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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)001

(Question Serial No. 2707)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

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

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

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 86)

Reply:

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

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

| Year | Total expenditure (\$million) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 182.7 |
| 2017-18 | 187.3 |
| 2018-19 | 192.4 |
| 2019-20 | 216.1 |
| 2020-21 (revised estimate) | 213.3 |

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

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)002

(Question Serial No. 2708)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

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

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

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 87)

Reply:

The hospitals of the Hospital Authority (HA) participating in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) have set up Discharge Planning Teams (DPTs) comprising doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, etc. to formulate personalised discharge plans for patients before they leave the hospitals. Each DPT partners with a Home Support Team (HST), which is operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) commissioned by the HA and mainly comprises social workers and care workers, to provide post-discharge support for patients, e.g. referring needy patients to the HA's geriatric day hospitals for nursing care or rehabilitation services, and transitional home support services provided by NGOs. Training and support are also provided to carers of the patients so as to facilitate ageing-in-place of the patients. In the past 5 years, about 33 000 persons participated in the IDSP each year.

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

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

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)003

(Question Serial No. 0011)

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the estimated expenditure on the emoluments and allowances for the Secretary for Labour and Welfare (SLW), the Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Political Assistant to SLW in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The emolument provisions earmarked by the Labour and Welfare Bureau for the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary for 2021-22 are \$4.07 million, \$2.72 million and \$1.04 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)004

(Question Serial No. 2828)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the performance indicators used by the Bureau to oversee the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, including the Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed under the CSSA Scheme? What was the effectiveness of the above schemes over the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme provides cash assistance for financially vulnerable individuals and families to help them meet their basic needs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) disburses payments according to the number of eligible household members and their individual circumstances and needs. Generally, the SWD could complete the application procedures within 4 weeks upon receipt of all necessary information.

The Government announced in 2019 a series of CSSA improvement measures. These measures include increasing the maximum rent allowance significantly, raising the maximum level of the monthly disregarded earnings substantially, strengthening employment services and extending a range of supplement and special grants to eligible non-elderly able-bodied recipients. After obtaining approval from the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo), the Government started rolling out the improvement measures in 2020 as planned and has implemented all of them by February 2021.

To provide more targeted support for the unemployed and their families who face immediate economic difficulties, the Government has launched the time-limited "Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed" under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% for 1 year from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Furthermore, the Government has put in place another time-limited new arrangement under the special scheme for 6 months from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021. Specifically, the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied CSSA applicants will not be counted as assets during the

grace period of 1 year. The LegCo FC has approved a one-off commitment of \$3,520 million to meet the relevant expenditure. As at end-December 2020, there were about 19 500 CSSA unemployment cases, representing an increase of more than 55% over end-December 2019. The SWD will continue to actively process CSSA applications so as to render timely assistance to people in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)005

(Question Serial No. 2867)

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

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

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please 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.: 256)

Reply:

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare did not conduct any duty visits outside Hong Kong last year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)006

(Question Serial No. 2880)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of holders of the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities by type of disability in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 196)

Reply:

According to the records of the Central Registry for Rehabilitation (CRR), there were 88 929, 92 281 and 93 077 persons issued with the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at end December 2020) respectively. A breakdown by types of disability is provided at Annex.

**Number of persons issued with the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities
and their respective types of disabilities**

| Types of disability | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end December 2020) |
|---|----------------|----------------|--|
| Attention deficit/ Hyperactivity disorder | 2 513 | 2 840 | 2 914 |
| Autism | 9 626 | 10 296 | 10 614 |
| Hearing impairment | 9 874 | 10 125 | 10 175 |
| Intellectual disability | 22 806 | 23 362 | 23 591 |
| Physical disability | 14 935 | 15 611 | 15 778 |
| Mental illness | 21 381 | 22 346 | 22 627 |
| Specific learning difficulties | 1 665 | 1 927 | 2 083 |
| Speech impairment | 6 538 | 6 879 | 6 963 |
| Visceral disability/ Chronic illness | 17 472 | 18 017 | 18 027 |
| Visual impairment | 4 773 | 5 006 | 5 072 |

Figures shown above are cumulative figures. Since a person with disabilities may have more than one type of disability, the total number of persons with disabilities issued with the Registration Cards for People with Disabilities by the CRR is less than the sum of the number of persons with disabilities listed by individual types of disability above.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)007

