Districts, are also postponed to 2021-22. The additional costs incurred for the postponement are included in the expenditures.
 - (2) Wan Chai District Council requested to launch another project on multi-arts in 2021-22 to tie in with the development of the arts in the district.
 - (3) Proposals pending approval from the district councils.
- (f) From 2018-19 to 2021-22, the LCSD offered the 14 small and medium-sized performing arts groups selected as its venue partners (VPs) under the Venue Partnership Scheme an annual ceiling programme fee of \$1.5 million per group to cover production, publicity, staff and administrative costs as well as free use of venue facilities, ticketing services and administrative support. The above funding arrangements are not applicable to the remaining 8 VPs that are major performing arts groups receiving annual subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau.

The funding provided by the LCSD (including programme fees and notional hire and ticketing charges) for these VPs that are small and medium-sized performing arts groups from 2018-19 to 2021-22 are as follows:

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Estimate)	2021-22 (Estimate)
Number of VPs that are small and medium-sized arts groups	14	14	14	14
Funding support (\$'000)	36,600	33,700	28,780 ⁽⁴⁾	37,120

Note

- (4) The notional hire and ticketing charges are less as a result of the cancellation/postponement of some of the programmes/activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cultural Programmes Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2020-21

Art Form	No. of Programmes (Estimate)				Direct Production Cost (\$) (Estimate)			
	Local		Visiting		Local		Visiting	
	Live	Online	Live	Online	Live	Online	Live	Online
Music	168	71	0	0	2,751,834	5,062,723	0	0
Dance	43	13	0	0	882,130	1,220,000	0	0
Theatre	54	33	0	0	5,638,306	1,608,123	0	0
Chinese Opera/ Operatic Songs	71	16	0	0	6,464,285	556,887	0	0
Multi-arts	3	6	1	3	1,843,744	901,950	140,000	2,372,475
Film	2	0	2 ⁽¹⁾	0	116,122	0	1,355,346	0
Others ⁽²⁾	203	9	0	0	3,398,821	2,892,100	0	0
Sub-Total	544	148	3	3	21,095,242	12,241,783	1,495,346	2,372,475
Grand-Total	692		6		33,337,025		3,867,821	

Notes

(1) Foreign films

(2) Other arts programmes including variety shows, circus, Performing Arts Carnivals and Open Stage activities, etc.

Cultural Programmes Sponsored by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2020-21

Art Form	No. of Programmes (Estimate)				Direct Production Cost (\$) (Estimate)			
	Local		Visiting		Local		Visiting	
	Live	Online	Live	Online	Live	Online	Live	Online
Music	106	24	0	0	4,691,151	506,814	0	0
Dance	49	38	0	0	3,535,920	3,225,058	0	0
Theatre	106	115	0	0	24,010,054	4,850,280	0	0
Chinese Opera/ Operatic Songs	77	14	0	0	5,279,120	654,800	0	0
Multi-arts	38	34	0	0	2,922,477	2,528,023	0	0
Film	1	0	5 ⁽¹⁾	0	655,000	0	1,078,000	0
Others ⁽²⁾	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total	381	225	5	0	41,093,722	11,764,975	1,078,000	0
Grand-Total	606		5		52,858,697		1,078,000	

Notes

(1) Foreign films

(2) Other arts programmes including variety shows, circus, Performing Arts Carnivals and Open Stage activities, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB161

(Question Serial No. 2327)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In connection with the feeder systems for identification and development of young potential athletes, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding the implementation of the feeder systems, what is the expenditure earmarked in the estimates for 2020-21 for individual “national sports associations” (NSAs) and how effective is the work? What are the mechanism and criteria used by the Government to assess the effectiveness of the provision? What is the estimated expenditure for individual NSAs this year? What is the specific work plan?
- (b) Apart from supporting the NSAs, what measures are taken by the Government to support the implementation of the feeder systems for other sports? What are the estimated expenditures involved?
- (c) How many schools participated in the Student Athlete Support Scheme (the Scheme) in the 2020/21 school year? How many student athletes have benefited? What is the expenditure involved? What is the estimated expenditure for the implementation of the Scheme in the 2021/22 school year?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) As for the work relating to the feeder system, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) mainly provides subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to organise feeder programmes of different sports, including implementation of development programmes, talent identification, regional and junior squad training, local competitions, overseas training and competitions. The provision for implementing the Feeder System Scheme (FSS) in 2020-21 amounted to \$27.6 million for supporting feeder programmes organised by 53 NSAs. The subvention granted to each NSA is at Annex.

The LCSD has been assessing the effectiveness of FSS in terms of achievement of performance targets set by NSAs, including the organisation of feeder programmes, recruitment of squad members, and athletes' achievements in international sports competitions. Since its launch in 2009-10, FSS has achieved very good results. As at December 2020, FSS has resulted in the identification of 4 830 athletes for promotion to higher level squads for further training. Of these, 980 have been promoted to junior squads of different sports. The LCSD will continue to monitor the effectiveness of FSS.

In 2021-22, a total of around \$33.1 million will be earmarked to support NSAs to implement feeder programmes. The amount to be allocated to the individual NSAs is being finalised.

- (c) In the 2020/21 school year, a total of 614 primary and secondary schools signed up for the Student Athlete Support Scheme (Scheme) managed by the Home Affairs Bureau. The actual number of beneficiaries will be available when the reports from the participating schools are received at the end of this school year. The average number of students benefitted from the Scheme over the past 3 school years was 15 946. We have earmarked \$8.29 million for the Scheme to be implemented in the 2020/21 school year. While application for the 2021/22 school year is yet to open, the estimated expenditure will be finalised in due course.

Subvention to Feeder System Scheme in 2020-21

	Name of national sports association	2020-21 (\$)
1	Hong Kong Archery Association	383,356
2	Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates Limited	1,181,380
3	Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	1,478,449
4	The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	302,980
5	Hong Kong Basketball Association Limited	310,421
6	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council Company Limited	466,344
7	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	164,089
8	Hong Kong Boxing Association Limited	123,254
9	The Hong Kong Canoe Union Limited	310,772
10	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Limited	14,235
11	Cricket Hong Kong Limited	66,636
12	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	862,795
13	Hong Kong DanceSport Association Limited	347,074
14	Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association	321,192
15	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation	817,453
16	Hong Kong Fencing Association	929,833
17	The Hong Kong Football Association Limited	694,170
18	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association Co. Limited	186,882
19	Hong Kong Golf Association Limited	61,560
20	The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China	207,192
21	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	662,120
22	The Hong Kong Hockey Association	434,095
23	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	378,154
24	The Judo Association of Hong Kong, China	732,255
25	The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited	1,070,178
26	Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	190,369

	Name of national sports association	2020-21 (\$)
27	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association	346,283
28	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	171,376
29	China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union Limited	330,502
30	Hong Kong Netball Association Limited	418,730
31	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong Limited	232,276
32	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports Limited	391,986
33	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association	250,584
34	Hong Kong Rugby Union	426,559
35	Hong Kong Sailing Federation	174,206
36	Hong Kong Shooting Association	694,781
37	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association Limited	367,260
38	Hong Kong Skating Union Limited	724,361
39	Hong Kong Softball Association	308,046
40	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf Company Limited,	38,224
41	Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	1,190,470
42	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	487,881
43	Hong Kong Squash	1,114,032
44	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association	198,240
45	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association Limited	1,055,640
46	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association Limited	712,596
47	The Hong Kong Tennis Association Limited	1,406,379
48	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Limited	461,824
49	Hong Kong Triathlon Association Limited	129,640
50	Hong Kong Underwater Association Limited	68,862
51	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	580,548
52	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong	2,064,768
53	Hong Kong Wushu Union Limited	537,652

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB162

(Question Serial No. 2332)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please list by district the usage rate and expenditure of each of the sports facilities or venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past year.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

To tie in with the response level under the “Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance” being raised to Emergency Response Level and avoid people from gathering, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) closed many of its recreation and sports facilities on 4 occasions in 2020 in the light of the pandemic development. The usage rates of major sports facilities by district for the past 1 year excluding the number of closed days are set out at **Annex I**. The estimated expenditure of major sports facilities managed by the LCSD in 2020-21 is set out at **Annex II**.

Usage/Attendance of Major Sports Facilities in 2020

District	Sports Centres (Arena)	Sports Grounds	Turf Pitches ⁽¹⁾	Tennis Courts	Swimming Pools ⁽²⁾ (Attendance)
Hong Kong Island					
Central and Western	89%	No provision	76%	No provision	278 178
Eastern	91%	100%	80%	94%	164 831
Southern	82%	100%	74%	95%	43 254
Wan Chai	88%	100%	68%	93%	375 151
Kowloon					
Kowloon City	88%	100%	80%	75%	164 062
Kwun Tong	86%	100%	85%	69%	441 634
Sham Shui Po	90%	100%	84%	76%	393 052
Wong Tai Sin ⁽³⁾	85%	100%	74%	73%	71 893
Yau Tsim Mong	94%	No provision	77%	85%	161 571
New Territories					
Islands	54%	99%	82%	19%	96 769
Kwai Tsing	79%	100%	97%	60%	162 123
North	80%	100%	72%	51%	126 765
Sai Kung	85%	100%	68%	88%	122 528
Sha Tin	92%	100%	71%	70%	285 963
Tai Po	86%	100%	72%	72%	76 208
Tsuen Wan	88%	100%	65%	68%	151 286
Tuen Mun	84%	99%	63%	51%	246 629
Yuen Long	83%	99%	74%	60%	248 194
Total	85%	99%	75%	75%	3 610 091

Notes

- (1) As natural and artificial turf pitches are used inter-changeably to support the same types of sports and functions, their average usage rates are presented as one item for easier interpretation.
- (2) The number of attendance of public swimming pools in 2020 dropped due to several months of temporary closure under the COVID-19 pandemic and LCSD's implementation of social distancing measures by trimming down the pool capacity upon re-opening of the facilities.
- (3) Works were carried out at Morse Park Swimming Pool from 2019 for the provision of an indoor heated pool. The swimming pool was partially reopened on 20 June 2020.

Estimated Expenditure of Major Sports Facilities in 2020-21

	2020-21
	Estimated total expenditure (\$ million)
Sports Centres	686.89
Sports Grounds (including football pitches)	369.51
Tennis Courts	146.03
Public Swimming Pools	1,204.14

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB163****(Question Serial No. 2333)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please list in the table below the usage rate of each natural turf pitch in Hong Kong in 2020.

Venue	Usage Rate

- (b) What were the expenditure and manpower required for the maintenance of natural turf pitches in the past year?
- (c) Please list in the table below the usage rate of each artificial turf pitch in Hong Kong.

Venue	Second Generation Artificial Turf/ Third Generation Artificial Turf	Usage Rate

- (d) What were the expenditure and manpower required for the maintenance of artificial turf pitches in the past year?
- (e) It is stated in the Budget Speech that \$318 million will be earmarked to implement a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, including substantially increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards, exploring the possibility of expanding the existing football pitches into standard 11-a-side turf pitches and expediting the replacement of artificial turf on football pitches. Please provide the following information:
- i) Does the Government have any plans to build new natural turf pitches or artificial turf pitches in 2021-22? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?

- ii) Will any conversion or renovation works be carried out at the Government's existing natural turf pitches or artificial turf pitches in 2021-22? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?
- iii) Will the Government consider using the fourth generation artificial turf or piloting the use of new turf systems that meet the standard of Fédération Internationale de Football Association when building new artificial turf pitches or converting existing pitches into artificial turf pitches in future? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures? If not, what are the reasons?
- iv) Among the 5-a-side or 11-a-side natural turf and artificial turf pitches managed by the Government, how many of them meet the standard for staging international matches? Please provide the names of the pitches.
- v) After the implementation of the five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, how many 5-a-side or 11-a-side natural turf and artificial turf pitches are expected to meet the standard for staging international matches?
- vi) In increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards, will the Government consider building indoor 5-a-side football pitches? If so, how many indoor 5-a-side football pitches are expected to be built? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (a) & (c) The usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2020 are set out at **Annex I**.
- (b) & (d) As most of the natural and artificial turf pitches form part of the facilities provided in the public leisure venues such as parks and sports grounds, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the maintenance of individual pitches.
- (e)(i) In 2021-22, the Government plans to seek funding approval from the Legislative Council for the project "Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui", which includes construction of a new 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch. It is expected that the project will be completed by 2023 if it is approved by the Finance Committee (FC) in the first half of 2021. As the artificial turf pitch forms part of the project estimate, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the construction of the pitch.
- (ii) A list of natural and artificial turf pitches with refurbishment works in 2021-22 is set out at **Annex II**. As the refurbishment works are undertaken by a works department, the LCSD does not have the details on expenditures involved. Besides, we obtained funding approval from the FC for the pre-construction activities of redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium in 2018. The pre-construction activities commenced in 2019 for completion in 2022.

As the natural turf pitch forms part of the project estimate, the LCSD does not have separate figures on the expenditure for the pitch.

- (iii) When building new artificial turf pitches or converting existing pitches into artificial turf pitches, the LCSD makes reference to the prevailing approved list of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) for football training or competitions. At present, the products and designs generally referred to as “fourth generation” artificial turf are not on the prevailing approved list of FIFA. The Department will therefore consider putting on trial other new turf systems that meet with FIFA standard in selected venues.
- (iv) There are no 5-a-side natural turf or artificial turf pitches under the LCSD. Among the football pitches managed by the Government, there are 22 natural turf pitches and 14 artificial turf pitches meeting the standard dimensions for staging international matches. The list of pitches is set out at **Annex III**.
- (v)&(vi) The five-year plan for upgrading football pitches includes a substantial increase in the number of 5-a-side football pitches that meet international standards; conversion of the existing 5-a-side hard-surface football pitches not meeting the standards and the smaller 7-a-side hard-surface football pitches into standard 5-a-side football pitches; and addition of line markings for 1 to 2 5-a-side football pitches to some of the 7-a-side hard-surface football pitches, so that these pitches can also be used for 5-a-side football matches. Besides, the LCSD will also explore the possibility of expanding some of the existing football pitches into standard 11-a-side turf pitches. The LCSD is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

Usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches in 2020

District	Venue⁽¹⁾	NTP/2G/ 3G⁽²⁾	Overall Usage
Hong Kong Island			
Central and Western	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	3G	76%
Eastern	Quarry Bay Park	3G	79%
	Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Southern	Aberdeen Sports Ground	NTP/3G	74%
	Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	3G	— ⁽³⁾
Wan Chai	Causeway Bay Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Happy Valley Recreation Ground	NTP/2G/3G	67%
	So Kon Po Recreation Ground	NTP	100%
Kowloon			
Kowloon City	Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground	NTP	67%
	Kowloon Tsai Park	NTP/3G	78%
	Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	NTP	89%
	Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	NTP	96%
Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Park	3G	84%
	Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	NTP	95%
	Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	3G	90%
	Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	NTP	97%
	Shun Lee Tsuen Park	3G	73%
	Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch	NTP	88%
Sham Shui Po	Hing Wah Street West Playground	3G	86%
	Sham Shui Po Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Shek Kip Mei Park	3G	50%
	Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	NTP	100%
Wong Tai Sin	Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground	NTP	91%
	Lok Fu Recreation Ground	2G	70%
	Morse Park	3G	78%
	Po Kong Village Road Park	3G	68%
Yau Tsim Mong	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	2G	64%
	Cherry Street Park	3G	88%

District	Venue ⁽¹⁾	NTP/2G/ 3G ⁽²⁾	Overall Usage
New Territories			
Islands	Man Tung Road Park	3G	82%
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Chung Sports Ground	NTP	100%
	Tsing Yi Northeast Park	3G	— ⁽⁴⁾
	Tsing Yi Sports Ground	NTP	98%
	Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	NTP	93%
North	Fanling Recreation Ground (Stage I)	NTP	76%
	Kwu Tung Grass Soccer Pitch	NTP	58%
	North District Sports Ground	NTP	69%
	Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	3G	74%
Sai Kung	Po Tsui Park	3G	67%
	Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	NTP	51%
	Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	NTP	100%
Sha Tin	Hin Tin Playground	NTP	70%
	Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	3G	64%
	Ma On Shan Sports Ground	NTP	97%
	Sha Tin Sports Ground	NTP	90%
	Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	3G	69%
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Football Ground	3G	71%
	Kwong Fuk Park	3G	58%
	Tai Po Sports Ground	NTP	91%
Tsuen Wan	Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	NTP	83%
	Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	NTP	53%
Tuen Mun	Siu Lun Sports Ground	NTP	54%
	Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	NTP	82%
	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	3G	63%
Yuen Long	Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	NTP	86%
	Tin Yip Road Park	3G	71%
	Yuen Long Stadium	NTP	80%
		Total	75%

Notes

- (1) Usage rates of Hong Kong Stadium and Mong Kok Stadium are excluded.
- (2) NTP : Natural turf pitch
2G : Second generation artificial turf pitch
3G : Third generation artificial turf pitch
- (3) Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground was temporarily closed in 2020 for maintenance.
- (4) Tsing Yi Northeast Park was temporarily closed in 2020 due to maintenance work and the pandemic.

Refurbishment works of natural and artificial turf pitches in 2021 and 2022

Venue		Year of Commencement
Natural Turf Pitches		
1.	Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground (NTP No. 1)	2021
2.	Ma On Shan Sports Ground	2021
3.	Kwai Chung Sports Ground	2021
4.	Hin Tin Playground ⁽¹⁾	2022
5.	Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	2022
6.	Yuen Long Stadium	2022
Artificial Turf Pitches		
1.	Boundary Street Recreation Ground	2021
2.	Happy Valley Recreation Ground (ATP No. 6)	2022
3.	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	2022
4.	Po Kong Village Road Park (ATP No. 1)	2022
5.	Po Kong Village Road Park (ATP No. 2)	2022
6.	Morse Park (ATP No. 3)	2022
7.	Wu Shan Recreation Playground	2022
8.	Tin Yip Road Park	2022

Note

- (1) The natural turf soccer pitch at Hin Tin Playground will be converted into a third generation artificial turf pitch.

Pitches that Meet the Standard Dimension for Staging International Matches

(I) Natural Turf Pitches

1. Aberdeen Sports Ground
2. Fanling Recreation Ground
3. Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground (Pitch No. 1)
4. Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground (Pitch No. 2)
5. Hong Kong Stadium
6. Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground
7. Kwai Chung Sports Ground
8. Ma On Shan Sports Ground
9. Mong Kok Stadium
10. Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
11. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground
12. Sha Tin Sports Ground
13. Sham Shui Po Sports Ground
14. Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground
15. Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground
16. Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground (Pitch No. 2)
17. Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground
18. Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground (Main Field)
19. Tsing Yi Sports Ground
20. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park
21. Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
22. Yuen Long Stadium

(II) Artificial Turf Pitches

1. Boundary Street Recreation Ground
2. Kowloon Bay Park
3. Kowloon Tsai Park (Pitch No. 1)
4. Kwong Fuk Park
5. Lok Fu Recreation Ground
6. Ma On Shan Recreation Ground
7. Po Kong Village Road Park (Pitch No. 1)
8. Po Kong Village Road Park (Pitch No. 2)
9. Po Tsui Park
10. Shek Kip Mei Park
11. Tin Yip Road Park
12. Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground
13. Tsing Yi Northeast Park
14. Wu Shan Recreation Playground

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB164****(Question Serial No. 2334)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports programmes with a view to developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and promoting "Sport for All". In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the LCSD's plans and programmes to promote community sports this year? What is the estimated expenditure? What are the details of the plans?
- (b) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2020-21				
	Number of activities	Expenditure	Number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (c) Please provide in the table below details of the sports and recreation programmes and activities organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2020-21			
Activity	Expenditure	Number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

- (d) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2021-22				
	Number of activities	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (e) Please provide in the table below details of the sports and recreation programmes and activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2021-22			
Activity	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- (a) To promote sports in the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to organise about 32 000 programmes for some 2.12 million participants in 2021-22 at an estimated cost of \$170 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses, recreational activities and competitions, as well as the School Sports Programme, Sport For All Day (SFAD), and events such as the Hong Kong Games (HKG). To encourage more people to exercise regularly, the LCSD will continue to provide programmes to meet the needs of specific target groups, including programmes designated for persons with disabilities; activities suitable for participation by parents and children together such as parent-child training programmes in badminton, social dance, orienteering and ultimate; programmes targeting at young people such as track cycling, sailing, canoeing and long distance run; and less physically demanding activities such as dance, body-mind stretch, and fitness walking for the physically less active population.
- (b) & (d) Details of district-based activities organised in 2020-21 and planned to be organised in 2021-22 by the LCSD respectively are listed below:

	Number of activities organised		Expenditure (\$ million)		Number of participants ⁽¹⁾	
	2020-21 ⁽²⁾	2021-22 ⁽³⁾ (Estimate)	2020-21 ⁽²⁾	2021-22 ⁽³⁾ (Estimate)	2020-21 ⁽²⁾	2021-22 ⁽³⁾ (Estimate)
Sports training courses and recreational activities	5 415	20 497	37.3	96.2	133 728	1 255 452
Sports competitions	0	276	0	16.8	0	91 222

Notes

- (1) The LCSD does not maintain records on the resident status of the participants in its programmes and activities.

- (2) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, relatively fewer activities were held in 2020-21 leading to lower expenditure and fewer participants.
- (3) The final number of activities organised, expenditures and number of participants may differ from the estimates due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors.

(c) & (e) Details of other sports and recreation programmes organised in 2020-21 and planned to be organised in 2021-22 by the LCSD respectively are listed below:

Programme/Event	Expenditure (\$ million)		Number of participants ⁽⁴⁾	
	2020-21 ⁽⁵⁾	2021-22 ⁽⁶⁾ (Estimate)	2020-21 ⁽⁵⁾	2021-22 ⁽⁶⁾ (Estimate)
School Sports Programme	8.91	35.50	248 990	639 000
Hong Kong Games ⁽⁷⁾	4.61	13.23	4 141	9 570
Corporate Games 2020 ⁽⁸⁾	0.42	0	0	0
Masters Games 2020 ⁽⁸⁾	0.07	0	0	0
Sport For All Day ⁽⁹⁾	2.17	4.91	15 910 (Number of viewers online on the event day)	129 500

Notes

- (4) The LCSD does not maintain records on the resident status of the participants in its programmes and activities.
- (5) There were relatively lower expenditure and fewer participants in 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (6) The final expenditures and number of participants may differ from the estimates due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors.
- (7) The Hong Kong Games (HKG) is a biennial event. The 8th HKG scheduled for 2020 and 2021 will be postponed for a year to 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the sports competitions and community participation programmes scheduled for 2020 will be held in 2021.
- (8) The Corporate Games and the Masters Games are biennial events. The Corporate Games 2020 was originally scheduled to be held from April to November 2020 whereas the Masters Games 2020 to be held from June to December 2020. Despite the cancellation of both events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, non-reimbursable expenditures incurred at the preparation stage, including part-time staff remuneration, publicity campaign, competition equipment and other miscellaneous expenditures, had to be borne by the LCSD.
- (9) To tie in with the Government's overall anti-epidemic measures, the activities of SFAD originally scheduled on 2 August 2020 were replaced by a new series of physical fitness exercise demonstration videos online. The videos were available on the SFAD dedicated website and at the Online Resources Centre of the LCSD to publicise the message of SFAD as well as encourage people to exercise while staying home during the pandemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB165

(Question Serial No. 2335)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to actively promote reading culture in the community to tie in with the reading-for-all campaign “Discover and Share the Joy of Reading”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What initiatives or plans did the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) adopt to promote reading in the territory (especially among children and families) in the past year? In particular, what additional initiatives were adopted to promote reading under the epidemic? What are the expenditures involved? In the coming year, what initiatives or plans will the HKPL adopt to promote reading and what will be the expenditures involved?
- (b) The LCSD has been allocated an additional \$200 million for promotion of reading for the financial years from 2018-19 to 2022-23. What initiatives or plans were adopted to promote reading with the funding in the past year? What are the expenditures involved? What is the current commitment balance?
- (c) In the coming year, how will the LCSD work with the Education Bureau, community partners, local authors and publishers to promote the culture of reading for all?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

Since 2018-19, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been working in collaboration with the Education Bureau (EDB) in taking forward the 5-year campaign “Discover and Share the Joy of Reading” to promote a city-wide reading culture.

In 2020-21, in view of the situation of COVID-19, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) further enhanced the promotion of its e-services, including “Online Registration for Borrowers” and the e-book promotion campaign “Take a Break - eReading Corner”, to facilitate readers’ access to e-book collections upon login with their library accounts. The

HKPL also organised reading activities both online and in-situ for public participation. Over 2 000 reading promotion activities were organised during the year. The expenditure involved in the above promotion activities/programmes was absorbed within the recurrent expenditure for the reading promotion campaign of the LCSD.

In 2021-22, the HKPL will continue to launch large-scale publicity programmes under the theme of “Discover and Share the Joy of Reading” to encourage reading for all. The programmes include:

- (i) continuing to organise over 9 000 reading promotion activities in collaboration with the EDB, education sector, community organisations, District Councils, local authors and publishers. Reading promotion activities such as the World Book Day, Summer Reading Fiesta, Library Festival were organised online and in-situ;
- (ii) extending outreach services to different communities, mainly targeting young children and families;
- (iii) inviting local authors to attend major library promotion activities and strengthening collaboration with the publishers in organising reading and literary art activities;
- (iv) carrying out minor refurbishment works for libraries to create joyful and lively ambience to attract children and family visitors;
- (v) enhancing community engagement by organising promotion activities to engage the public and recruiting people from different sectors in the community to plan activities together or to serve as storytelling ambassadors; and
- (vi) strengthening publicity through different channels/platforms and interacting with readers through social media and interactive platforms to arouse public awareness of leisure and purposeful reading.

In addition to existing resources, additional expenditures estimated at about \$40 million and \$45 million will be required by the HKPL in 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively to cover the staff cost, hiring of contract services and other operational expenses related to the above promotion activities. The balance of the additional resources allocated for the initiatives to promote reading is about \$90 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB166****(Question Serial No. 2340)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Heritage and MuseumsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please provide in the table below information on the exhibitions which the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) intended to organise in 2020-21.

Exhibition Title	Exhibition Period	Exhibition Venue	Exhibits from Hong Kong/the Mainland/overseas	Estimated Expenditure	Attendance

- (b) How many cancellations and postponements by the LCSD in 2020-21 were due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic? Were additional expenditures or loss incurred as a result? If so, what are the details?

- (c) Please provide in the table below information on the exhibitions to be organised by the LCSD in 2021-22.

Exhibition Title	Exhibition Period	Exhibition Venue	Exhibits from Hong Kong/the Mainland/overseas	Estimated Expenditure	Attendance

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)Reply:

- (a) Information on the exhibitions which the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) intended to organise in 2020-21 is at **Annex I**.
- (b) In 2020-21, a total of 29 exhibitions to be organised by the LCSD were cancelled or postponed due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. No additional expenditure or loss was incurred for the cancellation of exhibitions. There may be an increase in the estimated expenditure for transportation and insurance arising from the postponement of exhibitions but it can only be confirmed after details of the exhibitions are finalised.

- (c) Information on the exhibitions to be organised by the LCSD in 2021-22 is at **Annex II**.

Exhibitions intended to be organised in 2020-21 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

A. Hong Kong Museum of Art and branch museum

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Gems of <i>Zisha</i> in The K.S. Lo Collection of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	April 2020 to June 2021	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	Local	200	140 000
Lui Shou-kwan Centennial Retrospective	June to August 2020	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,200	60 000
A Taste for Life – The Collection of Donor Mr Low Chuck-tiew	June to November 2020	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	400	80 000
The Upright Art – Theme on the Virtue of Integrity in Chinese Painting and Calligraphy	July to October 2020	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	2,000	150 000
Wu Guanzhong – Sketching from Life	July to October 2020	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	100	150 000
“Hong Kong Art – Co-Creation” Exhibition Series “Ways of Seeing – New Horizons in the 80s and 90s Hong Kong Art” Exhibition	August 2020 to February 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	2,080	100 000
Lingnan Seal Carving	August 2020 to December 2022	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	Local	40	140 000
2020 Hong Kong – Macao Visual Art Biennale ⁽⁴⁾	September to October 2020	Beijing, Dunhuang, Hangzhou	Local	3,730	96 000

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Botticelli – The Art of Painting in Renaissance Florence	October 2020 to January 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Overseas	20,588 ⁽⁵⁾	120 000
Wu Guanzhong @ Ashmolean	October 2020 to February 2021	Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, Oxford	Local	3,000	80 000
Honouring Tradition and Heritage – Min Chiu Society at Sixty	October 2020 to April 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	2,760 ⁽⁵⁾	150 000
Paintings of the Lingnan Area	October 2020 to April 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,000	120 000
Hong Kong Signature Series Exhibition II – Hong Kong Words • Hong Kong Voices	October 2020 to May 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,600	150 000
A Tale of Three Cities – Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Export of Silk Products in the Ming and Qing Dynasties	December 2020 to April 2021	Guangdong Museum	Local	2,402	60 000
Miracle of Nature – Selected Landscape Paintings in Ming and Qing Dynasties	January to June 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	640	80 000
In Between	February 2021 to January 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	10,000	200 000
Collection of the Museum	February to September 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	2,000	150 000
Painting with The Pulse	March 2021 to April 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,500	200 000

B. Hong Kong Museum of History and branch museums

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Striving and Transforming – The History of Hong Kong Industry	May to August 2020	Hong Kong Museum of History	Local	5,300	100 000
City of Victoria – A Selection of the Hong Kong Museum of History's Historical Photographs	August to October 2020	Hong Kong Museum of History	Local	100	40 000
Abridged Version of The Hong Kong Story	October 2020 to September 2022	Hong Kong Museum of History	Local	3,800	700 000
Stories of Tsinghua University in Republican China ⁽⁴⁾	November 2020 to March 2021	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	Mainland and local	1,400	30 000

C. Hong Kong Heritage Museum and branch museums

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Tsar of All Russia • Holiness and Splendour of Power	June to September 2020	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Overseas	12,700	110 000
Between the Lines – The Legends of Hong Kong Printing	September 2020 to February 2021	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	2,600	90 000
20/20 Hong Kong Print Art Exhibition	September 2020 to February 2021	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	2,600	90 000
Fund-raising Culture of Hong Kong – Contributions of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	October 2020 to January 2021	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	2,700	100 000
Hong Kong Pop 60+	October 2020 onwards	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	33,500	150 000

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Cantonese Opera Day Exhibition	November 2020	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Local	5	8 000

D. Hong Kong Science Museum

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2020 Winning Projects Exhibition ⁽⁴⁾	June 2020	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	–	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
Robots – The 500-Year Quest to Make Machines Human	June 2020 to January 2021	Hong Kong Science Museum	Overseas	10,200	250 000
The 23rd Primary STEM Project Exhibition Outstanding Projects Exhibition	July 2020	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	–	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
The Shaw Prize 2020	September to November 2020	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	410	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
Robots – I can make it! ⁽⁴⁾	September 2020 to March 2021	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	600	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
The Shaw Prize 2020	October to November 2020	Macao Science Center	Local	–	20 000

E. Hong Kong Space Museum

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Mars 2020 Rover	July to December 2020	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	150	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
The Shaw Prize in Astronomy 2020	September to December 2020	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	100	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
2021 Astronomical Events	January to March 2021	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	50	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾

F. Hong Kong Film Archive

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
A Different Brilliance – The D & B Story	May to August 2020	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	650	15 000
In Memory of Ma Si-tsang on His 120 th Birth Anniversary	May to August 2020	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	50	5 000
The Stories Behind Film Stills	August to November 2020	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	650	10 000
In Memory of Ma Si-tsang on His 120 th Birth Anniversary ⁽⁴⁾	September to October 2020	Sha Tin Town Hall	Local	10	15 000
Hong Kong Film Poster Exhibition ⁽⁴⁾	November 2020	Mainland universities	Local	–	1 000
In Memory of Ma Si-tsang on His 120 th Birth Anniversary	November to December 2020	Island East Sports Centre	Local	–	17 000

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Out of the Past – From the Hong Kong Film Archive Collection	December 2020 to April 2021	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	650	15 000
In Memory of Ma Si-tsang on His 120 th Birth Anniversary ⁽⁴⁾	January 2021	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Local	–	3 000

G. Art Promotion Office

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Revivify! (Over the Ocean, Over the Mountain)	April to September 2020	Oil Street Art Space	Local	650	50 000
Intervention! Social Architecture (Outside the Building I)	April to September 2020	Oil Street Art Space	Local	500	30 000
Engagement • Exploration (Family Stories)	April to December 2020	Oil Street Art Space	Local	255	5 000
Viva! River – Meet and Miss along Tuen Mun River	May 2020	Tuen Mun River and surrounding areas	Local	600	3 000
Residence and Exhibition Project@Suomenlinna	May to August 2020	Suomenlinna, Finland	Local and overseas	1,400	35 000
XCHANGE – Social Design Projects	June to August 2020	Oil Street Art Space	Local	1,000	20 000
If we have time	June to October 2020	Oil Street Art Space	Local	640	30 000

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Traversing the Forbidden City Series ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁷⁾	November 2020 to March 2021	School intranets and shopping mall websites	Local	3,294 ⁽⁸⁾	30 000
Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale	August, October to November 2020	Tsunan-machi, Nakauonuma-gun, Niigata Prefecture, Japan	Local	6,280 ⁽⁹⁾	40 000
The Getaway Series	December 2020 to October 2021	Trade and Industry Tower, Trade and Industry Department	Local	680	80 000
Oku-Noto Triennale 2020 – “Station by the Sea” Residence and Exhibition Programme	September to October 2020	Suzu-shi, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan	Local and overseas	650	25 000
Today is Yesterday’s Tomorrow Project	September to October 2020	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	Local	650	2 000
Conflux! Multi-Arts Projects	September 2020 to January 2021	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre and other locations	Local	450	2 000
Art Display at WKGO	October 2020	West Kowloon Government Office Building	Local	600	N.A. ⁽⁶⁾
LOHAS Media Projects	October 2020 to March 2021	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre and other locations	Local	650	2 000

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Intervention! Social Architecture (Outside the Building II)	October 2020 to March 2021	Oil Street Art Space	Local	500	30 000
Viva! River – Treasure Cube in Our Community	November 2020	Tuen Mun River and surrounding areas	Local	600	40 000
Today is the History of Tomorrow	November 2020 to March 2021	Oil Street Art Space	Local	500	30 000
Lumieres Hong Kong 2020	December 2020	Various locations in Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	Local and overseas	7,000	250 000
Creativity + Art	December 2020 to June 2021	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area	Local	800	10 000
Hi! ZBG	December 2020 to June 2021	Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens	Local	7,800	250 000
Art Specialist Course 2020-21 Graduation Exhibition	January to February 2021	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	Local	272	5 000
Embark! Project	March to June 2021	Oil Street Art Space	Local	650	30 000

H. Intangible Cultural Heritage Office

Tentative Title	Original Period⁽¹⁾	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Folk Festivals in These Days...	April to September 2020	Sam Tung Uk Museum	Local	150	15 000
Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Paper Crafting (a programme under Urban Mid-Autumn Lantern Carnival) ⁽⁴⁾	September to October 2020	Victoria Park	Local	650	395 000 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Inheritance of Art and Crafts in the Local Festivals of Hong Kong	December 2020 to December 2021	Sam Tung Uk Museum	Local	17,560 ⁽¹¹⁾	30 000
Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Paper Crafting (a programme under Urban Lunar New Year Lantern Carnival) ⁽⁴⁾	February 2021	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Local	650	105 000 ⁽¹⁰⁾

Notes

- (1) The original period is prone to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- (2) Representing the estimated expenditure to be borne by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.
- (3) The estimated attendance is prone to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- (4) The exhibitions were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- (5) Including funding from sponsorship.
- (6) No separate attendance figures for exhibitions held in open exhibition areas.
- (7) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the in-situ exhibition and related activities were cancelled and replaced by an online exhibition.
- (8) Representing the total estimated expenditure for “Traversing the Forbidden City Series” held in 2020/21 school year.
- (9) Representing the total estimated expenditure for “Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale” held between 2018 and 2020.
- (10) Representing the estimated attendance of the event. No separate attendance figure for the exhibition.
- (11) Representing the total estimated expenditure of the revamping of “Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre” at Sam Tung Uk Museum.

Exhibitions to be organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2021-22⁽¹⁾

A. Hong Kong Museum of Art and branch museum

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
“Wu Guanzhong” Exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford	April to July 2021	The Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, United Kingdom	Local	3,000	80 000
Mythologies: Surrealism and Beyond – Masterpieces from Centre Pompidou, Paris	May to October 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Overseas	10,700	55 000
The Art of the South – A Selection of Guangdong Paintings from the Hong Kong Museum of Art	June to November 2021	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	2,100	50 000
Resonance InSight	July 2021 to December 2022	Art Square, Salisbury Garden	Local	7,000	36 000
When Form Matters – Following the Path of Lui Shou-kwan to Zen Painting	August 2021 to April 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,135	60 000
Miracle of Nature – Selected Landscape Paintings from Xubaizhai Collection	August 2021 to May 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	680	60 000
Shopping in Canton	September 2021 to September 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,500	150 000

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
“Selection of the Chih Lo Lou Collection” Exhibition at the Musée Cernuschi, Paris	October 2021 to January 2022	Musée Cernuschi, Asian Arts Museum of Paris	Local	1,510	80 000
The Palette in Chinese Antiquities from the Museum Collection	October 2021 to March 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	2,800	100 000
2021 Tea Ware by Hong Kong Potters	December 2021 to February 2023	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	Local	700 ⁽⁴⁾	140 000
Tradition Meets Modernity – Modern Chinese Paintings of the NAMOC Collection	January to April 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Mainland	11,050 ⁽⁵⁾	50 000
Wu Guanzhong – Sketching Vitality	January to June 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	250	90 000
Portrait Play	February 2022 to March 2023	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,500	200 000
“Appreciating – A World of Contrasts” Projection Display at Hong Kong Museum of Art	March 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	1,000	5 000
In Between	March to December 2022	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Local	10,000	200 000

B. Hong Kong Museum of History and branch museums

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
The Four Great Outlaws	December 2021 to March 2022	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	Mainland and local	1,350	30 000
New Permanent Exhibition	December 2021 onwards	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	Local	30,800	75 000 (for 2021-22)

C. Hong Kong Heritage Museum and branch museums

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Tsar of All Russia • Holiness and Splendour of Power	May to August 2021	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Overseas	12,700	50 000
From a Distance – The Dialogue between Chao Shao-an and Chin Kee	August 2021 to March 2022	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	280	70 000
Cantonese Opera Day Exhibition	November 2021	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Local	2	5 000
Still & Motion – Hong Kong International Poster Triennial 2020	November 2021 to February 2022	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local and overseas	2,800	50 000
Danny Yung – Exhibits Experimental	November 2021 to March 2022	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	2,700	50 000
Hong Kong Pop 60+	Second half of 2021 onwards	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Local	33,500	100 000 (for 2021-22)
Bruce Lee – Kung Fu • Art • Life	Second half of 2021 onwards	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	Overseas	29,200	200 000 (for 2021-22)

D. Hong Kong Science Museum

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2021 Winning Projects Exhibition	June 2021	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	–	4 000
The Science Behind Pixar	June to October 2021	Hong Kong Science Museum	Overseas	15,000	200 000
The 23 rd Primary STEM Project Exhibition Outstanding Projects Exhibition	July 2021	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	–	4 000
The Shaw Prize 2021	September to November 2021	Hong Kong Science Museum	Local	410	60 000
The Shaw Prize 2021	October to November 2021	Macao Science Center	Local	–	3 000

E. Hong Kong Space Museum

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
James Webb Space Telescope	July to September 2021	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	150	80 000
Exhibition for Sky Show	July to December 2021	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	20	90 000
Exhibition for OMNIMAX Show	July 2021 to March 2022	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	20	100 000
Exhibition for 3D Dome Show	July 2021 to	Hong Kong	In-house	12.5	86 000

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
	March 2022	Space Museum	production		
The Shaw Prize in Astronomy 2021	October to December 2021	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	100	80 000
2022 Astronomical Events	January to June 2022	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	200	80 000
Exhibition for Sky Show	January to June 2022	Hong Kong Space Museum	In-house production	20	59 000

F. Hong Kong Film Archive

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Out of the Past – From the Tai Ping Treasure Trove	May to October 2021	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	700	15 000
Tales of the Film Stills	October 2021 to March 2022	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	700	15 000
The Queen of <i>Huadan</i> – Celebrating the Stage and Screen Career of Fong Yim-fun	March to July 2022	Hong Kong Film Archive	Local	50	5 000