(Question Serial No. 2139)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee on the following:

1. What are the numbers of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff 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 employed by the Director of Bureau? If yes, what are the relevant establishment and expenditure ceilings?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

In the past 3 years, 1 NCSC staff was employed by the Director of Bureau's Office in the Labour and Welfare Bureau. The expenditures involved are as follows:

| Financial Year | Expenditure on NCSC Staff |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2018-19 | \$0.37 million |
| 2019-20 | \$0.42 million |
| 2020-21 (as at February 2021) | \$0.41 million |

The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) has set a ceiling for the number of NCSC staff to be employed by each bureau/department. Prior approval from CSB has to be sought for the employment of NCSC staff over and above the prescribed ceiling.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)008

(Question Serial No. 0218)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the progressive implementation of anti-abuse and enhancement measures under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme) under the Programme, would the Government advise the following:

1. The amount of reimbursement claims made to the Government and the number of beneficiaries under the \$2 Scheme in each of the past 3 years, broken down by transport operator, mode of transport and type of beneficiaries (namely the elderly and eligible persons with disabilities);
2. The average number of daily passenger trips under the \$2 Scheme, broken down by mode of transport, and the annual average number of passenger trips taken by each elderly person and person with disabilities under the \$2 Scheme;
3. The number of anonymous Elder Octopus cards issued and collected by the card issuer in each of the past 3 years;
4. The number of people who applied for the \$2 Scheme with personalised Octopus cards in the past 3 years;
5. Whether the Government would take any measures to curb the circulation of anonymous Elder Octopus cards to avoid abuse, and if so the details;
6. The latest progress of extending the \$2 Scheme to red mini buses, kaitos and tramways;
7. The estimated expenditure for the \$2 Scheme for the coming financial year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

The information is provided below:

(1) & (2)

There are currently about 1.49 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), of which approximately 1.32 million are elderly persons ^(Note 1) and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities ^(Note 2).

The average number of daily passenger trips under the \$2 Scheme in 2018, 2019 and 2020 calendar years are tabulated as follows:

| Public transport operator | Calendar year | Average number of daily passenger trips under the \$2 Scheme | |
|--|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | | Elderly persons | Eligible persons with disabilities |
| Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) | 2018 | 392 000 | 57 000 |
| | 2019 | 454 000 | 64 000 |
| | 2020 | 362 000 | 47 000 |
| Franchised bus operators | 2018 | 512 000 | 70 000 |
| | 2019 | 537 000 | 72 000 |
| | 2020 | 406 000 | 56 000 |
| Ferry operators | 2018 | 6 900 | 900 |
| | 2019 | 7 200 | 1 000 |
| | 2020 | 6 600 | 900 |
| Green minibus (GMB) operators | 2018 | 243 000 | 31 000 |
| | 2019 | 258 000 | 31 000 |
| | 2020 | 210 000 | 25 000 |

^(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

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

The Government's reimbursement to participating public transport operators for their revenue forgone under the \$2 Scheme in the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years is tabulated below:

| Public transport operator | 2018-19 actual (\$'000) | | 2019-20 actual (\$'000) | | 2020-21 revised estimate (\$'000) | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Elderly persons | Eligible persons with disabilities | Elderly persons | Eligible persons with disabilities | Elderly persons | Eligible persons with disabilities |
| MTRCL | 261,306 | 53,221 | 287,411 | 54,258 | 228,458 | 40,884 |
| Franchised bus operators | 372,531 | 142,818 | 393,235 | 147,932 | 294,799 | 115,107 |
| Ferry operators | 27,749 | 3,491 | 26,237 | 3,364 | 23,994 | 3,173 |

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|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| GMB operators | 309,079 | 39,213 | 323,126 | 39,425 | 288,162 | 34,548 |
| Total | 970,665 | 238,743 | 1,030,009 | 244,979 | 835,413 | 193,712 |

- (3) According to the information provided by Octopus Cards Limited to the Transport Department (TD), the number of Anonymous On-Loan Elder Octopus Cards, which are loan cards, issued and collected in 2018, 2019 and 2020 calendar years are tabulated below:

| Calendar year | Anonymous Elder Octopus Card (On-Loan) | |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| | Number of cards issued | Number of cards collected |
| 2018 | 520 000 | 260 000 |
| 2019 | 510 000 | 290 000 |
| 2020 | 280 000 | 170 000 |