G. Art Promotion Office

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Garden Bloom Installation Projects	April 2021 to March 2022	Oil Street Art Space	Local	1,000	30 000
Social Intervention Architecture Project Series	April 2021 to March 2022	Oil Street Art Space	Local	500	30 000
“Art><Creativity” Exhibition Series in the Greater Bay Area	April 2021 to March 2022	International Grand City in Guangzhou, Reading Mi Bookshop in Dongguan, He Art Museum in Foshan	Local	5,162 ⁽⁶⁾	10 000
Viva! River – Meet and Miss along Tuen Mun River	May 2021	Tuen Mun River and surrounding areas	Local	600	3 000
Artificiality and Sensibility Media Art Project	May to November 2021	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	Local	650	2 000
Art n GOs – Transform Public Art Project	May 2021 onwards	West Kowloon Government Offices	Local	680	60 000
Viva! River – Treasure Cube in Our Community	June 2021	Tuen Mun River and surrounding areas	Local	600	40 000
Residence and Exhibition Project@Suomenlinna – So long, thanks for all the fish!	June to August 2021	Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland	Local	1,385	25 000
Hong Kong House at the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale	July to September 2021	Tsunan-machi, Nakauonuma-gun, Niigata Prefecture, Japan	Local	5,659 ⁽⁷⁾	71 000

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
Hong Kong Waters & Korean Mountains – Hong Kong and Korea Art Exchange Exhibition	August to September 2021	Sejong Centre, Seoul, Korea	Local and overseas	1,385	4 000
Watching the Clouds Go By Public Art Project	September 2021 to May 2022	Various natural spaces	Local	600	20 000
Station by the Sea at the Oku-Noto Triennale – Residence and Exhibition Programme	September to October 2021	Suzu-shi, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan	Local	650	15 000
Art for Greenability Exhibition Series	September 2021 onwards	Oil Street Art Space	Local	1,200	60 000
Sense and Sensibility Media Art Projects	October 2021 to March 2022	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	Local	650	2 000
A Passage to Island Public Art Project	November 2021 to March 2022	Lamma Island	Local	7,500	50 000
Overseas Artist-in Residence Programmes	January 2022 to March 2023	Overseas	Local	650	5 000
Art Exchange Projects in the Mainland	February 2022 to February 2023	Mainland	Local	5,300	10 000
Communal Chat Room Projects	February 2022 onwards	Oil Street Art Space	Local	300	30 000
2202 • 2022 Exhibition Series	February 2022 onwards	Oil Street Art Space	Mainland and local	10,000	60 000
Art Specialist Course 2021-22 Graduation Exhibition	March to April 2022	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	Local	200	5 000

H. Intangible Cultural Heritage Office

Tentative Title	Tentative Period	Venue	Origin of Exhibits	Estimated Expenditure⁽²⁾ (\$'000)	Estimated Attendance⁽³⁾
“Lost and Sound” Exhibition Series II – Ordinary • Extraordinary	July 2021 onwards	Sam Tung Uk Museum	Local	17,560 ⁽⁸⁾	60 000 (for 2021-22)
“Lost and Sound” Exhibition Series III – Sam Tung Uk and Traditional Village Culture	July 2021 onwards	Sam Tung Uk Museum	Local	17,560 ⁽⁸⁾	60 000 (for 2021-22)
Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Craftsmanship of Lantern Making (a programme under Urban Mid-Autumn Lantern Carnival)	September 2021	Victoria Park	Local	600	320 000
Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Craftsmanship of Lantern Making (a programme under Urban Lunar New Year Lantern Carnival)	February 2022	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Local	600	100 000

Notes

- (1) Exhibitions are prone to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- (2) Representing the estimated expenditure to be borne by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.
- (3) The estimated attendance is prone to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- (4) Representing the total estimated expenditure for the “2021 Tea Ware by Hong Kong Potters” competition and exhibition.
- (5) Including funding from sponsorship.

- (6) Representing the total estimated expenditure for “‘Art><Creativity’ Exhibition Series in the Greater Bay Area” held between January 2021 and March 2022.
- (7) Representing the total estimated expenditure for “Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale” held between 2021 and 2023.
- (8) Representing the total estimated expenditure of the revamping of “Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre” at Sam Tung Uk Museum.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB167****(Question Serial No. 2341)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 that the Government will continue to implement the Five-Year Plan to enhance and increase the provision of sports and recreational facilities to meet the needs of the general public and support the development of sports in Hong Kong. Please provide in the table below the implementation progress of the sports and recreation projects under the Five-Year Plan.

Project Name	Major Facilities	Project Status	Project Commencement Date	Commissioning Date	Estimated Expenditure

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)Reply:

The Government earmarked \$20 billion in 2017 to launch 26 projects in the next 5 years to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in different districts. Funding approval has already been obtained from the Legislative Council (LegCo) for 16 projects, of which the Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital was opened for public use in February 2021. The pre-construction activities/works have commenced for 14 projects, with the remaining to commence within 2021. Details of the 16 projects are as follows -

Project	Major New/Improved Recreation and Sports Facilities	Works Start Date	Tentative Completion/Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)
1. Avenue Park at Kai Tak	Including open space and an outdoor basketball court	2018	2021	321.9

Project	Major New/Improved Recreation and Sports Facilities	Works Start Date	Tentative Completion/ Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)
2. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Including open space and a 5-a-side football pitch	2018	2021	186.7
3. District Open Space (Phase 1) Adjoining San Po Kong Public Housing Development (known as Open Space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Open space	2019	2021	179.7
4. Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po	Including open space and 2 outdoor basketball courts	2019	2021	93.8
5. Open Space in Area 47 and 48, North District	Open space	2019	2021	123.7
6. Provision of Heated Pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin	Redevelopment of an outdoor swimming pool into a heated pool	2018	2022	576.5
7. Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium (pre-construction activities)	Redevelopment of a sports ground	2019	2022	45.4
8. Station Square at Kai Tak	Including open space, 2 lawn bowling greens and 2 cycling grounds	2019	2021 (Phase 1) 2022 (Phase 2)	1,651.5
9. Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	Including a swimming pool complex and open space	2019	2022	1,336.0
10. Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital	Open space	2018	Opened for public use in 2021	82.2
11. Hoi Sham Park Extension in Kowloon City District (known as Hoi Sham Park Extension, To Kwa Wan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Including open space and 4 tennis courts	2020	2023	293.2

Project	Major New/Improved Recreation and Sports Facilities	Works Start Date	Tentative Completion/ Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure (\$M)
12. Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area (known as Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Including open space and a 5-a-side football soccer pitch for co-use as a handball court	2020	2021-22 In Phases	145.5
13. Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui	Open space	2020	2023	104.0
14. Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex	Redevelopment of swimming pool complex to provide an indoor heated pool, an outdoor training pool and an outdoor leisure pool	2020	2024	1,120.0
15. Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (known as Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Including a sports centre, an indoor heated training pool, an indoor heated teaching pool and an indoor heated jacuzzi	2020	2023	74.3
16. Open Space in Area 27 (Phase 1), Tuen Mun (carried out in the form of Minor Building Works)	Open space	2021	2023	25.0

We plan to seek the funding approval of the LegCo Finance Committee (FC) for 4 projects in the 2020-21 legislative year. Details are as follows –

Project	Major New/Improved Recreation and Sports Facilities	Works Start Date (Note)	Tentative Completion Date (Note)	Estimated Expenditure (\$M) (Note)
1. Town Park in Area 68, Tseung Kwan O (known as Town Park in Area 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O in the Policy Address in January 2017)	Including open space, 2 outdoor basketball courts and a bicycle park (for children)	2021	2024	558.2
2. Kwai Chung Park	Open space	2021	2023	318.3
3. Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	Including open space, a 7-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch and 2 outdoor basketball-cum-volleyball courts	2021	2023	196.1

Project	Major New/Improved Recreation and Sports Facilities	Works Start Date (Note)	Tentative Completion Date (Note)	Estimated Expenditure (\$M) (Note)
4. Open Space at Hung Hom Waterfront	Including open space and an outdoor basketball court	2021	2024	266.7

Note: The tentative start date, completion date and estimated expenditure are based on the assumption that FC's funding approval is given in the first half of 2021.

As regards the remaining projects, they are at different planning stages. Cost estimate and implementation programme of the projects are being worked out. We will provide details when we consult the relevant LegCo panels and the Public Works Subcommittee, and seek the funding approval of FC on these projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB168****(Question Serial No. 2342)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) Performing Arts; (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is stated in the Budget that there are plans to seek funding approval in the current legislative session for taking forward the renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library, the facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre as well as the renovation and improvement of Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre. Please provide in the table below information about cultural facilities to be improved or built by the Government in the future.

Project Title	Project Status	Project Commencement Date	Project Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)Reply:

Information on the projects of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is provided below:

Project	Expected construction period and estimated expenditure
Renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library	The proposed project was endorsed by the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Home Affairs in February 2021, and will be submitted to the Finance Committee for funding approval in the 2020-21 legislative session. It is expected that the construction works will take about 3.5 years to complete. The estimated expenditure for the works is about \$143.8 million in money-of-the-day prices.
Facility Upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre	The proposed project was endorsed by the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs in March 2021, and will be submitted to the Finance Committee for funding approval in the 2020-21 legislative session. It is expected that the construction works will take about 2.5 years to complete. The estimated expenditure for the works is about \$516.5 million in money-of-the-day prices.

Project	Expected construction period and estimated expenditure
Renovation and improvement project for the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	It is planned that the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs will be consulted on the proposed project in April 2021 and funding approval will be sought from the Finance Committee in the 2020-21 legislative session. It is expected that the construction works will take about 2 years to complete. The estimated expenditure for the works is about \$280.6 million in money-of-the-day prices.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB169****(Question Serial No. 2358)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. Please list the usage rate of each of the 3 self-service library stations (in Sha Tin, Sai Wan Ho and Tsim Sha Tsui) in 2020;
2. What is the estimated expenditure for the self-service library stations of the Hong Kong Public Libraries in 2021-22?
3. During the closure of public libraries due to the pandemic, did the self-service library stations continue to operate? If not, please explain the reasons for the suspension of operation; will the Department consider maintaining the operation of the self-service library stations when public libraries were closed due to the pandemic in future?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides 3 “self-service library stations” under a trial scheme, 1 each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories at convenient locations with heavier pedestrian flow but far from existing libraries, rendering round-the-clock services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials. The usage of the self-service library stations located at the Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area, Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Kowloon and Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai of the New Territories in 2020 is set out below:

Usage (number of)	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories
Loans of Books	10 851	8 313	14 312
Returns of Books	28 727	8 475	36 467
Pickups of Reserved Materials	3 084	1 927	2 543
Total	42 662	18 715	53 322

2. The LCSD has earmarked \$5.8 million for the daily operation and maintenance of the library stations in 2021-22, excluding cost of library staff redeployed from other library facilities.
3. In view of the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic, the LCSD has to align with the Government's anti-epidemic measures. At the onset of the outbreak in 2020, services of library facilities including the self-service library stations were suspended to reduce the flow of people and maintain social distancing. With the easing of the epidemic, the LCSD resumed its services in a gradual and orderly manner, including resuming the operation of the 3 self-service library stations in September 2020 and providing services as usual when libraries were temporarily closed in the light of the latest epidemic situation from early December 2020 to mid-February 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB170

(Question Serial No. 2362)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. Please list the respective expenditures of libraries on e-books in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
2. Please list the respective number of Chinese and English titles in each of the e-book databases in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
3. Please provide the number of loans of e-books via the Internet, and Chinese and English titles of the top 10 e-books in terms of circulation in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
4. What measures have been adopted by libraries to promote the loans of e-books under the pandemic and what is the related expenditure?
5. What measures will the Government adopt in 2021-22 to promote e-books and what is the expenditure involved?
6. Please list the respective number of views of the Multimedia Information System (MMIS) of the Hong Kong Public Libraries in the past 3 years.
7. What is the estimated expenditure related to the MMIS in 2021-22? What plan does the Government have to increase the MMIS collection?
8. For some materials in the MMIS, only certain parts are available for online viewing. Take *Hong Kong Yearbook* of which the copyright belongs to the Government as an example, only the first 20 pages are available for viewing in the system. What are the reasons for this situation? Will the Government consider implementing improvements to similar situations to enhance the MMIS?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 88)

Reply:

1. The estimated expenditures on acquisition or subscription of e-book collections in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are \$6.24 million and \$7.3 million respectively.

2. As at 31 December 2020, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) acquired or subscribed to 11 e-book collections with about 378 000 items. The number of titles of the 11 e-book collections are at **Annex I**. The HKPL plans to acquire about 30 000 additional copies of e-books of different categories in 2021-22, including more e-books published in Hong Kong and e-books suitable for children and youths, covering various disciplines and different types of leisure reading materials, so as to encourage e-reading and meet public demand for e-books.
3. The usage statistics of the 11 e-book collections in 2019 and 2020 are at **Annex II**, and the titles of the top 10 Chinese and English e-books in terms of circulation are at **Annex III**.
4. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), while aligning with the Government's anti-epidemic measures, has further enhanced the promotion of the HKPL's e-services, including "Online Registration for Borrowers" and the e-book promotion campaign "Take a Break - eReading Corner", to facilitate readers' access to e-book collections upon login with their library accounts. Meanwhile, demonstration videos on the e-book collections have been produced for publicity via the "Reading is Joyful" website and social media platforms, with a view to encouraging members of the public to keep reading at home. The manpower and expenditures involved will be absorbed within the recurrent expenditure and estimates for the reading promotion campaign of the LCSD.
5. In 2021-22, the HKPL will continue to produce demonstration videos on how to use the different e-book collections and upload them to the LCSD Edutainment Channel; step up promotion of theme-based reading on the HKPL website and social media; continue to organise the e-book promotion campaign "Take a Break - eReading Corner"; and participate in the Hong Kong Book Fair and the Learning and Teaching Expo to promote its e-resources. The HKPL will continue to organise library outreach programmes, pay visits to schools/community groups/organisations, and promote the e-book collections to various sectors of the community through regular user education sessions, liaison activities for readers and teachers, and other publicity channels such as social media. Furthermore, the HKPL will step up advocacy to primary and secondary schools to encourage the schools to make use of the free e-resources of the HKPL in facilitation of distance learning by the students. The manpower and expenditures involved in the above promotion activities/programmes will be absorbed within the recurrent expenditure and estimates for the reading promotion campaign of the LCSD.
6. The use count of library materials in the Multimedia Information System (MMIS) of the HKPL in 2018, 2019 and 2020 is 5.55 million, 5.64 million and 7.08 million respectively.
7. In 2021-22, the HKPL plans to add about 60 000 digitised pages of images including old newspapers, photographs, maps, manuscripts and so forth as well as 350 hours of audiovisual recordings to the MMIS. The estimated expenditure is about \$300,000.

8. The HKPL will make digital collections in the MMIS available to the public depending on the access right of the licence granted by the copyright owner. Owing to functional constraints of the existing reading software, certain materials that contain many pages, such as *Hong Kong Yearbook*, have to be split into separate volumes, each volume containing about 20 pages, for viewing after digitalisation, so as to ensure smooth browsing. To browse all the contents, users may click the volume icon in blue at the top left corner of the reading software to view the list of volumes of the book. The HKPL will enhance the reading software to improve the reading experience when the new library system is developed.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Number of Titles of e-Book Collections in 2020**

Item	Title of e-Book Collection	Total Number of Titles ⁽¹⁾
<i>Chinese e-Book Databases</i>		
1	HyRead ebook	14 646
2	SUEP e-Book	5 406
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	108 263
4	Funpark	444
5	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	470
<i>English e-Book Databases</i>		
6	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	197 054
7	eBooks on EBSCOhost	26 439
8	OverDrive eBooks	11 094
9	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	13 314
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽³⁾	1 005
Total		378 135

Notes

- (1) The e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Usage of e-Book Collections (2019 to 2020)

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections of the Hong Kong Public Libraries provided by individual e-book database service providers from 2019 to 2020 are tabulated below.

Item	Title of e-Book Collection ⁽¹⁾	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count	
			2019	2020
Collections adopting similar statistical elements based on the number of e-Books consulted				
1	HyRead ebook	online reading, borrowing and trial	600 520	2 009 714
2	SUEP e-Book	online reading, borrowing and trial	211 572	961 564
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	online reading and borrowing	54 572	118 916
4	FunPark	online reading	30 350	136 640
5	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	online reading and download	23 135	35 571
6	eBooks on EBSCOhost	online reading and download	24 899	52 668
7	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	borrowing	18 962	83 231
Total			964 010	3 398 304
Collections adopting other statistical elements				
8	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	tracks played	28 949	42 976
9	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	browses by category	11 821	27 356
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽³⁾	searches	7 502	11 727

Notes

- (1) HyRead ebook, SUEP e-Book, Apabi Chinese eBooks, Funpark and Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese are Chinese e-book databases whereas ProQuest Ebook Central, eBooks on EBSCOhost, OverDrive eBooks, Naxos Spoken Word Library and Safari Books Online are English e-book databases.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Top 10 e-Book Titles in Terms of Usage in 2020**

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as numbers of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The top 10 e-book titles in terms of usage are tabulated below.

Table 1 (Chinese e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading, Borrowing and Trial	Title of e-Book Collection
1	嗯……便便出來吧！	8 934	HyRead ebook
2	哆啦 A 夢，冰天雪地冒險包	8 917	HyRead ebook
3	角落小夥伴的生活之角落小夥伴名言	8 709	HyRead ebook
4	不愛乾淨的小瑪	6 623	HyRead ebook
5	你是媽媽眼中獨一無二的孩子	6 165	HyRead ebook
6	末日恐龍王：地球的五次生物大滅絕	5 509	HyRead ebook
7	肥皂超人出擊！	5 454	HyRead ebook
8	大膽的老婆婆	5 314	HyRead ebook
9	被討厭的勇氣：自我啟發之父「阿德勒」的教導	5 079	HyRead ebook
10	小青蛙愛靜坐	4 525	SUEP e-Book

Table 2 (English e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading and Download	Title of e-Book Collection
1	Dinosaur Boy: Dinosaur Boy Series, Book 1	622	OverDrive eBooks
2	How to Catch a Unicorn	456	OverDrive eBooks
3	How to Catch a Mermaid	348	OverDrive eBooks
4	The Doughnut Fix Series, Book 1	274	OverDrive eBooks
5	Niko Draws a Feeling	223	OverDrive eBooks
6	Welcome Home, Bear!	183	eBooks on EBSCOhost
7	Aaron Space	171	eBooks on EBSCOhost
8	The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane: Black Hollow Lane Series, Book 1	160	OverDrive eBooks
9	The Harry Potter Series	156	eBooks on EBSCOhost
10	Splash and Bubbles: I Love to Swim!	145	eBooks on EBSCOhost

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Top 10 e-Book Titles in Terms of Usage in 2019

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as numbers of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The top 10 e-book titles in terms of usage are tabulated below.

Table 1 (Chinese e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading, Borrowing and Trial	Title of e-Book Collection
1	被討厭的勇氣：自我啟發之父「阿德勒」的教導	2 201	HyRead ebook
2	現金流為王	1 781	SUEP e-Book
3	大富翁致富藍圖	1 475	SUEP e-Book
4	50 優質潛力股	1 431	SUEP e-Book
5	黃阿瑪的後宮生活：貓永遠是對的	1 409	HyRead ebook
6	角落小夥伴的生活之角落小夥伴名言	1 303	HyRead ebook
7	為了活下去：脫北女孩朴研美	1 279	HyRead ebook
8	比小說更好看的理財故事書：巴比倫富翁的秘密	1 257	HyRead ebook
9	日語 333 超快速學習法：3 個訣竅，3 個階段，3 天說一口流利日語	1 251	HyRead ebook
10	21 世紀的 21 堂課	1 248	HyRead ebook

Table 2 (English e-Books)

Item	Title	Online Reading and Download	Title of e-Book Collection
1	Social Psychology	266	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
2	The Most Important Thing Illuminated : Uncommon Sense for the Thoughtful Investor	130	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
3	The Rise of Modern Philosophy : A New History of Western Philosophy, Volume 3	128	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
4	Big Nate: I Can't Take It!	123	OverDrive eBooks
5	My Little Forest	113	eBooks on EBSCOhost
6	Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality in Christian Counseling	108	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽¹⁾
7	Curious George Good Night, Zoo (CGTV)	85	eBooks on EBSCOhost
	Five Funny Bunnies	85	eBooks on EBSCOhost
	Light	85	eBooks on EBSCOhost
	The Frozen Rainbow	85	eBooks on EBSCOhost
8	Garfield Volume 1	83	OverDrive eBooks
9	Click	82	eBooks on EBSCOhost
10	The World's Best Jokes for Kids Volume 1	81	eBooks on EBSCOhost

Note

(1) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB171

(Question Serial No. 2371)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the 8th Hong Kong Games (HKG) to be held in 2022, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for the 8th HKG? What is the specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure for venue and equipment, staff expenses and allowances, publicity and promotion, etc.?
- (b) What measures did the Government adopt to publicise and promote the 7th HKG, with a view to encouraging public participation and attracting members of the public to watch the competitions? Will the Government review the publicity and promotion strategies to draw more public attention to the HKG as well as more participation in future? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

(Note: The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has verified with the Legislative Council Office of Hon MA Fung-kwok through the Legislative Council Secretariat that “the 7th HKG” as mentioned in Question (b) should be amended as “the 8th HKG”.)

- (c) Will the Government consider reviewing the mode of the HKG to enhance the appeal of the event? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- (a) The Hong Kong Games (HKG) is held on a biennial basis. The 8th HKG originally scheduled for 2020 and 2021 will be postponed for a year to 2021 and 2022 due to the impact of COVID-19. Athlete selection in the 18 districts and most of the community participation programmes originally scheduled for 2020 will be postponed to 2021.

The estimated expenditure for the 8th HKG is \$51.4 million. The breakdown of the expenditure is set out below:

Items	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Competitions and training (District athlete selection competitions, pre-match training of district teams and inter-district competitions of 8 sports)	21.7
Community participation programmes	17.1
Promotion and publicity	12.6
Total	51.4

- (b) & (c) The events of the 8th HKG postponed to 2021 and 2022 include 8 sports competitions, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball as well as a wide array of community events. We will publicise and promote the HKG through different channels and platforms, including printed materials, online and social media, together with extensive marketing and advertisements, as well as collaborate with various partner organisations such as the District Councils (DCs), the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), schools and “national sports associations” (NSAs).

Apart from sports competitions, a wide array of community participation programmes will be organised. While the “HKG Mascot Voting” was already held in 2020, the community participation programmes will be organised from 2021 to 2022 to promote sport for all including ‘Webinars of the HKG – “The New Normal of Sports and Wellness Series”’, “Sports Legacy – Exercise to Get Super Fit”, “HKG 8-minute School Vitality Run”, “Women’s Futsal Demonstration Event” and “3 on 3 Basketball Demonstration Event”, etc.

The estimated number of participants/spectators of major community participation programmes in the 8th HKG is as follows:

Major community events	Estimated number of participants/spectators
HKG Mascot Voting	* 3 141
Webinars of the HKG - “The New Normal of Sports and Wellness Series”	1 200
Sports seminar, sports demonstrations and exchange programmes	1 240
18 Districts’ Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition	2 000
Vitality Run cum carnival	6 300
HKG 8-minute School Vitality Run	25 000
District Pledging Ceremonies and promotional activities	65 000
Themed Exhibition at Hong Kong Flower Show 2022	40 000
Opening and prize-presentation ceremonies	10 300
Public voting activities	350 000
Total	504 181

* The event was completed.

With a view to attracting more members of the public to participate in or watch the sports competitions and community involvement programmes, the following new initiatives/arrangements will be implemented in the 8th HKG:

- (i) holding the online “HKG Mascot Voting”, in which members of the public voted for their favourite mascot which they considered best represent the HKG through the dedicated website of the HKG, and “Cheering Larry” was selected. In addition, “Cheering Larry” will be promoted and publicised via the dedicated website of the HKG in phases so as to enhance the understanding of members of the public about the mascot and HKG;
- (ii) designing 3 sets of “HKG Fitness Exercises” suitable for different groups and people of different physical abilities, including “Exercises for Parents and Children”, “Exercises for All” and “Exercises to Stay in Shape” using the HKG theme song as background music and inviting sports ambassadors and elite athletes to engage in the production of promotional videos with the HKG mascot, which will be uploaded onto the dedicated website of the HKG, social media platforms and broadcast at the leisure venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and distributing the DVDs to all primary and secondary schools across the territory to encourage active participation among students;
- (iii) organising webinars on sport and mental health through the LCSD or other social media platforms by inviting psychiatrists or healthcare practitioners to share their expertise or answer sport-related enquiries from members of the public and promoting message on sport and health to the public;
- (iv) inviting renowned elite athletes and sports ambassadors of the 8th HKG to produce promotional videos to be widely broadcast on websites, social media platforms and in the leisure venues of the LCSD;
- (v) arranging live broadcast of the finals of the 8 sports competitions;
- (vi) organising sports games, namely “Fun for All@Hong Kong Games” during the intermissions of the finals of the sports competitions for spectators to enjoy the fun of sports;
- (vii) including an obstacle race in “Vitality Run” for participation by parents and children;
- (viii) inviting renowned elite athletes to attend the finals of the sports competitions; and
- (ix) setting up large-scale 3D models and the photo-taking corner at the competition venues.

An Organising Committee, comprising representatives from the Community Sports Committee, 18 DCs, SF&OC, relevant NSAs, the Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD, was formed in May 2020 to oversee and coordinate the work of the 8th HKG, including the mode and promotion strategies, and formulate the detailed arrangements of the 8th HKG to enhance the appeal of the event and public participation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB172

(Question Serial No. 2374)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports, (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Please list in a table the details and expenditures of minor works projects costing not less than \$1 million for renovation, improvement and upgrading of recreation and sports facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- (b) Please list in a table the details and expenditures of minor works projects costing not less than \$1 million for renovation, improvement and upgrading of performing arts facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) keeps constant review of the provision and conditions of recreation, sports and performing arts venues under its purview. It also undertakes works projects to provide new facilities or renovate/improve existing facilities to meet the changing needs of the public.

There are minor works projects primarily for the improvement and upgrading of existing recreation and sports facilities. The details and estimated expenditure of minor works projects not less than \$1 million in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are at **Annexes I and II** respectively.

As regards the performing arts facilities, details and estimated expenditure of those minor works projects not less than \$1 million in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are at **Annexes III and IV** respectively.

LCSD's Minor Works Projects for Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities (2020-21)

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million)⁽¹⁾
1. Hong Kong Stadium	Slope (11SW-D/DT17) upgrading works	Jul 2018	2.478
2. Fa Hui Park	Refurbishment of lighting system in the park	Nov 2018	1.170
3. Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of leisure pools and water play equipment	Nov 2018	2.806
4. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre	Refurbishment of metal roofing and floor	Dec 2018	2.728
5. Quarry Bay Sports Centre	Refurbishment of sports centre including arena, toilets, squash courts, dance room and table tennis rooms	Jan 2019	5.397
6. Tai Po Sports Ground	Replacement of wooden fencing and flagstaff	Feb 2019	2.911
7. Urban Council Centenary Garden	Refurbishment (Phase III): replacing floor blocks, lamp posts, seating benches and manhole covers	Mar 2019	1.953
8. Tsing Tin Playground	Refurbishment of lighting system and external paving	Mar 2019	1.801
9. Hang Ming Street Sitting-out Area	Provision of a sitting-out area at Hang Ming Street, Ma On Shan (Area 90 in Ma On Shan)	Apr 2019	5.998
10. Victoria Park	Refurbishment of lighting system in the park	May 2019	2.623
11. Cheung Chau Sports Ground	Refurbishment of soccer pitch, athletic field, paving adjacent to basketball court, railings and storage cabinets in changing rooms	May 2019	2.051
12. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of the office and toilets	May 2019	2.073
13. Mong Kok Stadium	Improvement of closed-circuit television (CCTV)	Jun 2019	1.304
14. Morse Park Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of pools	Jun 2019	6.023
15. Tung Chung North Park	Refurbishment of external finishes, barrier-free access facilities, spectator stand and lighting system	Jul 2019	5.345
16. Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	Construction of new foot path and new wave breaking boundary wall and reinstatement	Jul 2019	1.131

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
17. Morrison Hill Swimming Pool (Training pool)	Improvement of the sand filtration tank system and calorifier	Aug 2019	1.000
18. Cheung Chau Park	Refurbishment of park facilities, toilet and roof of service building	Aug 2019	2.402
19. Cheung Chau Sports Centre	Refurbishment of fitness room, activity room and external wall	Aug 2019	1.032
20. Tsuen King Circuit Playground	Refurbishment of tennis courts, basketball courts, playground and facilities	Aug 2019	2.347
21. North District Sports Ground	Improvement of lighting system at tennis courts, soccer pitch, children's playground, spectator stand and toilets	Sep 2019	1.055
22. Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	Improvement of lighting system and refurbishment of water play equipment	Sep 2019	1.566
23. Blake Gardens	Slope upgrading works	Sep 2019	2.358
24. Yuet Wah Street Playground	Refurbishment of benches, arbours and toilets	Sep 2019	2.302
25. Lam Tin South Sports Centre	Refurbishment of arena	Sep 2019	1.017
26. Cafeteria Old Beach	Refurbishment of toilets	Sep 2019	2.964
27. Quarry Bay Park	Refurbishment of toilets and changing rooms, replacement of lighting system	Sep 2019	1.267
28. Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	Improvement of plant, stair and outdoor pool lighting system	Oct 2019	1.567
29. Chai Wan Swimming Pool	Replacement of signages, lighting system and emergency lighting	Oct 2019	2.146
30. Tsuen King Circuit Recreation Ground and Rest Garden	Refurbishment of toilet block and pavement surface	Oct 2019	1.332
31. Wu Shan Tennis Courts	Refurbishment of surface of tennis courts, pavilion, railings, benches and external paving	Oct 2019	3.614
32. Tai Po Waterfront Park	Refurbishment of jogging track and footpath from Pavilion no. 5 to 7	Oct 2019	1.817
33. Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of outdoor leisure pool (no.4)	Nov 2019	2.453
34. Hammer Hill Park	Replacement of CCTV and irrigation system	Nov 2019	1.639
35. Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	Improvement of the ceiling of men's and ladies' changing rooms	Nov 2019	4.100
36. Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of main pool	Nov 2019	2.190

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
37. Aldrich Bay Promenade	Refurbishment of toilets	Nov 2019	3.285
38. King's Park Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of pavilion and benches, resurfacing of floor blocks	Nov 2019	1.368
39. The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of water slide	Nov 2019	2.553
40. Vacant government land	Conversion of land near 11SE-A/R56 and 11SE-A/R57 at Dragon Road into a rest garden	Dec 2019	12.000
41. Morse Park Swimming Pool	Electronic improvement of men's and ladies' changing rooms and toilets	Dec 2019	1.007
42. Luen Wo Hui Playground	Replacement of fencing of soccer pitch and basketball court	Dec 2019	1.089
43. Tai Tau Leng Sitting-out Area	Improvement of venue facilities	Dec 2019	1.583
44. Junction Road Park	Installation of walkway cover	Dec 2019	1.600
45. Chuk Yuen Sports Centre	Refurbishment of flooring and acoustic panel of arena	Jan 2020	2.546
46. Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of flooring and acoustic panel of arena	Jan 2020	2.546
47. Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre	Refurbishment of tennis courts	Jan 2020	2.200
48. Kau Pui Lung Road Playground	Replacement of pavilion	Feb 2020	1.538
49. Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre	Improvement to the air-conditioning system	Feb 2020	1.520
50. Yuen Wo Playground	Refurbishment of 4 tennis courts and 2 7-a-side hard surface soccer pitches	Feb 2020	2.581
51. Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre	Refurbishment of men's and ladies' changing rooms and toilets on G/F	Feb 2020	1.731
52. Pak Wo Road Playground	Refurbishment of external pavings of bicycle practicing area and replacement of park benches and manhole covers	Feb 2020	1.119
53. Yau Oi Sports Centre	Refurbishment of sports centre including flooring, safety padding, acoustic panel of arena and corridor railings on 1/F	Feb 2020	5.970

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
54. Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	Conversion of light refreshment restaurant into ancillary facilities	Mar 2020	3.089
55. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Sitting-out Area	Refurbishment of arch	Mar 2020	3.854
56. Wah Lam Path Sitting-out Area	Provision of play equipment	Mar 2020	3.065
57. Shau Kei Wan Service Reservoir Playground	Installation of lighting system for jogging tracks	Mar 2020	1.870
58. Tsing Yi Promenade	Improvement of lighting	Mar 2020	1.029
59. Portland Street Rest Garden	Building a new pergola, installation of CCTV system, provision of drinking fountain and vertical green walls, resurfacing floor blocks and provision of movable tables and chairs	Mar 2020	4.500
60. Chai Wan Park	Refurbishment of toilets	Mar 2020	3.196
61. San Wai Tsai Children's Playground	Refurbishment of walls, pavement, pavilion and benches	Mar 2020	1.109
62. San Hui Playground	Refurbishment of basketball courts	Mar 2020	2.503
63. Hong Kong Park	Refurbishment and improvement of Tai Chi Garden	Apr 2020	1.889
64. Wong Chuk Hang Sports Centre	Replacement of flooring, acoustic panel of arena, and repainting of walls	Apr 2020	2.384
65. Fanling Recreation Ground	Replacement of boundary fence and gate	Apr 2020	4.439
66. Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach	Re-construction of 2 lookout towers	Apr 2020	1.060
67. Shek O Headland Picnic Area	Reinstatement of bridge (the Blue Bridge) and peripheral walkway	Apr 2020	14.980
68. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	Refurbishment of jogging path and harbour	Apr 2020	2.328
69. Middle Bay Beach	Refurbishment of surface	Apr 2020	1.417
70. Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of indoor pool (including replacement of floor blocks, acoustic panels and roof painting) and water play equipment	Apr 2020	12.000
71. Wan Tau Kok Playground	Refurbishment of booking counters, toilets and changing rooms	Apr 2020	3.879
72. Sha Tin Wai Playground	Provision of men's, ladies' and disabled toilets	May 2020	3.128

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
73. Fanling Swimming Pool	Installation of electronic timing system and electronic display panel at main pool	May 2020	2.125
74. Ngau Chi Wan Park	Refurbishment of male and female toilets of the western upper platform	May 2020	2.500
75. Pak Tai Temple Playground, Cheung Chau	Refurbishment of basketball courts	May 2020	2.277
76. Sham Shui Po Park	Improvement of covered pebble path	Jun 2020	1.700
77. Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	Replacement of irrigation system of turf pitch	Jun 2020	1.619
78. Wan Chai Sports Ground	Resurfacing of athletic track and replacement of throwing cage	Jun 2020	4.059
79. Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	Refurbishment of running track	Jun 2020	3.429
80. Tung Chau Street Park	Refurbishment of lighting system in the park	Jun 2020	1.187
81. Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of fire services system	Jun 2020	3.295
82. Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	Alteration of the vacant room on 2/F and replacement of flag poles	Jul 2020	1.398
83. Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	Refurbishment of spectator stand	Jul 2020	1.471
84. Tai Po Waterfront Park	Refurbishment of toilet no.3, toilet of amphitheatre and tensile fabric of amphitheatre	Jul 2020	1.075
85. Cheung Chau Tai Kwai Wan Garden	Refurbishment of the garden, including pavilions, railings and lighting system	Jul 2020	1.187
86. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of fencing and outdoor paving	Jul 2020	1.309
87. Tai Wo Sports Centre	Replacement of 2 sets of variable refrigerant volume air-cooled air-conditioning system in communal area and first aid room	Aug 2020	1.200
88. Tai Wo Sports Centre	Replacement of 4 sets of variable refrigerant volume air-cooled air-conditioning system in fitness room and dance room	Aug 2020	2.000
89. Tai Po Sports Ground	Replacement of lighting system	Aug 2020	2.000
90. Tai Wo Sports Centre	Replacement of 3 sets of roof-top air-cooled air-conditioning units in squash courts	Aug 2020	2.000

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
91. Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	Replacement of an escalator (no. 4)	Sep 2020	1.300
92. Nan Lian Garden	Replacement of air-conditioning, automatic alarm system and sensor	Sep 2020	1.022
93. The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	Replacement of gas hot water boiler system in men's and ladies' changing rooms	Sep 2020	1.300
94. Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	Replacement of fire service system	Sep 2020	1.480
95. Tai Wo Hau Sports Centre	Improvement of men's and ladies' toilets and changing rooms	Sep 2020	1.475
96. Wai Tsuen Sports Centre	Improvement of CCTV and recording system	Sep 2020	1.260
97. Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	Improvement of electronic turnstiles system	Sep 2020	1.100
98. Kai Tak East Sports Centre and Playground	Refurbishment of ceiling, external walls and outdoor paving	Sep 2020	2.861
99. King George V Memorial Park, Kowloon	Refurbishment of soccer pitch and basketball court	Sep 2020	1.980
100. Tai Hing Sports Centre	Refurbishment of sports centre (including arena, activity room, dance room, table-tennis rooms, fitness room and enhancement of fire service installations)	Sep 2020	2.292
101. Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground	Refurbishment of basketball court and soccer pitch	Sep 2020	2.400
102. Hin Keng Sports Centre	Replacement of the variable refrigerant volume of 3 sets of air-conditioning systems in activity rooms, squash courts, fitness room, manager room and office	Oct 2020	1.200
103. Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre	Replacement of air-cooled chiller and related chilled water pump of the air-conditioning system	Oct 2020	2.000
104. Southorn Playground	Refurbishment of soccer pitch and spectator stand	Oct 2020	2.271
105. Hong Kong Park Sports Centre	Refurbishment of ladies' changing rooms and toilets on G/F	Oct 2020	3.366
106. Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of men's and ladies' changing rooms cum toilets and annual maintenance of swimming pool	Oct 2020	2.065

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
107. Tai Hang Drive Playground	Refurbishment of toilets, replacement of lighting system, arbours and park benches, resurfacing, repairs of fencing	Oct 2020	1.315
108. Island East Sports Centre	Refurbishment of sports centre (including arena, toilets, corridor and activity rooms)	Oct 2020	4.600
109. Smithfield Sports Centre	Refurbishment of arena, activity room, changing rooms and toilets	Oct 2020	11.770
110. Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	Replacement of ozonator	Nov 2020	2.876
111. Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	Replacement of filtration sand tanks of training pool and teaching pools	Nov 2020	3.000
112. Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	Replacement of circulation pump system of water slides	Nov 2020	1.024
113. Tsz Wan Shan Estate Service Reservoir Playground	Refurbishment of soccer pitch	Nov 2020	1.300
114. Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of children's play room	Nov 2020	1.000
115. Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade	Refurbishment of toilet facilities	Nov 2020	1.900
116. Po Kong Village Road Park	Refurbishment of jogging trail in the venue	Nov 2020	3.490
117. King's Park High Level Service Reservoir Playground	Refurbishment of surface of hard-surface basketball court and soccer pitch	Nov 2020	1.600
118. Po Wing Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of sports centre (including the flooring of multi-purpose arena, men's and ladies' toilets and changing rooms on G/F, indoor jogging track)	Nov 2020	4.050
119. Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre	Improvement to the air-conditioning system of squash courts	Dec 2020	1.650
120. Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)	Replacement of wood slats of no.3 and no.4 viewing platforms	Dec 2020	3.300
121. Nan Lian Garden	Replacement of building management system	Dec 2020	4.150
122. Gascoigne Road / Nathan Road Rest Garden (Stage I)	Replacement of fencing	Dec 2020	1.820
123. Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	Improvement to timing system and starting platforms	Dec 2020	1.600

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
124. Ma On Shan Sports Centre	Refurbishment of activity rooms (including wooden flooring system, movable partitions, acoustic panel and suspended ceiling)	Dec 2020	2.000
125. Java Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of sports centre (including arena, dance room, squash courts, table-tennis room, activity rooms, billiard room and men's and ladies' toilets)	Dec 2020	1.000
126. Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	Replacement of electro-chlorinators in filtration plant room	Jan 2021	1.392
127. Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road Playground	Provision of toilets	Jan 2021	1.152
128. Boundary Street Sports Centre	Replacement of low voltage switchboard power supply system	Feb 2021	1.160
129. Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	Improvement of ozone system of leisure pool	Feb 2021	1.438

Note

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LCSD' s Planned Minor Works Projects for Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities (2021-22)