- (4) To enjoy the concessionary fare under the \$2 Scheme, elderly persons are required to use Elder Octopus Card or Personalised Octopus Card (P-Card) whereas eligible persons with disabilities are required to use P-Card with “Persons with Disabilities Status”. The Government does not maintain a breakdown of the number of passenger trips taken by elderly persons using Elder Octopus Card or P-Card to enjoy the \$2 Scheme.
- (5) The Government announced on 12 January 2021 that persons aged 60 to 64 must apply for and use tailor-made P-Card with photo and age eligibility as a prerequisite for benefitting from the concessionary fare. The Government will also extend the mandatory requirement of using P-Card to all existing beneficiaries aged 65 and above in the following 2 years upon completion of the issue of P-Card to new beneficiaries, so as to cease the access by Anonymous Elder Octopus Card to the \$2 Scheme in the future.
- (6) The Government will extend the \$2 Scheme to red mini buses and kaitos on the condition of their strict compliance with TD’s monitoring conditions prior to their admission, including registration with TD in respect of the origin and destination of the routes and fares, installation of an Octopus payment system on admitted routes to ensure adherence to pre-set registered fares for calculating the differential fare to be reimbursed, as well as compliance with TD’s regular reporting and audit requirements. Upon lowering the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme to 60, the Government will extend the \$2 Scheme to tramways on the condition that Hong Kong Tramways Limited will adhere to the standard requirements under the \$2 Scheme (i.e. participating public transport operators will only be reimbursed the difference between the full adult fare and the \$2 flat rate). TD is liaising with the related sectors on the relevant details.
- (7) In 2021-22, the estimated expenditure for the Government to reimburse the participating public transport operators the revenue forgone under the \$2 Scheme is \$2.744 billion, which covers the annual differential fare for the existing beneficiaries aged 65 or above and the differential fare to be reimbursed in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of extending the \$2 Scheme to beneficiaries aged 60 to 64 and to red mini buses, kaitos and tramways under the enhancement measures. In addition, the non-recurrent

commitment, mainly for progressive implementation of tailor-made P-Cards for the beneficiaries, is \$208 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)009

(Question Serial No. 3012)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The current number of eligible beneficiaries of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme (the \$2 Scheme);
2. The total amount of fare differential reimbursed to various public transport operators by the Government under the \$2 Scheme in the past 3 years;
3. The average daily passenger trips of the \$2 Scheme (with a breakdown by type of public transport operator) in the past 3 years;
4. The latest implementation timetable for lowering the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme to 60, and the estimated increases in the number of eligible beneficiaries and recurrent expenditure; and
5. Whether the Administration has assessed the increases in the number of eligible beneficiaries and recurrent expenditure if the \$2 Scheme were to cover all full-time students in the territory.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information is provided below:

1. There are currently about 1.49 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), of which approximately 1.32 million are elderly persons^(Note 1) and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities^(Note 2).

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

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

2. The Government's reimbursements to participating public transport operators for their revenue forgone under the \$2 Scheme in the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years is tabulated below:

| Public transport operator | 2018-19 actual (\$'000) | 2019-20 actual (\$'000) | 2020-21 revised estimate (\$'000) |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) | 314,527 | 341,669 | 269,342 |
| Franchised bus operators | 515,349 | 541,167 | 409,906 |
| Ferry operators | 31,240 | 29,601 | 27,167 |
| Green minibus (GMB) operators | 348,292 | 362,551 | 322,710 |
| Total | 1,209,408 | 1,274,988 | 1,029,125 |

3. The average numbers of daily passenger trips under the \$2 Scheme in 2018, 2019 and 2020 calendar years are tabulated as follows:

| Public transport operator | Calendar year | Average number of daily passenger trips under the \$2 Scheme | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | | Elderly persons | Eligible persons with disabilities |
| MTRCL | 2018 | 392 000 | 57 000 |
| | 2019 | 454 000 | 64 000 |
| | 2020 | 362 000 | 47 000 |
| Franchised bus operators | 2018 | 512 000 | 70 000 |
| | 2019 | 537 000 | 72 000 |
| | 2020 | 406 000 | 56 000 |
| Ferry operators | 2018 | 6 900 | 900 |
| | 2019 | 7 200 | 1 000 |
| | 2020 | 6 600 | 900 |
| GMB operators | 2018 | 243 000 | 31 000 |
| | 2019 | 258 000 | 31 000 |
| | 2020 | 210 000 | 25 000 |

4. The lowering of the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme involves system development, orderly processing of applications from 600 000 people aged 60 to 64 and issue of tailor-made Personalised Octopus Cards (P-Cards) for the \$2 Scheme. If passage of all relevant procedures proceed smoothly (including the appropriation procedures under the Legislative Council), the Government may implement progressively the lowering of the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme and other enhancement measures from the first quarter of 2022.