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million)⁽¹⁾
1. Wu Shan Tennis Courts	Refurbishment of surface of tennis courts, pavilions, railings, benches and external paving	Oct 2019	1.400
2. Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	Improvement of the ceiling of men's and ladies' changing rooms	Nov 2019	4.100
3. Vacant government land	Conversion of vacant government land near 11SE-A/R56 and 11SE-A/R57 at Dragon Road into a rest garden	Dec 2019	7.900
4. Wah Lam Path Sitting-out Area	Provision of play equipment	Mar 2020	2.478
5. San Wai Tsai Children's Playground	Refurbishment of fence walls, pavement, pavilions and benches	Mar 2020	1.100
6. Sha Tin Wai Playground	Provision of men's, ladies' toilets and toilets for the disabled	May 2020	3.000
7. Fanling Swimming Pool	Installation of electronic timing system and electronic display panel at the main pool	May 2020	1.923
8. Wan Chai Sports Ground	Resurfacing of athletic tracks and replacement of throwing cage	Jun 2020	12.600
9. Tai Po Waterfront Park	Refurbishment of toilet no.3, toilets and tensile fabric of the amphitheatre	Jul 2020	1.900
10. Central landscape area at Po Heung Street, roundabout at Kwong Fuk Road, roundabout at Sai Sha Road, roundabout at Lam Kam Road, landscape area near Fong Ma Po, central landscape area at Nam Wan Road, roundabout at On Po Road, concrete planters along Heung Sze Wui Street, the central triangular landscape area at Lam Kam Road,	Beautification of sports and recreation venues and key intersections in Tai Po District	Oct 2020	1.040

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
landscape area near the bus stop at Chung Nga Road, landscape areas near Hang Ha Po at Lam Kam Road and Tai Po Waterfront Park			
11. Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre	Replacement of air-cooled chiller and related chilled water pump of the air-conditioning system of Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre	Oct 2020	5.686
12. Tung Chung North Park	Refurbishment of external finishes, barrier-free access facilities, spectator stand and lighting system	Oct 2020	1.916
13. Cheung Chau Tai Kwai Wan Garden	Refurbishment of the garden (including pavilions, railings and lighting system)	Oct 2020	1.148
14. Tai Hang Drive Playground	Refurbishment of toilets, replacement of lighting system, arbours and park benches, resurfacing and repairs of fences	Oct 2020	1.685
15. Smithfield Sports Centre	Refurbishment of arena, activity room, changing rooms and toilets	Oct 2020	6.680
16. Butterfly Beach Park	Refurbishment of external floor decking along the beach	Nov 2020	3.500
17. Quarry Bay Park	Refurbishment of jogging and cycle tracks	Nov 2020	3.000
18. Pui O Beach Building	Refurbishment of internal finishes of office and changing room cum toilet (including plumbing, lighting and ventilation systems)	Nov 2020	5.470
19. Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	Improvement of timing system and starting platforms	Dec 2020	1.600
20. Tai Po Sports Centre	Refurbishment of the arena and roofing	Dec 2020	4.700
21. Java Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of the sports centre including the arena, dance room, squash courts, table tennis room, activity room, pool room and men's and ladies' toilets	Dec 2020	4.500
22. Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road Playground	Provision of toilets	Jan 2021	5.525
23. Chai Wan Park	Installation of solar lamps	Mar 2021	1.840

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
24. Po Wing Road Sports Centre	Improvement of lighting system of the G/F lobby	Mar 2021	1.073
25. Po Wing Road Sports Centre	Improvement of lighting system of the men's and ladies' toilets and changing rooms on G/F	Mar 2021	1.912
26. Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre	Improvement of air-conditioning system	Mar 2021	3.100
27. Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	Refurbishment of running tracks	Mar 2021	3.360
28. Po Wing Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of car park and garden facilities	Mar 2021	3.000
29. King's Park Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of basketball courts, pavers of the playground, toilets and changing facilities	Mar 2021	8.600
30. Hoi Sham Park	Improvement of the amphitheatre	Apr 2021	2.000
31. Sham Shui Po Park	Transformation of public play spaces	Apr 2021	5.000
32. Fung Shue Wo Sports Centre	Installation of air-conditioning system covering areas including the G/F entrance lobby and arena. Replacement of air-conditioning facilities of the booking office on G/F and the multi-purpose activity room and fitness room on 1/F	Apr 2021	7.850
33. Fat Kwong Street Garden No. 1	Conversion of the light refreshment kiosk into changing rooms and toilets	Apr 2021	2.200
34. Shui Pin Tsuen Playground	Improvement of toilets	Apr 2021	1.100
35. Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach	Re-construction of 2 lookout towers	Apr 2021	1.060
36. King George V Memorial Park, Kowloon	Refurbishment of external paving, pavilions, lamps and railings	Apr 2021	3.390
37. Tit Shu Street Sitting-out Area	Refurbishment of external paving, arbours, benches, railings, barrier-free access facilities and lighting system	Apr 2021	1.750
38. Hamilton Street Rest Garden	Refurbishment of external paving, provision of new arbours, installation of CCTV system, tables and benches	Apr 2021	3.500
39. Belcher Bay Park	Refurbishment of toilets and lamp posts	Apr 2021	1.290

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
40. Mui Shue Hang Playground, Tai Po Swimming Pool, Tai Po Sports Ground and Tai Po Sports Ground Squash and Tennis Centre	Improvement of changing rooms and toilets of the sports and recreation venues in Tai Po District	May 2021	1.650
41. Ngau Chi Wan Park	Provision of a pet garden	May 2021	4.220
42. Kak Tin Playground	Conversion of flower beds and provision of fitness equipment for elderly	May 2021	2.000
43. Waterfall Bay Park	Replacement of railings	May 2021	2.000
44. Victoria Park	Refurbishment of the jogging tracks and timber decking of the walkway near central lawn	May 2021	1.250
45. Kai Yan Street Sitting-Out Area	Refurbishment of sitting-out area including arbours, benches, lighting system, notice boards, signs and planter kerbs, etc.	May 2021	2.563
46. Mui Wo Playground	Refurbishment of flooring finishes, safety padding, backstops, fence walls and fencing nets	May 2021	2.300
47. Yung Shue Wan Playground	Refurbishment of toilets	May 2021	1.200
48. Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)	Installation of solar lamp posts	Jun 2021	5.683
49. Yim Tin Playground	Installation of floodlighting systems	Jun 2021	7.562
50. Quarry Bay Promenade	Replacement of seaside boardwalk with granite floor	Jun 2021	4.200
51. Hong Kong Velodrome Park	Improvement of the cycling area: removal of existing pavers, reapplication of the hard-surface coating exclusively for cycling and installation of benches	Jun 2021	2.450
52. Cheung Fai Road Promenade, Tsing Yi	Refurbishment of flooring finishes, fence walls and arbours	Jun 2021	2.200
53. Tai Wong Ha Playground, Tsing Yi	Refurbishment of flooring finishes and pavilion	Jun 2021	1.700
54. Cornwall Street Squash & Table Tennis Centre	Refurbishment of lighting system of the arena on 4/F and public area of the lobby	Jun 2021	3.000

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
55. Oxford Road Playground	Refurbishment of soccer pitch, basketball courts, volleyball court, toilets and flooring finishes	Jun 2021	2.000
56. On Tak Road Playground	Refurbishment of fences, fencing nets, outdoor paving, basketball court and toilets	Jun 2021	2.000
57. Kwun Tong Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of fences, fencing nets, basketball courts, toilets and changing rooms	Jun 2021	1.500
58. Tung Chau Street Park, Sham Shui Po	Refurbishment of football court, basketball courts, benches, fences and pavilion	Jul 2021	1.600
59. Ping Shek Playground	Refurbishment of lighting system	Jul 2021	2.590
60. Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	Refurbishment of lighting system	Jul 2021	1.960
61. Lok Kwan Street Park	Refurbishment of electricity and lighting systems	Jul 2021	2.280
62. Shek Kip Mei Park	Improvement of the hot water supply system of changing rooms for soccer pitch	Aug 2021	1.330
63. Kwai Chung Sports Ground	Refurbishment of athletic track	Aug 2021	1.600
64. Morse Park (Park No.3)	Refurbishment of flooring finishes and manhole covers	Aug 2021	1.000
65. Ngau Chi Wan Park	Refurbishment of the office, basketball court and fences	Aug 2021	1.200
66. Peng Chau Playground and Peng Chau Sitting-out Area	Refurbishment of external decking, pavilion, railings, benches and lighting system	Aug 2021	2.300
67. Jockey Club Cheung Chau Tung Wan Children's Playground	Refurbishment of external decking, pavilion, railings, benches and lighting system	Aug 2021	1.000
68. Peng Chau Sports Centre	Refurbishment of activity hall and lobby	Aug 2021	1.000
69. Ko Shan Road Park	Refurbishment of lighting system	Aug 2021	2.090
70. Hutchison Park	Refurbishment of lighting system	Aug 2021	1.650
71. Belcher Bay Park	Refurbishment of amphitheatre	Aug 2021	2.200
72. Nan Lian Garden	Replacement of the lamp of enlightenment and fiber optic illuminators at the Pavilion of Absolute Perfection	Sep 2021	2.000
73. Nan Lian Garden	Replacement of dumb waiter at Long Men Lou	Sep 2021	2.000

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
74. Wong Tai Sin Service Reservoir Playground	Refurbishment of soccer pitch	Sep 2021	1.800
75. Nan Lian Garden	Repairs and replacement of acoustic walls, power cables for the aluminum fence lights and LED lights	Sep 2021	3.387
76. Tsing Yi Sports Ground	Lighting improvement	Sep 2021	1.200
77. Choi Hung Road Playground	Refurbishment of walkway	Sep 2021	1.000
78. Leung Tin Sports Centre, Tuen Mun	Refurbishment of the arena, squash courts, dance room, activity rooms, fitness room, lobby, toilets and changing rooms	Sep 2021	1.800
79. To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of men's and ladies' toilets and changing rooms	Sep 2021	3.200
80. Ho Man Tin Sports Centre	Refurbishment of fire services system	Sep 2021	2.000
81. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre	Refurbishment of fire services system	Sep 2021	1.500
82. Aldrich Bay Park	Refurbishment of jogging tracks	Sep 2021	1.500
83. Wu Shan Bowling Green, Tuen Mun	Refurbishment of external walls, external decking, surface channel covers, benches, pavilions, fences, toilets and lighting system	Oct 2021	1.210
84. North District Park	Refurbishment of lighting system at the south of So Kwun Po Road	Oct 2021	1.360
85. Chai Wan Swimming Pool	Conversion of the restaurant into ancillary facilities	Nov 2021	6.050
86. Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	Replacement of ozonator	Nov 2021	2.876
87. Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	Replacement of water circulation pump	Nov 2021	1.461
88. Chui Tin Street Sitting-out Area	Opening up flower beds for provision of walkway and passive recreation area	Nov 2021	2.500
89. Java Road Sports Centre	Refurbishment of the service counter and lobby on 3/F	Nov 2021	1.200
90. Carpenter Road Park	Refurbishment of jogging tracks and fencing	Nov 2021	1.000
91. Aberdeen Promenade	Transformation of public play spaces	Dec 2021	2.640

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
92. Kowloon Tsai Park	Installation of lifts for improvement of barrier-free access facilities	Dec 2021	28.462
93. Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground	Refurbishment of soccer pitches	Dec 2021	2.220
94. Tai Po Waterfront Park	Refurbishment of spectator stand, external decking and fencing nets of the bowling green	Dec 2021	1.932
95. Tai Po Hui Sports Centre	Refurbishment of the arena and roof	Jan 2022	2.500
96. Hin Tin Swimming Pool	Replacement of ozone generators	Feb 2022	1.440
97. Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	Replacement of electro-chlorinators	Feb 2022	2.362
98. Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	Replacement of switchboard for filtration plant system	Mar 2022	1.856

Note

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LCSD's Minor Works Projects for Existing Performing Arts Facilities (2020-21)

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million)⁽¹⁾
1. Sha Tin Town Hall	Replacement of high efficiency chiller (water-cooled centrifugal chiller no. 1)	Jun 2018	1.300
2. Sha Tin Town Hall	Replacement of chillers and cooling tower system	Sep 2018	3.000
3. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Improvement to fire alarm system at Auditoria Building, Administration Building and Studio Theatre, as well as improvement to repeater panels	Jul 2019	4.450
4. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of stage lighting dimmer system with installation of computerised lighting system at Grand Theatre	Jan 2020	3.334
5. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of chiller system	Feb 2020	1.500
6. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Refurbishment of public toilets at Grand Theatre and Concert Hall	Mar 2020	4.988
7. Tuen Mun Cultural Complex	Replacement of chiller system of Tuen Mun Cultural Complex	Jul 2020	9.000
8. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of audio mixing console, show relay and recording system at Concert Hall	Jul 2020	2.800
9. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of main switch cubicle for stage lighting dimmer system at Concert Hall	Jul 2020	1.500
10. Tuen Mun Town Hall	Replacement of speaker system at Cultural Activities Hall	Aug 2020	1.200
11. Tuen Mun Town Hall	Replacement of stage lighting dimmer system at Cultural Activities Hall	Aug 2020	1.315
12. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Replacement of the deteriorated compressor of air conditioning chiller unit no. 1	Sep 2020	1.100
13. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Replacement of stage lighting dimmer system at Cultural Activities Hall	Nov 2020	1.320
14. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Replacement of chiller system	Nov 2020	8.000
15. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Refurbishment of audience seating at Auditorium and replacement of carpet	Nov 2020	4.995
16. Hong Kong City Hall	Replacement of fire alarm system detectors at Concert Hall and Theatre	Dec 2020	1.100

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Expenditure in 2020-21 (\$ million) ⁽¹⁾
17. Hong Kong City Hall	Replacement of dimmer racks for stage lighting dimmer system at Concert Hall	Dec 2020	2.070
18. Ko Shan Theatre	Replacement of front-of-house public address system and stage paging system at Theatre	Jan 2021	1.189
19. Queen Elizabeth Stadium*	Replacement of scoreboard system at Arena	Jan 2021	4.000
20. Queen Elizabeth Stadium*	Replacement of electrical flying system at Arena	Jan 2021	3.770
21. Queen Elizabeth Stadium*	Replacement of stage lighting dimmer system at Arena	Jan 2021	2.158
22. Sha Tin Town Hall	Replacement of sound mixing console at Auditorium	Jan 2021	3.125
23. Sha Tin Town Hall	Replacement of variable refrigerant volume air conditioning system at dressing rooms on M/F	Jan 2021	1.000
24. Ko Shan Theatre	Replacement of digital audio console system	Jan 2021	1.398
25. Hong Kong City Hall	Replacement of seawater cooled chiller no. 2	Feb 2021	2.700
26. Hong Kong Coliseum*	Replacement of wheelchair stairlift system at Arena	Feb 2021	1.500
27. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Improvement to barrier-free facilities at the venue and provision of baby care room	Mar 2021	1.780
28. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Improvement to sound control room at Auditorium	Mar 2021	1.500
29. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Replacement of house lighting system at Black Box Theatre	Mar 2021	2.800
30. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Replacement of wheel system for stage revolve and wagon at Auditorium	Mar 2021	2.900
31. Yuen Long Theatre	Replacement of stage automation system at Auditorium	Mar 2021	1.000

Note

(1) Only projects with cash flow at or above \$1 million have been included in the above table.

* The Hong Kong Coliseum and the Queen Elizabeth Stadium cater for both sports and cultural events.

LCSD's Planned Minor Works Projects for Existing Performing Arts Facilities (2021-22)

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million)⁽¹⁾
1. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of stage lighting dimmer system with installation of computerised lighting system at Grand Theatre	Jan 2020	2.000
2. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of chiller system	Feb 2020	6.000
3. Tuen Mun Cultural Complex	Replacement of chiller system of Tuen Mun Cultural Complex	Jul 2020	6.667
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Replacement of chiller system	Nov 2020	8.667
5. Yuen Long Theatre	Replacement of stage automation system at Auditorium	Mar 2021	4.667
6. Hong Kong Coliseum*	Replacement of wheelchair stairlift system at Arena	Apr 2021	1.500
7. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Replacement of air handling units at stall and balcony at Auditorium	Apr 2021	1.740
8. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Replacement of speaker system at Auditorium	May 2021	4.100
9. Queen Elizabeth Stadium*	Modification of exhaust air system for toilets and sump pit system	Sep 2021	1.504
10. Tuen Mun Town Hall	Replacement of passenger and cargo lifts	Sep 2021	4.790
11. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	Replacement of stage lighting system at Cultural Activities Hall	Oct 2021	2.700
12. Hong Kong Coliseum*	Replacement of air handling units at Arena	Oct 2021	1.624
13. Hong Kong Coliseum*	Replacement of lighting bar winching system at Arena	Oct 2021	21.333
14. Yuen Long Theatre	Replacement of second sound mixing console at Auditorium	Nov 2021	1.000
15. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	Replacement of speaker system at Theatre	Nov 2021	1.800
16. Yuen Long Theatre	Acquisition of video shooting system at Auditorium	Nov 2021	1.000
17. Ko Shan Theatre	Replacement of counter weight rope lock system at New Wing Auditorium	Dec 2021	1.400
18. Ko Shan Theatre	Replacement of speaker system at New Wing Auditorium	Dec 2021	2.100
19. Hong Kong City Hall	Replacement of digital cinema projection system at Theatre	Dec 2021	2.000
20. Hong Kong City Hall	Procurement and installation of stage lighting network system at Theatre	Dec 2021	1.420

Venue	Brief description of renovation, improvement and upgrading works	Works commencement date	Estimated expenditure in 2021-22 (\$ million)⁽¹⁾
21. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of main cinema speaker system and processor for 4K digital camera package system at Grand Theatre	Jan 2022	1.800
22. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	Replacement of servo motor of stage rigging system at Grand Theatre	Jan 2022	4.500
23. Yau Ma Tei Theatre	Replacement of house lighting system at Theatre	Jan 2022	1.080
24. Hong Kong Coliseum*	Replacement of scoreboard system at Arena	Feb 2022	1.300
25. Yuen Long Theatre	Replacement of CCTV surveillance system	Mar 2022	1.049

Note

(1) Only projects with cash flow at or above \$1 million have been included in the above table.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB173****(Question Serial No. 3130)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (5) Public LibrariesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

With regard to the public library services of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the respective number of loans of Chinese and English books from public libraries in the past year? What were the respective number of loans of locally published Chinese and English books?
- (b) What was the total expenditure on the acquisition of books by public libraries in the past year? What were the respective expenditures on the acquisition of locally published Chinese and English books? What are the estimated expenditures on the acquisition of locally published Chinese and English books and the total expenditure on book acquisition for the coming year?
- (c) For the English books for adults/English books for children/Chinese books for adults/Chinese books for children which are available for loan, please list under the categories in the table below titles of the top 10 books in terms of copies acquired in the past financial year. What was the number of books acquired and the expenditure incurred, as well as the number of loans for the books in the financial year? (Note: Please exclude the publications of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority acquired.)

	Titles of the top 10 books in terms of copies acquired	Number of copies acquired in the financial year	Expenditure on acquisition	Number of loans of the book in the financial year
General Works				
Philosophy				
Religion				
Social Sciences				
Language				

	Titles of the top 10 books in terms of copies acquired	Number of copies acquired in the financial year	Expenditure on acquisition	Number of loans of the book in the financial year
Natural Science				
Applied Science				
Arts				
Literature				
History				
Fiction				
Junior Fiction				
Picture Books				

- (d) For the English books for adults/English books for children/Chinese books for adults/Chinese books for children, please list under the categories in the table below titles of the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the past financial year. What was the number of copies in the library collection, and what was the number of loans for the books in the financial year?

	Titles of the top 10 books in terms of circulation	Number of copies in the library collection	Number of loans of the book in the financial year
General Works			
Philosophy			
Religion			
Social Sciences			
Language			
Natural Science			
Applied Science			
Arts			
Literature			
History			
Fiction			
Junior Fiction			
Picture Books			

- (e) Please list in the table below the number of books registered at the Books Registration Office in the past financial year.