In 2021-22, the estimated expenditure for the Government to reimburse to the participating public transport operators the revenue forgone under the \$2 Scheme is \$2.744 billion, which covers the annual differential fare for the existing beneficiaries aged 65 or above and the differential fare to be reimbursed in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of extending the \$2 Scheme to beneficiaries aged 60 to 64 and to red mini buses, kaitos and tramways under the enhancement measures. In addition, the non-recurrent commitment, mainly for progressive implementation of tailor-made P-Cards for the beneficiaries, is \$208 million.

5. The Government has no plan to cover full-time students under the \$2 Scheme for the time being.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)010

(Question Serial No. 0215)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the preparatory work for progressive implementation of anti-abuse and enhancement measures under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme) mentioned under this Programme, please advise the following:

1. The details of the anti-abuse and enhancement measures mentioned above;
2. Whether the Government has explored with the card issuer the technology and administrative arrangements and measures to prevent abuse; if yes, please provide the dates and details; if not, the reasons;
3. The timetable for implementing the anti-abuse and enhancement measures mentioned above;
4. How will the Government urge the relevant operators and law enforcement departments to step up prosecution actions against abuse;
5. Whether it is possible to expedite the implementation of the aforesaid measures through increasing manpower, so that the plan for extending the \$2 Scheme to cover people aged 60-64 can be introduced earlier within this year;
6. What is the estimated expenditure for the aforesaid measures?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The information is provided below:

(1)

The Government announced on 12 January 2021 the enhancement and anti-abuse measures under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), including:

1. implementing the lowering of the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme to 60 on the condition that persons aged 60 to 64 must apply for and use tailor-made Personalised Octopus Cards (P-Cards) with photo and age eligibility as a prerequisite for benefitting from the concessionary fare;
2. extending the mandatory requirement of using P-Cards to all existing beneficiaries aged 65 and above in the following two years upon completion of the issue of P-Cards to new beneficiaries aged 60 to 64;
3. requiring all public transport operators under the \$2 Scheme to enhance ticket inspection and passenger identifications, and to strictly enforce the penalty as set out in the relevant legislation and by-laws; and launching publicity programmes to enhance public awareness towards any abuse of the \$2 Scheme and to remind beneficiaries of making appropriate use of “section fare” to ensure proper use of public money;
4. extending the \$2 Scheme to red mini buses, kaitos and tramways on the condition of their strict compliance with the Transport Department (TD)’s monitoring requirements prior to their admission; and
5. making appropriate adjustments to the fixed rate of \$2 every five years.

(2) & (4)

The Government has been closely monitoring the implementation of the \$2 Scheme. When implementing the \$2 Scheme, TD has requested the participating public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work, and to strictly enforce the penalty as set out in the relevant legislation and by-laws to prevent abuse. TD has further arranged field surveys to monitor the situation. Public transport operators have also enhanced publicity and reminded passengers to honestly tender the fares payable. Non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fare are required to pay a surcharge and/or the shortfall. Depending on the circumstances, the public transport operators may initiate prosecutions or refer individual cases to the Police for follow-up action. TD has launched publicity programmes in March 2021 to raise public awareness of not abusing the \$2 Scheme, and will continue to request the participating public transport operators to step up ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work

In parallel, TD also monitors the public transport operators in implementing the \$2 Scheme to prevent any abuse. TD has established a series of monitoring measures with the participating public transport operators, including the establishment of a set of audit standards to strengthen the internal control system, and deployment of TD staff to conduct on-site inspections on internal controls adopted by the public transport operators. TD also regularly examines the records and reports submitted by the public transport operators and the Octopus Cards Limited as well. If suspected abuse cases are detected, TD will refer them to the Police for follow-up action.

(3) & (5)

The lowering of the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme involves system development, orderly processing of applications from people aged 60 to 64 and issue of tailor-made P-Cards for the \$2 Scheme. If passage of all relevant procedures proceeds smoothly (including the

appropriation procedures under the Legislative Council), the Government may progressively implement the lowering of the eligible age of the \$2 Scheme and other enhancement measures from the first quarter of 2022, and extend the mandatory requirement of using P-Cards to all beneficiaries in 2024.

(6)

In 2021-22, the estimated expenditure for the Government to reimburse to the participating public transport operators the revenue forgone under the \$2 Scheme is \$2.744 billion, which covers the annual differential fare for the existing beneficiaries aged 65 or above and the differential fare to be reimbursed in the first quarter of 2022 as a result of extending the \$2 Scheme to beneficiaries aged 60 to 64 and to red mini buses, kaitos and tramways under the enhancement measures. In addition, the non-recurrent commitment, mainly for progressive implementation of tailor-made P-Cards for the beneficiaries, is \$208 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)011

(Question Serial No. 2008)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Welfare

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of community support programme for residents of new public rental housing (PRH) estates mentioned under this programme, please advise:

1. for each of the past 3 years, the number of community support programmes for residents of new PRH estates provided by the Government, the PRH estates and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved as well as the services provided;
2. the types of cases received and followed up under the community support programmes in the past 3 years;
3. in addition to the provision of support for the concerned new PRH estates, did the Government strengthen and increase the social welfare services provided for the related community and transfer the cases received under the community support programmes to the relevant social service units for follow-up action upon the expiry of the programmes? If yes, please provide the details;
4. in view of the successive completion of several new development areas (NDAs) such as Tung Chung East, Kwu Tung, Hung Shui Kiu, etc. in the next few years, has the Government made preparations for the social welfare planning and community support programme for these NDAs and pledged to commence the support services in tandem with the intake of residents?
5. the estimated expenditure and manpower related to the concerned policy in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1., 2. & 3.

The Government has always been concerned about the needs of residents of the newly completed public rental housing (PRH) estates. To ensure the availability of adequate

and appropriate services to assist the residents of new PRH estates to establish support networks at the time of resident-intake of new PRH estates, we have regularised the community support programme for new PRH estates through the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) with effect from April 2019 to help the new residents and families integrate into the community as soon as possible.

As at mid-March 2021, there are a total of 61 CIIF-funded community support projects for new PRH estates ongoing/upcoming in or after 2018. Organisations funded and housing estates supported under the projects are as follows:

| | Programme name | Organisation and service unit (if any) | New / redeveloped PRH estates |
|---|--|--|---|
| 1 | “Home Sweet Home” Care & Support in the Community | Po Leung Kuk – Wan Lam May Yin Shirley Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City |
| 2 | “Life Gets Started” Caring Community Project | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited – HKSKH Kowloon City Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre – Jockey Club Youth Express | Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City |
| 3 | “New Estate with New Relationship” Cheung Lung Wai Community Neighborhoods Network Project | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited – Hong Kong Evangelical Church Yan Lam Community Service Centre | Cheung Lung Wai Estate, Sheung Shui |
| 4 | Building Community’s Power in Ngau Tau Kok | Caritas-Hong Kong – Ngau Tau Kok Community Centre | Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Kwai Wah House |
| 5 | T·C·R | Kwun Tong Resident Association | Lei Yue Mun Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 6 | Make A Difference: Building a Sustainable Cross-sectoral Carers’ Support Network (Phase 2) | Hong Kong Federation of Women’s Centres Limited – Jockey Club Tai Wo Centre | Po Heung Estate, Tai Po |
| 7 | Better SHA Teen Café (Care For Emotional health) | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Jockey Club Shatin Integrated Services Centre | Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin |
| 8 | At Home With Love | South Kwai Chung Social Service – | Wing Cheong Estate, Sham Shui Po |