	Number of registered Chinese books	Number of registered Chinese books published by local publishers	Number of registered English books	Number of registered English books published by local publishers	Overall number of registered books
2020-21					

- (f) The LCSD indicated that the “Pilot Programme for Promotion of Local Publications and Reading Culture” will be implemented for 3 years starting from 2020 for the publishing sector to develop a new electronic database of book data for local publications. What were the progress of implementation of the programme and the expenditure involved in the past year? When is the database expected to be launched?
- (g) What were the staff establishment and expenditure for the provision of lending services in public libraries in the past year?
- (h) How much was spent for the acquisition of music and video materials as well as the copyrights of music and video materials in the past year?
- (i) How does the Government assess the loss caused by the acquisition and the number of loans of these books to the sales of books written and published locally and the copyright of their authors? When will the Government consider introducing the “public lending right” to promote local writing and publishing and strengthen the protection of intellectual property rights?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

- (a) The total number of loans of Chinese and English books from the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) in 2020 were 17.86 million and 5.2 million respectively, of which there were 8.32 million and 0.28 million loans of locally published Chinese and English books.
- (b) The estimated expenditure in 2020-21 for the acquisition of books for the HKPL is about \$45 million, including \$11.35 million and \$0.78 million for Chinese and English books published in Hong Kong respectively. The projected expenditure for 2021-22 for the acquisition of books will be about \$50 million and the estimated expenditure for locally published Chinese and English books will be maintained at similar levels.
- (c) Due to system constraint and the time required for data compilation, the HKPL can only provide the information on the top 5 titles in terms of copies acquired by classification for adult and children books in 2020-21 in May 2021.
- (d) As the information is not readily available due to system constraint, the HKPL can provide information on the top 10 books in terms of circulation in the calendar year of 2020 and in 8 categories of books namely, adult Chinese fiction/non-fiction; junior Chinese fiction/non-fiction; adult English fiction/non-fiction; junior English fiction/non-fiction. Details are at the Annex.
- (e) The number of books registered with the Books Registration Office in 2020-21 is set out below:

Financial Year	Number of registered books			
	Chinese	English	Bilingual, other languages and government publications	Total
2020-21 (as at February 2021)	8 723	2 265	3 339	14 327

Remark: All the registered books are published by local publishers.

- (f) An additional funding of \$30 million was provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to implement the “Pilot Programme for Promotion of Local Publications and Reading Culture” (Pilot Programme) for 3 years, with a view to supporting local authors and local publications, encouraging the sector to utilise electronic platform, as well as promoting Hong Kong’s quality reading culture. The Pilot Programme includes developing a new electronic database of book data for local publications, with enriched book data for the public to discover quality books. The database and webpage were launched in April 2020 to display selected local publications. As at February 2021, there were about 67 000 entries of book data in the database, with more to come gradually. In addition, promotion materials about local authors and publications are provided under the Pilot Programme, and there are currently about 1 200 promotion materials. In the past year, the HKPL invited local authors to attend online library promotion activities, by means of the Pilot Programme, including “Interaction with Authors”, “15-minute Read” and Online Reading Club of the Hong Kong Library Festival 2020, to further promote local publications, authors and reading culture. The expenditure for the Pilot Programme in 2020-21 was \$10.82 million (estimated).
- (g) The staff establishment for providing library services, including lending services, under Programme (5): Public Libraries as at 1 April 2020 was 1 493 and the estimated staff cost for 2020-21 is \$620.3 million.
- (h) The HKPL enters into contracts with suppliers of audio-visual materials under which the HKPL is granted the right or licence to provide such materials for reading, listening or viewing at designated libraries as well as the right to lend audio materials to any third party. Apart from paying contractual fees to the suppliers, the HKPL is not required to pay extra charge for the provision of the above-mentioned services on a loan basis since it is stipulated in the contracts that the suppliers should ensure that the audio-visual materials supplied to the public libraries can be used without any restriction. In 2020-21, the estimated expenditure for the purchase of music and video materials is about \$8.6 million.

Separately, the HKPL pays royalties/licence fees to the registered licensing bodies for the public performance of music and background music during events held in the libraries and the hiring units of the Hong Kong Central Library, as well as the showing and playing of music works at individual workstations of public libraries. The total amount of royalties/licence fees paid for the copyrights of music and video materials to relevant licensing bodies in 2020-21 is about \$0.5 million.

- (i) There are still divergent views on public lending right in the international community and the claim that public library service reduces primary sales of books is unproven. The Government understands that a flourishing publishing industry is vital to the supply of a wide variety of quality reading materials for promoting a reading culture in Hong Kong. In this connection, the LCSD has been maintaining close contact with the publishing sector to explore different measures to support the long-term development of the sector. The LCSD, after discussion with the publishing sector, provided additional resources to implement the aforementioned Pilot Programme in April 2020, which aims at widely supporting the publishing sector and authors in Hong Kong, promoting healthy development of the publishing sector, thus achieving the same objective of public lending right proposed by the sector.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Top 10 Books in Terms of Circulation in 2020**

Table 1 (Adult Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	射鵰英雄傳 ⁽¹⁾	875	5 156
2.	神鵰俠侶 ⁽¹⁾	923	3 936
3.	倚天屠龍記 ⁽¹⁾	759	3 792
4.	第十一號羅蜜歐	215	3 439
5.	鹿鼎記 ⁽¹⁾	829	3 425
6.	船屋	215	3 277
7.	有限溫存	212	3 170
8.	好好好	215	3 157
9.	結或不結 離或不離	215	3 096
10.	1984 ⁽¹⁾	281	2 934

Table 2 (Adult Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	財務自由行 ⁽¹⁾	304	3 535
2.	大阪・京都 ⁽¹⁾	831	3 431
3.	九州 ⁽¹⁾	518	3 250
4.	九州攻略完全制霸 ⁽¹⁾	514	3 063
5.	選股與估值：價值投資的得勝之道 ⁽¹⁾	359	3 036
6.	英國王：英格蘭・蘇格蘭・威爾士・北愛爾蘭 ⁽¹⁾	385	2 943
7.	80後百萬富翁 ⁽¹⁾	250	2 835
8.	東京近郊攻略完全制霸 ⁽¹⁾	399	2 777
9.	東京食玩買終極天書 ⁽¹⁾	749	2 725
10.	東京 ⁽¹⁾	524	2 621

Table 3 (Junior Chinese Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	西遊記 ⁽¹⁾	1 439	7 954
2.	三國演義 ⁽¹⁾	1 166	7 875
3.	水滸傳 ⁽¹⁾	1 333	6 075
4.	小王子 ⁽¹⁾	1 910	5 591
5.	愛麗絲夢遊仙境／愛麗絲夢遊奇境 ⁽¹⁾	1 641	3 968
6.	一千零一夜／天方夜譚 ⁽¹⁾	1 469	3 831
7.	綠野仙蹤 ⁽¹⁾	1 303	3 728
8.	紅樓夢 ⁽¹⁾	910	3 544
9.	小婦人 ⁽¹⁾	1 036	3 221
10.	童話夢工場・6，拇指姑娘與豆丁王子 (童話夢工場) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	220	3 021

Table 4 (Junior Chinese Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	什麼都不愛吃的皮皮(新雅・繪本館) ⁽²⁾	238	2 992
2.	壞種子(格林名家繪本館) ⁽²⁾	168	2 881
3.	幼兒情緒翻翻書(新雅・寶寶心靈館) ⁽²⁾	240	2 836
4.	這本書教你分左右	241	2 731
5.	別在超市裏搗蛋(社區體驗系列) ⁽²⁾	240	2 697
6.	不准電視機吃飯 (物教育繪本) ⁽²⁾	240	2 679
7.	認真的西蘭花 (新雅・繪本館 菜園繪本系列) ⁽²⁾	238	2 656
8.	正義使者：晃晃星人之卷 (精選圖畫書) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	246	2 610
9.	我會自己刷牙(小象帕歐繪本系列) ⁽²⁾	240	2 447
10.	不愛刷牙的小虎 (培養好習慣) ⁽²⁾	200	2 349

Table 5 (Adult English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The five people you meet in heaven	139	808
2.	The next person you meet in Heaven ⁽¹⁾	59	635
3.	Animal farm: a fairy story ⁽¹⁾	84	621
4.	The hobbit, or, There and back again ⁽¹⁾	144	605
5.	The Great Gatsby ⁽¹⁾	160	599
6.	The time keeper	109	583
7.	Murder on the Orient Express ⁽¹⁾	72	507
8.	For one more day ⁽¹⁾	121	501
9.	Nineteen eighty-four ⁽¹⁾	81	500
10.	The fellowship of the ring: being the first part of The lord of the rings [The lord of the rings] ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	136	499

Table 6 (Adult English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. English language 2019. ⁽²⁾	205	2 256
2.	Becoming ⁽¹⁾	160	1 665
3.	Language proficiency assessment for teachers. English language ... question papers	143	1 170
4.	21 lessons for the 21st century ⁽¹⁾	102	1 081
5.	Thinking, fast and slow	106	1 069
6.	Cambridge English IELTS. 10: with answers: authentic examination papers from Cambridge English language assessment. (IELTS practice tests series) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	73	950
7.	Hong Kong taxation and tax planning ⁽¹⁾	166	827
8.	Barron's essential words for the IELTS ⁽¹⁾	70	817
9.	Sapiens: a brief history of humankind ⁽¹⁾	72	775
10.	On tyranny: twenty lessons from the twentieth century	70	734

Table 7 (Junior English Fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	Charlie and the chocolate factory ⁽¹⁾	372	2 478
2.	Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets (Harry Potter series) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	307	2 242
3.	The guardian of the realm: the eleventh adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy (Kingdom of Fantasy) ⁽²⁾	154	1 881
4.	The hunt for the Colosseum ghost (Geronimo Stilton special edition) ⁽²⁾	149	1 602
5.	The Land of Flowers: a Geronimo Stilton adventure (Thea Stilton special edition) ⁽²⁾	144	1 597
6. ⁽⁴⁾	No time to lose: the fifth journey through time (Journey through time) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	155	1 551
6. ⁽⁴⁾	The Twits ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	212	1 551
8.	Matilda ⁽¹⁾	224	1 368
9.	The hunt for the curious cheese (Geronimo Stilton) ⁽²⁾	150	1 358
10.	Charlie and the great glass elevator ⁽¹⁾	271	1 354

Table 8 (Junior English Non-fiction)

Item	Title	Number of Copies in the Library Collection	Number of Loans
1.	The laughing princess (Oxford reading tree) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	346	2 407
2.	My little pony: friendship is magic	231	2 116
3.	The first hippo on the moon ⁽¹⁾	112	1 544
4.	The bear who went boo! ⁽¹⁾	84	1 349
5.	Maisy's bus (My friend Maisy) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	55	1 257
6.	Dog Man: brawl of the wild (Dog Man) ⁽²⁾	90	1 253
7.	Max and Marla are having a picnic	55	1 213
8.	Peppa's first colors. (Peppa Pig) ⁽²⁾	73	1 197
9.	Truck full of ducks	55	1 195
10.	Good night, Sophie: a touch and feel book (Sophie la girafe) ⁽²⁾	83	1 188

Notes

- (1) Including books of different editions/years of publication of the same title (only the information of the first volume will be provided if the books were published with multiple volumes).
- (2) For a series of books under the same title, only the information of the books with the highest circulation will be provided.
- (3) Books with the same number of loans are listed in alphabetical order of the titles.
- (4) The numbers of loans of the 2 books are the same.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB174****(Question Serial No. 3175)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Heritage and MuseumsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

The work of the LCSD in operating museums is to provide a balanced mix of programmes for enhancing public appreciation of arts and culture. Please inform this Committee of the following with a breakdown by fee-charging museums across Hong Kong:

- a. What are the actual and estimated staff establishments of each museum in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years?
- b. What is the total expenditure of each museum in the 2020-21 financial year?
- c. What is the estimated expenditure of each museum in the 2021-22 financial year?
- d. What are the attendance figures for each museum on weekdays and holidays in the 2020-21 financial year?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)Reply:

- a. to c. The staff establishment and the estimated recurrent expenditure (excluding staff salaries) of the fee-charging museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are set out in the following table:

Museums	Number of Staff Establishment		Estimated Expenditure	
	As at 1 April 2020 (Actual)	As at 1 April 2021 (Projected)	2020-21 (\$ million)	2021-22 (\$ million)
Hong Kong Science Museum	111	111	77.49	81.55
Hong Kong Space Museum	82	82	38.43	39.71

- d. The attendance figures of the fee-charging museums under the LCSD in 2020-21 (as at 1 December 2020) are set out in the following table:

Museum	Attendance in 2020-21 (as at 1 December 2020) ^{Note}			
	Free Admission Days	Weekdays	Weekends and Public Holidays	Total
Hong Kong Science Museum	13 825	19 879	56 354	90 058
Hong Kong Space Museum	7 186	11 184	37 096	55 466

Note

The above museums had been temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB175

(Question Serial No. 0304)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

According to paragraph 152 of the Budget Speech, the Government will allocate \$300 million to upgrade the existing football pitches, including increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards. What are the details of the plan? What is the manpower involved? According to the List of Hard-surface Football Pitches of the LCSD for 2020, there are 55 5-a-side football pitches in Hong Kong, of which 8 have a court size not meeting FIFA's standards for non-international matches and FIFA's standards for international matches. Will the Department convert these football pitches first? Will all 5-a-side football pitches not meeting the standards for international matches in Hong Kong be converted in the long run? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

With regard to increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards under the five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the existing 5-a-side hard-surface football pitches not meeting the standards and the smaller 7-a-side hard-surface football pitches will be converted to standard 5-a-side football pitches; and line markings for 1 to 2 5-a-side football pitches will be added to some of the 7-a-side hard-surface football pitches, so that these pitches can be used for 5-a-side football matches. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will implement the above-mentioned plan through deployment of existing manpower and is actively exploring, with relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works on football pitches, including those with a size not meeting FIFA's standards for international matches and non-international matches. The priority of improvement works will be determined taking into account various relevant factors, such as the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from the relevant national sports associations and local community, etc. to provide more football pitches meeting the standards for the public and promote the development of local football.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB176

(Question Serial No. 3008)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 51 of the Budget Speech that additional resources will be allocated to enhance recreational facilities. These enhancements will improve people's quality of life when the epidemic is over and may also appeal to our visitors. Is there a timetable for the completion of related work and what is the estimated expenditure for each facility project?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 159)

Reply:

The Government will allocate additional resources to upgrade recreational facilities, including public play spaces, football pitches and outdoor fitness equipment.

It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that the Government would launch a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory. The total estimated expenditure for the entire programme is \$686 million. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been successfully launched by 2026.

Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the LCSD is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the priority, estimated expenditure involved, etc. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.

Besides, the LCSD will also introduce more novel outdoor fitness equipment suitable for youths on a trial basis in response to the keen public demand for fitness equipment. Depending on the effectiveness and public response, the LCSD will consider providing

additional fitness equipment in more outdoor venues. As the LCSD will implement the programme on a trial basis with existing resources and the funding for construction of new parks, there is no need to seek additional funding.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB177

(Question Serial No. 2394)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 that the Community Garden Programme will be enhanced. What is the annual quota for the Community Garden Programme for the past 5 years? What are the number of waiting applicants and the actual number of participants in each year or each quarter? (Please list by garden)

Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have any plans to provide additional sites in future to meet public demands for community gardens and achieve the Department's target of "enhancing the Community Garden Programme in 18 districts"?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

Currently, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) operates 25 community gardens in 18 Districts across the territory. The quota as well as numbers of applicants and successful applicants for the community gardens in 18 Districts for the past 5 years are set out at **Annex**. The LCSD plans to provide 4 additional community gardens in 2021-22, including the community garden at Quarry Bay Park in Eastern District (with 91 planting plots), community garden at Dragon Road Garden in Wan Chai District (with 9 planting plots), community garden at Kai Tak East Park in Wong Tai Sin District (with 38 planting plots) and community garden at Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market Roof Top Garden in Kwun Tong District (with 20 planting plots). The 4 new community gardens are expected to be opened within 2021.

**Quota, Numbers of Applicants and Successful Applicants for Each Garden
under the Community Garden Programme in All Districts in 2015-2019** ^{Note 1}

District	Venue	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
		Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants ^{Note 2}	Number of successful applicants ^{Note 3}	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants ^{Note 2}	Number of successful applicants ^{Note 3}	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants ^{Note 2}	Number of successful applicants ^{Note 3}	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants ^{Note 2}	Number of successful applicants ^{Note 3}	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants ^{Note 2}	Number of successful applicants ^{Note 3}
Southern District	Ocean Park Road Community Garden	35	105	Note 4	105	35	105	2 010	105	35	70	1 640	70	35	70	1 700	70	35	105	2220	105
	Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade Community Garden	50	150		150	50	150	4 080	150	50	100	2 640	100	50	100	2 900	100	50	150	4260	150
Central & Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Community Garden	55	165		165	55	110	3 240	110	55	165	5 160	165	55	110	3 400	110	55	110	2810	110
Wan Chai District	Wan Chai Park Community Garden	16	48		48	16	32	700	32	16	48	870	48	16	32	320	32	16	32	310	32
Eastern District	Wai Tsui Crescent Community Garden	55	110		110	55	165	3 480	165	55	165	5 670	165	55	110	3 780	110	55	165	5790	165
Sham Shui Po District	Fa Hui Park Community Garden	50	150		150	50	100	1 320	100	50	150	2 400	150	50	100	1 800	100	50	100	2160	100
	Lai Chi Kok Park Community Garden ^{Note 5}	80	80		80	80	240	4 290	240	80	160	3 080	160	80	160	3 680	160	80	240	3570	240
Yau Tsim Mong District	Man Cheong Street Park Community Garden ^{Note 6}	90	90		90	90	180	2 440	180	90	90	1 410	90	-	-	-	-	90	180	2890	180
	King's Park Recreation Ground Community Garden ^{Note 6}	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	20	20	240	20	20	40	280	40	-	-	-	-
Kowloon City District	Kowloon Tsai Park Community Garden	30	60		60	30	60	760	60	30	90	1 350	90	30	60	700	60	30	90	800	90

District	Venue	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
		Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3
Wong Tai Sin District	Lion Rock Park Community Garden	55	165	Note 4	165	55	110	1 320	110	55	165	2 190	165	55	110	1 440	110	55	110	920	110
Kwun Tong District	Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Community Garden	50	100		100	50	100	1 580	100	50	100	1 540	100	50	100	1 340	100	50	100	1670	100
	Sau Ming Road Park Community Garden	30	60		60	30	60	1 280	60	30	60	880	60	30	60	1 400	60	30	60	1140	60
	Jordan Valley Park Community Garden	45	90		90	45	90	2 700	90	45	90	2 900	90	45	90	2 860	90	45	90	2280	90
Islands District	Tung Chung Community Garden	75	140		140	75	225	1 860	225	75	150	920	150	75	150	1 020	150	75	225	2700	225
Tuen Mun District	Tsing Tin Playground Community Garden	50	100		100	50	150	1 230	150	50	100	740	100	50	98	960	98	50	96	1480	96
	Tuen Fu Road Community Garden Note 7	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	38	76	400	76	38	76	960	76	38	76	1480	76
Yuen Long District	Tin Sau Road Community Garden Note 8	60	120		120	60	120	360	120	60	180	480	180	60	120	360	120	-	-	-	-
Tsuen Wan District	Tsuen Wan Park Community Garden	53	106		106	53	106	1 860	106	53	159	2 850	159	53	159	2 790	159	53	106	2010	106
Kwai Tsing District	Kwai Fuk Road Community Garden	26	52		52	26	78	1 380	78	26	52	940	52	26	52	1 020	52	26	78	1190	78
North District	North District Park Community Garden	60	120		120	60	120	980	120	60	120	920	120	60	120	1 020	120	60	120	960	120
Tai Po District	Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden	40	78		78	40	77	240	77	40	80	380	80	40	80	440	80	40	80	500	80

District	Venue	2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
		Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3	Number of planting plots	Quota	Number of applicants Note 2	Number of successful applicants Note 3
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground Community Garden	30	90	Note 4	90	30	60	640	60	30	60	600	60	30	60	700	60	30	60	540	60
Sai Kung District	Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden	34	62		62	34	62	1 600	62	34	68	1 780	68	34	62	1 580	62	34	62	1300	62
	Yuk Nga Lane Community Garden	76	148		148	76	152	3 300	152	76	152	3 320	152	76	152	3 180	152	76	152	3340	152

Note 1 Since the Leisure and Cultural Services Department cancelled the Community Garden Programmes originally scheduled for 2020-21 due to the pandemic, only records of past 5 years from 2015 to 2019 are available.

Note 2 Since there is currently no limit on the number of applications per person in a year, there may be multiple and repeated applications per person.