| | Programme name | Organisation and service unit (if any) | New / redeveloped PRH estates |
|----|---|--|--|
| | | Lai King Community Service Unit | |
| 9 | A New Page in Life: To Develop a Sustainable Mutual Help Network for New Arrival Women and Single Mothers | Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres Limited – Jockey Club Lai Kok Centre | Cheung Sha Wan Estate and Wing Cheong Estate, Sham Shui Po |
| 10 | “Blessing Hung Fuk Estate” Family Support & Community Partnership Project | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Long Love Integrated Family Services Centre | Hung Fuk Estate, Yuen Long |
| 11 | Good Neighbors Network at Lei Yue Mun Estate | Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club – Dr. Ellen LI Learning Centre | Lei Yue Mun Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Lei Wong House |
| 12 | Neighbour of Well-being (New) So Uk 330 | New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association – The Wellness Centre (Sham Shui Po) | So Uk Estate (Phase 1), Sham Shui Po |
| 13 | 新社區家庭互助計劃 (Chinese only) | Brotherly Love Swatow Baptist Church – Tung Tau Chapel | Mei Tung Estate, Wong Tai Sin |
| 14 | “On Tat Neighbour Networking” Project | Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong – Sau Mau Ping Good Neighbour Family Center | On Tat Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 15 | So Uk Estate Social Capital Development Project | The Salvation Army – Community Project | So Uk Estate (Phase 1), Sham Shui Po |
| 16 | Healthy Community in Anderson | Haven of Hope Christian Service – Haven of Hope Sheung Tak Community Health Development Centre | On Tat Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 17 | Shui Chuen O – Networks Build Community | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Wilson T.S. Wang District Elderly Community Centre | Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin |
| 18 | “On-Tat Buddy & Beyond” Community Networking Project | Po Leung Kuk – Po Leung Kuk Lau Chan Siu Po District Elderly Community Centre | On Tat Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 19 | “Active Aging” Community Empowerment Project | The Jade Club Management Limited | Ming Wah Dai Ha, Eastern District |

| | Programme name | Organisation and service unit (if any) | New / redeveloped PRH estates |
|----|---|---|--|
| 20 | Love Sharing @ Tung Chung | The Salvation Army – Tung Chung Family Support Centre | Ying Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung) |
| 21 | On Tai Buddies | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Stephen Yow Mok Shing Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | On Tai Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 22 | Together We Build Sharing and Caring Community Project | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Company Limited – Kowloon City Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre | Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City |
| 23 | 「Seek The Wing」 Project | Po Leung Kuk – Wan Lam May Yin Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate, Kowloon City |
| 24 | SELF Life Choice Project | CCC Tam Lee Lai Fun Memorial Secondary School | Yan Tin Estate, Tuen Mun |
| 25 | Community Health Academy for Elderly | The Hong Kong Medical Association | Kwai Tsui Estate, Kwai Tsing |
| 26 | Ageing with Energy & Health in Community | Kwun Tong Resident Association | Sau Mau Ping Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Sau Yun House |
| 27 | Shek Mun OCAMP | Stewards – Youth Online - Stewards Integrated Service Centre for Young People | Shek Mun Estate (Phase 2), Shatin |
| 28 | “Long-lasting Relationship in Cheung Lung Wai Estate” – Cheung Lung Wai Community Neighbourhoods Strengthening and Widening Network Project | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited – Hong Kong Evangelical Church Yan Lam Community Service Centre | Cheung Lung Wai Estate, Sheung Shui |
| 29 | We Build Ying Tung | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Company Limited – Tung Chung Integrated Services | Ying Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung) |
| 30 | MUN TUNG Networking Project | The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – | Mun Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung) |

| | Programme name | Organisation and service unit (if any) | New / redeveloped PRH estates |
|----|--|---|--|
| | | Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre | |
| 31 | Social Capital.330@So Uk Elderly Project | New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association – The Wellness Centre (Sham Shui Po) | So Uk Estate (Phase 2), Sham Shui Po |
| 32 | ‘Love Plus Life @ Tung Chung’ Neighbourhood Caring Project | Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City Foundation Limited | Ying Tung Estate and Mun Tung Estate, Islands (Tung Chung) |
| 33 | So Uk Estate Social Capital Development Project (Phase II) | The Salvation Army – Community Project | So Uk Estate (Phase 2), Sham Shui Po |
| 34 | Yau Lai Community Networking Project | The Hong Kong Chinese Women’s Club – Dr. Ellen Li Learning Centre | Yau Lai Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Shun Lai House |
| 35 | HF Children Friendly Network | Community Development Enhancement Fund Limited – Community & Education Unit | Hung Fuk Estate, Yuen Long |
| 36 | Project Play and Build | The Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs Association of Hong Kong – Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan C&Y Integrated Services Centre | Lai Tsui Court, Sham Shui Po |
| 37 | KID@SCO – Shui Chuen O Social Capital Building Project | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Wilson T.S.Wang District Elderly Community Centre | Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin |
| 38 | Sau Mau Ping “Enjoy Being Young” Community Enrichment Project | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Fong Shiu Yee Neighborhood Elderly Centre | Sau Mau Ping Estate, Kwun Tong New block: Sau Yun House |
| 39 | Living in Concord – Po Shek Wu Estate Community Supporting Project | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service – Community Development Division | Po Shek Wu Estate, North District |
| 40 | Building an age-friendly community at Hoi Ying Estate | Pok Oi Hospital – Mr. Kwok Hing Kwan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | Hoi Ying Estate, Sham Shui Po |
| 41 | “Love Family Love | Caritas-Hong Kong – | Tung Wui Estate, Wong |