Note 3 Each successful applicant is allowed to bring along 4 friends or relatives to take care of their plants.

Note 4 The record on the number of applicants for the programme for each venue in 2015 is not available.

Note 5 Lai Chi Kok Park Community Garden has been opened for public use since October 2015.

Note 6 Man Cheong Street Community Garden has been closed from October 2017 for the construction of Man Cheong Street Park. During the period, the Community Garden Programmes are held at King's Park Recreation Ground.

Note 7 Tuen Fu Road Community Garden has been opened for public use since July 2017.

Note 8 Tin Sau Road Community Garden has been closed since 2019 for construction of the Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB178

(Question Serial No. 2402)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 in the Controlling Officer's Report that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will deploy more resources to organise programmes on digital platforms to reach out to the community, and that it will continue to present a series of online programmes on art, science and history on the LCSD Edutainment Channel which was launched in early December 2020. How much were the total development costs of the Channel? What were the actual operation cost and actual page views for December 2020 and January 2021 respectively? What are the estimated operation cost and the target page views for each month in the future?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) rolled out a new service in December 2020 and launched the LCSD Edutainment Channel, a one-stop online platform. By integrating existing online resources as well as updating and producing new content, the platform seeks to provide members of the public access to arts, cultural, sports and recreation programmes and enhance their interest in these disciplines any time from the comfort of their homes amid the pandemic. The LCSD also launched 101 Academy on the online platform to provide a systematic introduction to basic knowledge in culture, arts, science, recreation and sports as well as horticulture to members of the public. The "Vis-à-vis +01" series under the 101 Academy brings online interactive experience to the public through museum virtual tours, online sports training, and interactive guided tours of accessible parks.

It is expected that this new online platform will function as an instrument to bring sports and cultural resources to members of the public anytime and anywhere, and promote recreation, sports, culture and arts in a more effective manner. The total development costs for launching the LCSD Edutainment Channel amounted to about \$400,000. In 2021-22, about \$24 million has been earmarked for the estimated expenditure for the LCSD Edutainment Channel. Another \$15 million has been earmarked for interactive sports training programmes on which 10 000 viewers are expected to enrol. Regarding the daily

operation, as the staff involved also undertake other duties, the related expenses of the LCSD Edutainment Channel cannot be separately identified. The LCSD will take into account public feedback on the programmes of the LCSD Edutainment Channel in deciding the resources to be allocated in the future.

As at the end of February 2021, nearly 500 videos were uploaded to the LCSD Edutainment Channel with about 1.5 million page views in total. To broaden the reaching out for more viewers, the LCSD has uploaded the videos of 101 Academy to YouTube Channel, and released videos from “Art Appreciation 101” series under 101 Academy on the social media platforms of its museums. Some of the performance programmes on the Edutainment Channel are broadcast through its website and YouTube. WeWeWebWeb Carnival, for instance, recorded nearly 1 million page views in total. The LCSD will continue to promote the Edutainment Channel online and through physical newspapers and magazines, and upload videos on the Channel periodically to the “LCSD Plusss” pages on social media for sharing in order to serve more people.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB179****(Question Serial No. 1205)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Horticulture and AmenitiesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

In relation with the tree management work provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please provide the following information for 2019-20, 2020- 21 and that estimated for 2021-22:

- (a) the number of trees managed by the LCSD;
- (b) the establishment, strength, number of new recruits and wastage of manpower for tree management in the senior, middle and junior levels;
- (c) the number of service contracts outsourced, the annual expenditure involved and the number of outsourced workers employed by outsourced service providers for tree management work; and
- (d) the number and type of training courses in tree work organised for staff, as well as the number of course attendees.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)Reply:

- (a) A breakdown of the number of trees managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is as follows:

Year	2019-20	2020-21 (as at February 2021)	2021-22 (projected)
No. of trees	582 000	570 000	570 000

- (b) As at 31 March of each financial year, a breakdown of the staff establishment and strength for tree management work in the senior, middle and junior levels is as follows:

Year	Establishment/Strength		
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (projected)
Senior level ^{Note}	7/7	11/11	11/N.A.
Middle level ^{Note}	110/109	116/114	116/N.A.
Junior level ^{Note}	136/128	136/133	136/N.A.
Total	253/244	263/258	263/N.A.

Note: Senior level refers to maximum pay point above MPS 33.

Middle level refers to maximum pay point at or below MPS 33 and above MPS 10.

Junior level refers to maximum pay point at or below MPS 10.

Since the LCSD staff are subject to regular transfer and posting involving not only tree management work, information on the number of new recruits and wastage of manpower for tree management is not available.

- (c) The number of horticultural service contracts, the number of workers and the annual expenditure involved are as follows:

Year	2019-20	2020-21 (as at December 2020)	2021-22 (projected)
No. of service contracts	164	100	133
No. of workers	1 146	1 157	1 157
Annual expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (\$ million)	244	192	255

Notes

- (1) As most of these service contracts involve general horticultural maintenance covering shrub, ground cover, turf and tree, breakdown of expenditure for tree maintenance alone is not available.

- (d) The number and type of training courses in tree work organised for staff, as well as the number of course attendees are as follows:

Year	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (projected)	
	No. of courses ⁽³⁾	Partici- pants ⁽³⁾	No. of courses ⁽³⁾	Partici- pants ⁽³⁾	No. of courses	Partici- pants
In-house training courses ⁽¹⁾	58	540	40	515	78	959
Training by local institutes/tree experts ⁽²⁾	47	1 160	37	688	47	1 480
Overseas specialist training programmes	2	7	1	4	2	7
Total	107	1 707	78	1 207	127	2 446

Notes

- (1) In-house courses on horticulture and arboriculture include practical and theory training on tree risk assessment.
- (2) These refer to diploma, certificate programmes and seminars/tree conferences organised by the Development Bureau, local institutes and tree experts.

- (3) In response to the preventive measures for the COVID-19, some in-house courses, courses organised by local institutes and tree experts, as well as overseas specialist training programmes, originally scheduled for 2020-21 had to be postponed. The numbers of courses and participants of these courses are therefore fewer than in previous years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB180

(Question Serial No. 1210)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. It is mentioned in Brief Description 6 that the LCSD is developing the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system in phases and that the new system will replace the Leisure Link computerised booking system and will allow more efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking of the sports and recreation facilities provided by the Department. The new system is being developed in 2 phases and is planned to be commissioned by the end of 2022 and the first half of 2024 respectively. What are the differences between the services covered under the 2 phases? How is the development progress? Will the commissioning dates be deferred due to the impact of COVID-19?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (the new system) will provide efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking service which can encourage members of the public to participate in sports regularly. The new system is being developed in 2 phases. The core functions to be introduced under Phase 1 include facility booking, programme enrolment, membership registration and management, venue/facility management, programme management, balloting and allotment, attendance management, e-payment and mobile app. While the enhanced functions will be rolled out in Phase 2, which include bookings by organisations, major events management, holiday camps allotment, fitness room management, water sports facilities management, swimming lane booking and management, etc.

The rampant COVID-19 pandemic in the past year has affected the progress of developing the new system. The development team of the system is now pressing ahead with the development of the system of Phase 1. It is anticipated that the core functions of Phase 1 and the enhanced functions of Phase 2 will be rolled out in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB181

(Question Serial No. 1212)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In view of the status of COVID-19, instead of the "Sport For All Day" originally scheduled for August, a new series of online physical fitness exercise demonstration videos was launched to encourage people to stay home and exercise during the pandemic. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- a) the expenditures involved for each physical fitness exercise demonstration video;
- b) the number of views on each video by different age groups of viewers and average viewing duration (with a breakdown by age groups of 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and 65 or above)

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises "Sport For All Day" in August every year to encourage members of the public to develop a healthy lifestyle by exercising at least 30 minutes a day. To tie in with the Government's disease control measures against COVID-19, instead of organising activities in the "Sport For All Day 2020" held on 2 August 2020 (Sunday), the LCSD launched a new series of 8 online physical fitness exercise demonstration videos to promote "Sport for All" and encourage people to stay home and exercise during the pandemic. These include Hip-hop Dance, Everybody Let's All Clap!, Parent-child Ball Workout, Body-mind Relaxation and Stretching, Mobility and Stretching Exercise, Jump for Fit Exercise, Circuit Training and Muscle Strengthening Exercise. The requested information is as follows:

- a) The total expenditure on the physical fitness exercise demonstration videos of the "Sport For All Day" is about \$540,000. As the videos are produced aggregately by the contractor, the Department does not have separate record about the expenses incurred by each demonstration video.

- b) According to the record of video data analysis of the Youtube channel, details of the number of views on each video by different age groups of viewers and average viewing duration as at 3 pm on 4 March 2021 are set out below:

1. Hip-hop Dance

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	525	3:52
25-34	1 723	2:01
35-44	2 101	1:49
45-54	1 271	3:01
55-64	1 981	1:56
65 or above	1 603	1:53

2. Everybody Let's All Clap!

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	180	3:36
25-34	1 728	2:56
35-44	1 977	2:17
45-54	1 498	4:12
55-64	2 407	3:49
65 or above	2 197	3:53

3. Parent-child Ball Workout

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	-	-
25-34	761	2:07
35-44	1 459	2:39
45-54	396	2:36
55-64	-	-
65 or above	476	3:13

4. Body-mind Relaxation and Stretching

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	431	1:41
25-34	1 781	4:05
35-44	1 839	3:10
45-54	1 839	3:49
55-64	2 899	5:12
65 or above	2 841	5:20

5. Mobility and Stretching Exercise

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	-	-
25-34	830	2:04
35-44	1 105	2:59
45-54	805	1:50
55-64	1 120	1:45
65 or above	1 140	3:40

6. Jump for Fit Exercise

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	-	-
25-34	-	-
35-44	1 530	2:57
45-54	878	1:51
55-64	680	3:09
65 or above	-	-

7. Circuit Training

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	-	-
25-34	1 012	2:32
35-44	1 669	2:57
45-54	822	2:04
55-64	424	3:43
65 or above	1 056	2:46

8. Muscle Strengthening Exercise

Age	No. of views	Average viewing duration (minutes)
15-24	-	-
25-34	447	2:08
35-44	1 081	2:25
45-54	809	3:48
55-64	1 044	1:54
65 or above	683	2:14

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB182

(Question Serial No. 1219)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. The Government has launched a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) since 2019 with a view to providing children's play equipment which incorporates more elements of fun, creativity and challenge. What is the progress of transformation in different districts? How many public play spaces are undergoing transformation works? How many are still in the stage of planning or even the stage of technical feasibility study? What are the particulars of transformation of the public play spaces?
2. To cater for people's diverse needs for fitness equipment, the LCSD will install some novel outdoor fitness equipment as appropriate when constructing new parks or renovating existing ones. What criteria does the Department base on? What is the estimated number of additional fitness equipment for adults and the elderly to be provided in each of the 18 districts? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

1. Regarding the implementation of the five-year plan, it is hoped that transformation works for more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will have been launched by 2026. The LCSD will offer the play spaces with different degrees of challenges and fun, and introduce more natural elements to provide innovative, challenging and interesting PPS. The LCSD launched 17 transformation projects in 2020-21 and will launch 26 projects in 2021-22 in various districts. Details are at **Annex**.
2. In selecting existing and newly constructed outdoor venues appropriate for introducing novel outdoor fitness equipment suitable for youths, the LCSD will take into account factors such as the usage rate of the venues, community demand, locations, and the wear and tear of existing venue facilities. The LCSD will collect views from the

local community and explore the feasibility with the works departments concerned before confirming the locations of venues and the fitness equipment to be provided. The LCSD will implement the programme on a trial basis with existing resources and the funding for construction of new parks.

List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22

Districts	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

Transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB183

(Question Serial No. 0451)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget Speech Paragraph 152, the Financial Secretary has mentioned that the Government “will earmark \$318 million to implement a five-year plan for upgrading over 70 football pitches under the management of Leisure and Cultural Services Department, including substantially increasing the number of 5-a-side football pitches meeting international standards, exploring the possibility of expanding the existing football pitches into standard 11-a-side turf pitches and expediting the replacement of artificial turf on football pitches”. Under this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

1. the breakdowns of location, construction timetable and completion date of the football pitches upgrading projects involved;
2. what kind of measures will the Government adopt in order to combat touting activities (i.e. updating book system, presenting an identity document with a photograph for verification)?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

1. Regarding the implementation of a five-year plan for upgrading football pitches, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is actively exploring, with the relevant works departments, the technical feasibility of carrying out improvement works, having regard to various factors including the actual conditions of football pitches, usage rates of existing football pitches, views from national sports associations and local community, etc. in drawing up the details of the improvement works, including the locations, priority and timetable involved. More than 70 venues under the management of the LCSD are expected to be involved.
2. Over the years, the LCSD has introduced administrative measures and system enhancements to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities under its management. Measures implemented include the shortening of the advance booking period for individual hirers; re-registration of Leisure Link Patrons using their Hong

Kong identity cards to prevent hirers from using multiple identity proofs to make booking; cancellation of the “standby” arrangement for turf soccer pitches; tightening the peak period booking quota for individual users; tightening the penalty system for organisations; and establishing a penalty system for hirers. To better combat toutting activities, the LCSD has introduced various additional measures in recent years, such as posting the information of cancelled sessions on the LCSD website before releasing the available sessions for re-booking on the next day; cessation of the telephone booking system; cessation of booking on behalf of another person using a copy of other’s identity document at Leisure Link booking counters and arranging booking and allocation of turf football pitches by balloting. Besides, hirers must produce the original copies of the identity documents used for registration at the check-in counters for verification and registration before using the facilities. The LCSD will continue to monitor the situation and explore the introduction of more measures to combat toutting activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB184

(Question Serial No. 0452)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

In paragraph 150 of the Budget speech, the Financial Secretary has mentioned that "The Government has launched a five-year plan to modify more than 170 public play spaces managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory since 2019 with a view to providing children's play equipment which incorporate more elements of fun, creativity and challenge. To cater for people's diverse needs for fitness equipment, the LCSD will install some novel outdoor fitness equipment as appropriate when constructing new parks or renovating existing ones, such as the Yat Ming Road Park in North District which is near completion and the Butterfly Beach Park in Tuen Mun." In this regard, will the Administration inform this Council:

1. the details, timetable, manpower and resources allocated for the policy initiative;
2. the criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of the programme policy initiative;
3. regarding the playgrounds have be criticized as "super-safe" and "boring" , will the Administration consider making reference to overseas examples to offer innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces, so as to serve as a tool for children to learn through play, (i.e.: interactive panel, roller slide, etc).

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

1. It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that the Government would launch a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory. The estimated total expenditure of the entire programme is \$686 million and involves the creation of 15 posts. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been launched by 2026. Moreover, the LCSD will introduce more novel outdoor fitness equipment suitable for youths on a trial basis in response to the keen public demand for fitness equipment.

Depending on the effectiveness and public response, the LCSD will consider providing additional fitness equipment in more outdoor venues. As the LCSD will implement the programme on a trial basis with existing resources and the funding for construction of new parks, there is no need to seek additional funding or create new posts.

2. The LCSD will evaluate the effectiveness of the programme by collecting statistics on the number of users, as well as the feedback and opinions of the stakeholders.
3. In order to make the PPS more innovative and fun, the LCSD will offer the play spaces with different degrees of challenges and fun, and introduce more natural elements to provide innovative, challenging and interesting play spaces. In transforming the PPS, the LCSD will encourage and promote community participation and engagement through different means, such as workshops and opinion surveys to engage different stakeholders and invite them to offer opinions, with a view to meeting the needs of residents.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB185

(Question Serial No. 0453)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021–22 under Programme (3), that the Department will organise major exhibitions, including “Dining with the Emperor – Culinary Culture of the Qing Court” and “Tsar of All Russia – Holiness and Splendour of Power” at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum; “Mythologies: Surrealism and Beyond – Masterpieces from Centre Pompidou” at the Hong Kong Museum of Art; and “The Science Behind Pixar” at the Hong Kong Science Museum. In this regard, please advise this Committee:

1. please tabulate the attendance figures of permanent exhibitions at museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years;
2. please tabulate the expenditure and details of the renewal or modification of permanent exhibitions at LCSD museums in the past 3 years;
3. in concern with permanent exhibitions that have been criticised as outdated and incapable to enrich the cultural life of the general public, whether there is any plan to renew all the permanent exhibitions? If yes, of the details? If no, of the reasons;
4. concerning the prolonged social distancing measures, whether the Department consider organising virtual museum tours and online talks and lectures, offering the public a way through restrictions on site visits during the Covid-19 pandemic

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

1. The attendance of permanent exhibitions at museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years is set out at **Annex I**.
2. The expenditures and details of the renewal of permanent exhibitions at museums under the LCSD in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex II**.

3. The LCSD is committed to enhancing the permanent exhibitions in its museums, and has planned to renew the permanent exhibitions and related exhibits according to their different nature. For major permanent galleries, the LCSD has plans to revamp by phases. Renovation of the permanent galleries in the Hong Kong Museum of Art was completed in 2019, and revamp will be carried out for the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of History, and the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence in the next few years. For small museums where most of the permanent exhibitions are housed in historic buildings with limited exhibition space inside folk museums, renewals of the exhibitions will be conducted in a timely manner. For example, revamping of the permanent exhibition of the Hong Kong Railway Museum was completed in 2019. In addition to major revamps, the LCSD will continue to replace exhibits for permanent exhibitions, refresh presentation strategies, or present small-scale thematic displays at permanent galleries from time to time to update exhibition content and deploy new modes of presentation in order to bring new experience to visitors.
4. In December 2020, the LCSD launched the Edutainment Channel to combine education with entertainment. Museum series of the Channel cover art, history, science, intangible cultural heritage, conservation and astronomy, etc. and provide access to museum programmes for members of the public from the comfort of their homes. While a wide range of knowledge is introduced through videos in “101 Academy”, its “Art Appreciation 101” features curators’ guide to appreciate works of art such as painting, calligraphy, sculpture and ceramics, etc. As for “vis-à-vis +01” series, viewers can join curators online for interactive thematic exhibition tours as well as attending lectures.

**Attendance of Permanent Exhibitions
at Museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Venues	2018-19	2019-20⁽¹⁾	2020-21⁽²⁾
1. Hong Kong Museum of Art ⁽³⁾			
(a) Ordinary to Extraordinary – Stories of the Museum	–	132 006	110 457
(b) The Wisdom of Emptiness – Selected Works from the Xubaizhai Collection	–	82 046	21 471
(c) Hong Kong Experience • Hong Kong Experiment	–	96 985	125 308
(d) The Best of Both Worlds – Acquisition and Donation of Chinese Antiquities	–	81 530	40 113
(e) Lost and Found – Guardians of the Chater Collection	–	74 590	37 307
(f) From Dung Basket to Dining Cart – 100 th Anniversary of the Birth of Wu Guanzhong	–	89 438	33 904
(g) A Pleasure Shared – Selected Works from the Chih Lo Lou Collection	–	89 438	33 904
(h) A Taste for Life – The Collection and Connoisseurship of Mr Low Chuck-tiew	–	–	45 496
(i) Avowal through Withdrawal – Selected Paintings and Calligraphies from the Chih Lo Lou Collection	–	–	25 809
(j) Wu Guanzhong – Sketching from Nature	–	–	25 809
2. Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware			
(a) Let's Talk about Tea through the Ages	114 241	62 452	18 004
(b) Chinese Ceramics and Seals Donated by the K.S. Lo Foundation	83 962	46 613	6 263
(c) Calligraphy on Stone – Seal Carving in Hong Kong	83 962	46 613	–
(d) Seal Carving in Lingnan	–	–	6 263
3. Hong Kong Museum of History			
(a) The Hong Kong Story ⁽⁴⁾	957 829	515 118	73 174
(b) Recreating a Classic – The Best Features of The Hong Kong Story	–	–	3 939
4. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence ⁽⁵⁾	64 507	–	–
5. Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	90 558	56 184	10 811
6. Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	64 146	40 021	18 849
7. Law Uk Folk Museum	16 164	9 771	2 875
8. Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	41 173	35 033	9 041

Venues	2018-19	2019-20 ⁽¹⁾	2020-21 ⁽²⁾
9. Hong Kong Heritage Museum			
(a) T. T. Tsui Gallery of Chinese Art	391 142	322 918	31 960
(b) Chao Shao-an Gallery	432 256	317 995	24 671
(c) Cantonese Opera Heritage Hall	401 555	308 816	24 443
(d) Children's Discovery Gallery	510 974	398 519	12 274
(e) Jin Yong Gallery	481 458	378 165	37 416
10. Hong Kong Railway Museum	277 775	200 702	66 779
11. Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	42 590	30 015	16 860
12. Hong Kong Science Museum	780 370	584 409	76 018
13. Hong Kong Space Museum	576 768	385 750	55 466
14. Hong Kong Film Archive	22 155	10 382	2 514
15. Sam Tung Uk Museum	116 451	68 339	9 189

Notes

1. The decrease in the number of attendance was due to the temporary closure of museums and venues under the management of the LCSD amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Attendance as at 28 February 2021. All museums under the management of the LCSD have been temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The Hong Kong Museum of Art was re-opened on 30 November 2019 after renovation.
4. The permanent exhibition of the Hong Kong Museum of History has been temporarily closed since 19 October 2020 for renewal.
5. The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence has been temporarily closed since September 2018 for major repair and renovation.