| | Programme name | Organisation and service unit (if any) | New / redeveloped PRH estates |
|----|---|--|---|
| | Community” | Integrated Family Service Centre - Tung Tau (Wong Tai Sin South West) | Tai Sin |
| 42 | Love Around Fai Ming | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service – Jockey Club Yung Shing Lutheran Integrated Service Centre | Fai Ming Estate, North District |
| 43 | Chun Yeung 12345 – Neighbourhood mutual help project | Hong Kong Young Women’s Christian Association – Shatin Integrated Social Service Centre | Chun Yeung Estate, Shatin |
| 44 | Project on Developing Community Network | Hong Kong PHAB Association – Jockey Club Shatin Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth | Chun Yeung Estate, Shatin |
| 45 | ABCD Shui Chuen O Family Network | The Chinese University of Hong Kong – The Nethersole School of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine | Shui Chuen O Estate, Shatin |
| 46 | Joyful Family Connection | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service – Kingsford Terrace Centre | Fu Shan Estate, Wong Tai Sin New block: Fu Fai House |
| 47 | We Care, We Share – Social Capital Building Project | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Yu Mak Yuen Integrated Services Centre | Hoi Tat Estate, Sham Shui Po |
| 48 | Flying over Self-Reliance & Mutual Help – Estate House Team Leader for On Tai Project | Christian Action – Christian Action Lo Kwee Seong On Tai Service Center | On Tai Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 49 | Yan Tin Joyful Partnership Project | The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Tuen Mun/Yuen Long Rural Village Centre | Yan Tin Estate, Tuen Mun |
| 50 | “Healthy and Sustainable Life in Shek Kip Mei” Community Support and Networking Project | The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Shamshui Po District Elderly Community Centre & Shamshui Po Family Support Networking Team | Shek Kip Mei Estate (Phase 3, 6 and 7), Sham Shui Po |
| 51 | “Healthy and Happy Family in Pak Tin” | The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – | Pak Tin Estate (Phase 7, 8 and 11), Sham Shui Po |

| | Programme name | Organisation and service unit (if any) | New / redeveloped PRH estates |
|----|---|--|--|
| | Community Support and Networking Project | Shamshuipo District Elderly Community Centre & Shamshuipo Family Support Networking Team | |
| 52 | Building Long Sin New Home Together | New Home Association – New Territories West Service Centre | Long Sin Estate, Yuen Long |
| 53 | Joyful Yue Wan Community Support Project | St. James' Settlement – Wan Chai Community Centre | Yue Chun House, Yue Wan Estate, Chai Wan, Eastern District |
| 54 | “Good Neighbour@ Tai Po” – Fu Tip Estate Community Support and Networking Project | The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council – Jockey Club Tai Po North Integrated Children & Youth Services Centre | Fu Tip Estate, Tai Po |
| 55 | Queen's Hill, Co-creation | Caritas-Hong Kong – Caritas Integrated Family Service Centre - Fanling | Queen's Hill Estate, North District (Fanling) |
| 56 | Community Club House @ Choi Fuk | Hong Kong Playground Association – Choi Tak Integrated Service Centre for Children & Youth | Choi Fuk Estate, Kwun Tong |
| 57 | Love Around Queen's Hill | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service-LCHKS – Jockey Club Yung Shing Lutheran Integrated Service Centre | Queen's Hill Estate, North District (Fanling) |
| 58 | Co-joyful Queen's Hill – Neighbourhood Mutual Help Project | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association – Ellen Li District Elderly Community Centre | Queen's Hill Estate, North District (Fanling) |
| 59 | Love your Ming Wah Neighbours | Methodist Centre – Community Support Service | Ming Wah Dai Ha, Shau Kei Wan, Eastern District |
| 60 | Living Water – Lively Estate | The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship Ltd – Kowloon East Office | Kai Chuen Court, Diamond Hill, Wong Tai Sin |
| 61 | Project New Vision (Lai King) | The Urban Peacemaker Evangelistic Fellowship Ltd – T.K.T. Office | Hang King House, Lai King Estate, Kwai Tsing |