**Renewal of Permanent Exhibitions
at Museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the Past 3 Years**

Museums	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$'000)	Details
1. Hong Kong Museum of History	4,518	10,086	26,703	Academic research and data collection for exhibitions, application for usage rights for photos and images, recording and shooting of photos and videos, and commissioning of exhibition design firm for the related work.
2. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	1,663	446	4,796	Acquisition of exhibits for the new permanent exhibition and the Historical Trail, application for usage rights for photos and images, production of multimedia programmes and commissioning of exhibition design firm and exhibition production house for the related work.
3. Hong Kong Heritage Museum	3,317	2,468	22,455	Research on Hong Kong popular culture, acquisition of exhibits, application for usage rights for photos and images, production of multimedia programmes, and com-missioning of exhibition production house for fabrication of exhibits and fitting-out of exhibition galleries.
4. Hong Kong Railway Museum	5,210	2,123	2,719	Exhibition gallery re-opened in September 2019 after content updating of permanent exhibition completed and interactive installations added. Relocation of historic train coach No. 313 for display in the museum and upgrading of museum facilities.

Museums	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$'000)	Details
5. Hong Kong Science Museum				
(a) 5 permanent exhibition halls	1,953	6,714	11,260	Trial-run of the gallery conducted in November 2020 after fabrication of exhibits and fitting-out of the Earth Science Gallery completed. Re-novation of essential facilities of the Palaeontology Gallery.
(b) Telecommunications Gallery	500	500	500	Acquisition and testing of exhibits of the Innotech Gallery.
(c) Replacement of exhibits	—	1,500	3,000	Replacement of exhibits of the Electricity and Magnetism Gallery.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB186

(Question Serial No. 0454)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021–22 under Programme (5), that the Department will continue to enrich library e-resources including e-book. In this regard, please advise this Committee:

1. the number and growth rate of e-books in the past 5 years;
2. the usage rate and number of users as well as the respective growth rates of e-books;
3. will the Department consider building up an integrated and user-friendly system to cover all collection, so as to efficiently manage different formats of e-books, also encouraging the members of public to read e-books.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

1. The total number of titles and growth rate of e-book collections of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) in the past 5 years are at **Annex I**.
2. Unlike physical library materials, e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. Different service providers use different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category, to present the usage of their databases. The usage and growth rate of e-book collections in the past 5 years are at **Annex II**.

Regarding the number of users, registered borrowers of the HKPL can enjoy one-stop access to all e-book collections through the HKPL website. The number and growth rate of registered borrowers of the HKPL in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	2016 (million)	2017 (million)	2018 (million)	2019 (million)	2020 (million)
Cumulative Number of Registered Borrowers	4.454	4.532	4.609	4.682	4.709
Growth Rate	+1.9% ^(Note)	+1.8%	+1.7%	+1.6%	+0.6%

Note: The number of registered borrowers in 2015 was 4.372 million.

3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is planning the development of a new Smart Library System, targeting the core functions to launch in 2023. The new system aims to enrich e-reading experience and arouse public interest in reading e-books by a single platform of unified, consistent and easy-to-use interface for using and reading various collections and different formats of e-books on mobile devices or smart phones.

**Hong Kong Public Libraries
Total Number of Titles of e-Book Collections (2016 to 2020)**

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Total Number of Titles ⁽¹⁾				
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Chinese e-Book Databases						
1	HyRead ebook (launched in June 2016)	3 010	6 699	9 598	12 121	14 646
2	SUEP e-Book (launched in April 2017)	-	2 016	3 573	4 231	5 406
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	91 900	95 200	98 560	104 000	108 263
4	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	-	-	314	373	444
5	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	430	467	467	467	470
English e-Book Databases						
6	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	138 800	149 270	156 615	177 318	197 054
7	eBooks on EBSCOhost	7 600	12 993	17 960	22 301	26 439
8	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	-	-	-	4 987	11 094
9	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	1 492	6 134	6 932	11 764	13 314
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽³⁾	523	524	523	522	1 005
Total		243 755	273 303	294 542	338 084	378 135
Growth Rate		+9.9% ⁽⁴⁾	+12.1%	+7.8%	+14.8%	+11.8%

Notes

- (1) The e-book collections are hosted by service providers and licensed for library use at service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.
- (4) The number of titles in 2015 was 221 763.

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Usage of e-Book Collections (2016 to 2020)

Different service providers have used different statistical elements, such as the number of e-books consulted, searches, tracks played, browses by category to present the usage of their databases. The usage statistics of e-book collections of the Hong Kong Public Libraries provided by individual e-book database service providers from 2016 to 2020 are tabulated below.

Item	Title of e-Book Collections ⁽¹⁾	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count				
			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Collections adopting similar statistical elements based on the number of e-books consulted							
1	HyRead ebook (launched in June 2016)	online reading, borrowing and trial	116 649	244 885	353 543	600 520	2 009 714
2	SUEP e-Book (launched in April 2017)	online reading, borrowing and trial	-	47 803	116 279	211 572	961 564
3	Apabi Chinese eBooks	online reading and borrowing	59 578	64 071	56 716	54 572	118 916
4	FunPark (launched in April 2018)	online reading	-	-	25 149	30 350	136 640
5	ProQuest Ebook Central ⁽²⁾	online reading and download	21 178	28 081	30 998	23 135	35 571
6	eBooks on EBSCOhost	online reading and download	17 185	26 277	26 634	24 899	52 668
7	OverDrive eBooks (launched in February 2019)	borrowing	-	-	-	18 962	83 231
Sub-total			214 590	411 117	609 319	964 010	3 398 304
Growth Rate			+97.8% ⁽³⁾	+91.6%	+48.2%	+58.2%	+252.5%

Item	Title of e-Book Collections ⁽¹⁾	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count				
			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<i>Collections adopting other statistical elements</i>							
8	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	tracks played	41 793	26 134	26 315	28 949	42 976
9	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	browses by category	22 403	17 771	13 015	11 821	27 356
10-11	Safari Books Online ⁽⁴⁾	searches	10 084	9 871	8 971	7 502	11 727

Notes

- (1) HyRead ebook, SUEP e-Book, Apabi Chinese eBooks, Funpark and Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese are Chinese e-book databases whereas ProQuest Ebook Central, eBooks on EBSCOhost, OverDrive eBooks, Naxos Spoken Word Library and Safari Books Online are English e-book databases.
- (2) Formerly known as ebrary Academic Complete.
- (3) The use count for collections adopting similar statistical elements in 2015 was 108 480.
- (4) Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB187

(Question Serial No. 3274)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget Speech Paragraph 117, the Government will “inject an additional \$1 billion into the CreateSmart Initiative in 2021-22 to continuously drive the development of the creative industries.” Will the Administration inform this Committee:

Regarding to serious operating difficulties encountered by arts groups due to social distancing measures amidst the covid-19 epidemic, whether the Administration will consider to assist the arts organizations to arrange internet broadcasting, in an effort to support artists, arts professionals, and cultural organisations, as well as to provide an enriching experience for those isolated at home as Covid-19 continues to spread.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

In the past year, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) enhanced the broadband network facilities of its performing arts venues to provide high-speed and secure data transmission services to support live streaming or recorded performances of arts groups. It is expected that about 70% of these venues will be equipped with optical fibre broadband facilities in the first quarter of 2021. In view of the impact of the pandemic, the LCSD offers a 75% reduction of charges relating to live streaming or recorded performance up to 30 September 2021 on top of the reduction of basic hire charges.

The performing arts venues are also procuring by phases 4K 3-chip digital light processing projector, 4K pan-tilt-zoom camera, camera remote controller and related digital equipment for live streaming, immersive sound system, digital sound console and LED moving lights to support visual art creations of arts groups that incorporate arts technology as well as live streaming or video recording.

To provide sustained support to local small and medium-sized arts groups and artists amid the pandemic, the LCSD discusses with arts groups on the use of video technology and other practicable means or modes of delivering, and commissions local arts groups for online programmes. For example, 14 local arts groups/artists were commissioned for

programmes under the WeWeWebWeb Carnival, which recorded nearly 1 million page views in total. The LCSD also engaged renowned local and overseas artists to create online works (including virtual reality works) for the “ReNew Vision” in a bid to dovetail with the Government’s direction in developing high technology and adopting technology to service delivery while catering for the needs of those staying home to fight the pandemic. The LCSD rolled out a new service in December 2020 and launched the Edutainment Channel, a one-stop online platform covering informative and learning materials on aspects of culture and leisure. By integrating existing online resources as well as updating and enriching its content, the platform seeks to provide members of the public access to these materials and enhance their interest and knowledge in arts, culture, sports and recreation any time from the comfort of their homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB188

(Question Serial No. 0553)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Budget states that to cater for people's diverse needs for fitness equipment, the LCSD will install some novel outdoor fitness equipment as appropriate when constructing new parks or renovating existing ones, such as the Yat Ming Road Park in North District which is near completion and the Butterfly Beach Park in Tuen Mun.

- a. How much outdoor fitness equipment for adults is currently provided by the Government? (please set out the locations, types and quantity of equipment)
- b. How much outdoor fitness equipment for adults was additionally provided in each of the past 10 years?
- c. How much new outdoor fitness equipment for adults is planned to be provided in the coming 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- a. & b. The outdoor fitness equipment for adults provided in leisure venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) includes Parallel Bars, Chin-Up Bar, Push-Up Station and Sit-Up Bench, etc. The number of such equipment provided in 2020 and those additionally provided in the past 6 years by district are at **Annex I** and **Annex II**. The LCSD does not have a record of the numbers of equipment additionally provided before 2015.
- c. A list of projects confirmed to be built in the coming 5 years/under construction providing outdoor fitness equipment for adults is at **Annex III**.

**Number of outdoor fitness equipment for adults provided in leisure venues
managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(unit: set of facilities)**

District	2020
Hong Kong Island	
Central and Western	39
Eastern	69
Southern	29
Wan Chai	25
Kowloon	
Kowloon City	46
Kwun Tong	89
Sham Shui Po	52
Wong Tai Sin	39
Yau Tsim Mong	44
New Territories	
Islands	20
Kwai Tsing	45
North	32
Sai Kung	31
Sha Tin	72
Tai Po	22
Tsuen Wan	36
Tuen Mun	72
Yuen Long	43
Total	805

**Number of outdoor fitness equipment for adults additionally provided in
leisure venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
(unit: set of facilities)**

District	Year					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hong Kong Island						
Central and Western	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kowloon						
Kowloon City	0	0	0	0	1	3
Kwun Tong	5	0	0	0	0	6
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wong Tai Sin	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Territories						
Islands	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kwai Tsing	0	17	15	0	0	0
North	0	0	0	0	3	1
Sai Kung	8	0	0	0	2	0
Sha Tin	0	0	0	7	4	0
Tai Po	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	1	0	27
Yuen Long	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	13	18	16	11	12	43

**List of projects with provision of outdoor fitness equipment for adults
under construction/being planned to be built in the coming 5 years**

District	Project with provision of outdoor fitness equipment
Kowloon City	Avenue Park at Kai Tak
Kowloon City	Station Square at Kai Tak
Kowloon City	Hoi Sham Park Extension in Kowloon City District
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area
Kwun Tong	Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area
Wong Tai Sin	District Open Space Adjoining San Po Kong Public Housing Development
Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui
North	Open Space in Area 47 and 48, North District
Tai Po	Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po
Tai Po	Sports Centre, Community Hall and Football Pitches in Area 1, Tai Po
Tuen Mun	Open Space in Site B2, Area 27, Tuen Mun
Yuen Long	Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB189

(Question Serial No. 0088)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The LCSD mentioned in Programme (1) that in 2021-22 it will continue to improve the arrangements for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes through enhancement to the computerised booking system and administrative measures, as well as to develop the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system. Please provide the specific work plan, implementation timetable and expenditure, etc.

Regarding the intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system involving nearly \$500 million, the LCSD informed the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2018 that the core functions of the new system would hopefully be commissioned in 2021. Can the pledge be realised? If not, what are the reasons? How much has the department spent on the system so far?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 104)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been enhancing the computerised booking system and implementing various administrative measures to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to recreation and sports programmes. Online payment has been introduced for recreation and sports programmes requiring balloting. While the enhancement works for the computerised booking system had already been completed and the expenditure was about \$440,000. In addition, "iAM Smart", a one-stop personalised digital services platform developed by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer will also be introduced by the LCSD in 2021-22 to provide a faster and more convenient way for members of the public to access the online booking system for booking sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes. The enhancement works will be completed by the end of 2021 and the total estimated expenditure is about \$3.5 million.

In relation with the intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (the new system), the LCSD immediately launched the tender exercise for the contract for development of the system upon obtaining funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2018. As preparation of the tender documents and vetting of tenders were more complicated than expected and time-consuming, this, together with the rampant COVID-19 pandemic in the past year, has affected the progress of developing the new system. The development team of the system is now pressing ahead with the work. It is anticipated that the core functions of Phase 1 and the enhanced functions of Phase 2 will be rolled out in 2023 and 2024 respectively. As at February 2021, the total amount of expenditure on developing the new system is about \$14.83 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB190

(Question Serial No. 0092)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in Programme (2) that the LCSD's aims include maintaining the plants in public parks, gardens and roadside amenity areas in their best and healthy form to enhance greening and visual amenity. However, quite a number of members of the public have criticised that most plants in some of Hong Kong's gardens and parks, particularly roadside amenity areas, are evergreens which bloom and shed leaves less often and are less colourful, doubting whether it has anything to do with the Government's intention of reducing clean-up work. There are also doubts that many roadside plants have withered quickly due to improper care, and replacement of the plants has been much delayed, turning the garden plots into dusty places or rubbish dumps. Efforts to enhance amenity have gone into reverse. In this connection, would the Department provide the following information:

1. On what basis does the Department select the species of roadside plants? Apart from ease of maintenance, will the Department also attach weight to ornamental merit and plant diversity?
2. The mechanism, manpower and expenditure of the Department for maintenance of roadside plants.
3. Has the Department inspected the conditions of the roadside plants, no matter on its own initiative or in response to complaints? If yes, please provide the number of inspections and performance pledge concerned, and advise whether appropriate actions have been taken against the staff or contractors responsible for the maintenance of the relevant plants.

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 105)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has always been committed to providing quality landscaping facilities for public enjoyment. When replacement of roadside plants is necessary in cases of beautification works, damage caused by inclement weather conditions or natural withering etc., the LCSD will adopt the "Right

Tree, Right Place” principle as recommended by the Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section (GLTMS) of the Development Bureau, and plant the right species in the right place. The LCSD will select the right species with ornamental merit for planting, taking into account factors such as the surrounding environment, growth spaces for plants, microclimate and soil conditions, and draw reference from the Street Tree Selection Guide provided by the GLTMS.

2. The maintenance of the LCSD’s roadside plants, including daily inspection of the plant conditions, watering, pruning, and pest and disease control, is mainly provided by horticultural contractors. As services under the horticulture contracts cover roadside plants and green areas in parks and playgrounds etc., there is no breakdown on the manpower and expenditure for the maintenance of roadside plants. The manpower under the LCSD’s horticultural service contracts and the annual expenditure involved are as follows:

Year	2019-20	2020-21 (as at December 2020)	2021-22 (projected)
No. of staff	1 146	1 157	1 157
Annual expenditure (\$ million)	244	192	255

3. The LCSD’s venue management staff will conduct inspections along the scheduled routes on their own initiative, and will also inspect the roadside plants concerned in response to complaints. Contractors will be notified immediately for follow-up if any problem with plant growth is detected. For instance, should there be desiccation of plants, the contractor is required to rectify the issue within 24 hours. In exceptional cases where a complete replacement of withered plants is required, remedy must be completed within 7 days. In addition to on-site or surprise inspections, the venue management staff will also monitor the performance of contractors and their staff through such opportunities as work meetings with contractors and routine contacts with workers. In case of any non-compliance with contract requirements by the contractors, the venue management staff may give verbal advice or issue advisory letters to the contractors. For severe cases, default notices will be issued and a fee will be deducted from the monthly fee in the form of liquidated damages. Appropriate follow-up actions (including temporary suspension of service or termination of contract, etc.) will also be considered. Besides, the venues will conduct monthly assessments on the performance of the contractors to ensure that they comply with all the contract provisions and meet the contract requirements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB191

(Question Serial No. 0099)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that about \$700 million would be allocated to make the public play spaces more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 public play spaces across the territory within 5 years from 2020 to 2026. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. The number of venues at which transformation has commenced or has been completed so far, the names of the venues concerned and the expenditure involved;
2. The estimated number of venues at which transformation will commence or will be completed in 2021-22, the names of the venues concerned and the expenditure involved;
3. Is the Department confident that transformation of all of the 170 venues will be completed as scheduled by 2026 having regard to the current progress? If so, is there any plan to further transform more public play spaces? If not, what are the reasons?
4. Have any design competitions been held or will be held for some of the transformation projects to let young people and professionals unleash their creativity while enhancing the diversity and characteristics in the design of public play spaces in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Government launched a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory in 2019. The total estimated expenditure for the entire programme is \$686 million. The LCSD launched 17 transformation projects in 2020-21 and will launch 26 projects in 2021-22 in various districts. A list of venues of transformation projects is at Annex.

3. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been successfully launched by 2026. The LCSD will closely monitor the works progress and review the public response to the programme so as to consider whether more PPS should be transformed.
4. In transforming the PPS, the LCSD will encourage and promote community participation and engagement through different means, such as workshops and opinion surveys to engage different stakeholders and invite them to offer opinions. Meanwhile, the LCSD will also collect views from professionals and bring about innovation in considering organising open design competitions for the transformation works of some suitable PPS.

List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22

Districts	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
Hong Kong Island		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
New Territories		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

Transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB192

(Question Serial No. 1466)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is anticipated that social distancing measures will continue for some time in the future. Regarding the series of online programmes on art, science and history on the LCSD Edutainment Channel launched by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, what are their estimated expenditure and estimated number of viewers?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) rolled out a new service in December 2020 and launched the LCSD Edutainment Channel, a one-stop online platform. By integrating existing online resources as well as updating and producing new content, the platform seeks to provide members of the public access to arts, cultural, sports and recreation programmes and enhance their interest in these disciplines any time from the comfort of their homes amid the pandemic. The LCSD also launched 101 Academy on the online platform to provide a systematic introduction to basic knowledge in culture, arts, science, recreation and sports as well as horticulture to members of the public. The “Vis-à-vis +01” series under 101 Academy brings online interactive experience to the public through museum virtual tours, online sports training, and interactive guided tours of accessible parks.

It is expected that this new online platform will function as an instrument to bring sports and cultural resources to members of the public anytime and anywhere, and promote recreation, sports, culture and arts in a more effective manner. In 2021-22, the estimated expenditure for operating the LCSD Edutainment Channel is about \$24 million. Another \$15 million has been earmarked for interactive sports training programmes on which about 10 000 viewers are expected to enrol.

As at the end of February 2021, nearly 500 videos were uploaded to the LCSD Edutainment Channel with about 1.5 million page views in total. To broaden the reaching out for more viewers, the LCSD has uploaded the videos of 101 Academy to YouTube Channel, and released videos from “Art Appreciation 101” series under 101 Academy on the social media platforms of its museums. Some of the performance programmes on the Edutainment Channel are broadcast through its website and YouTube. WeWeWebWeb Carnival, for instance, recorded nearly 1 million page views in total.

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