On receiving cases requiring follow-up, project teams of the community support programme will make use of the referral mechanism established with district stakeholders and refer the cases to the existing welfare services for follow-up. The CIIF hopes that the community support programme for new PRH estates and the existing welfare services may complement each other.

4. The CIIF Secretariat has been liaising closely with the Housing Department to ensure that adequate and appropriate community support services are provided through the CIIF projects at the time of resident-intake of new PRH estates, so as to assist the new residents to establish support networks. The Government will also assess from time to time the community's demand for different welfare services, and will continue to allocate resources to increase the provision of relevant services. The Social Welfare Department will sustain its efforts in exploring with the relevant government departments the reservation of sites or premises for the provision of welfare facilities, so as to meet the needs of the localities (including new development areas) for welfare services.
5. On the estimated expenditure, the number of community support programmes for new PRH estates will be subject to district needs and the number of households in new PRH estates. For 2021-22, the CIIF funding for community support programmes for new PRH estates is estimated at about \$8 million. As for the manpower, the expenditure involved will be borne by the Labour and Welfare Bureau with its existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)012

(Question Serial No. 2010)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On following up the implementation of the recommendations of the Elderly Services Programme Plan (ESPP) under this Programme, will the Government advise on the following:

1. the progress of the Department's follow-up on each of the 4 strategic directions and 20 recommendations set out in the ESPP, as well as the Department's resources and estimated provisions for each recommendation in the past 2 years;
2. the specific work and estimated provisions in taking forward the ESPP in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The Elderly Services Programme Plan (ESPP) has put forward 4 strategic directions and 20 short-term and medium to long-term recommendations on the future development of elderly services. Follow-up actions will be taken by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Social Welfare Department and other relevant policy bureaux and departments according to their respective scope of responsibility. The LWB is responsible for the overall co-ordination and monitoring of the progress of implementation of ESPP. As ESPP follow-up actions involve strengthening and enhancing existing elderly services or on-going tasks of bureaux and departments, the resources involved cannot be separately calculated.

The follow-up of the short-term recommendations has commenced/completed in or before 2019, while that of the medium to long-term recommendations will generally commence within 3 to 5 years following the release of ESPP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)013

(Question Serial No. 3145)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Will the Bureau please provide the balance, government injection amount, investment or other income and total expenditure of the following funds in 2019-20? If there are other funds within the purview of the Bureau not being listed below, please also provide information as per the items above.

1. Elder Academy Development Foundation
2. Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped
3. Emergency Relief Fund
4. Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Fund
5. Hong Kong Paralympians Fund
6. Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
7. Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Fund
8. Social Work Training Fund
9. Child Development Fund
10. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund
11. Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged
12. Social Welfare Development Fund
13. Continuing Education Fund

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

The information on funds which are administered by the Labour and Welfare Bureau or government departments under its purview and have received government injection is provided as follows -

A. Funds outside the Accounts of the Government

1. Elder Academy Development Foundation

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 3 |
| Total expenditure | 9 |
| Balance | 28 |

2. Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0.2 |
| Total expenditure | 21 |
| Balance | 195 |

3. Emergency Relief Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 10 |
| Investment or other income | 3 |
| Total expenditure | 5 |
| Balance | 111 |

4. Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 66 |
| Investment or other income | 336 |
| Total expenditure | 325 |
| Balance | 1,736 |

5. Hong Kong Paralympians Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 9 |
| Total expenditure | 8 |
| Balance | 239 |

6. Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 2 |
| Total expenditure | 10 |
| Balance | 46 |

7. Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 10 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 5 |
| Balance | 23 |

8. Social Work Training Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 1 |
| Total expenditure | 3 |
| Balance | 17 |

9. Arts Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities

| | Amount (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Government injection | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 6 |
| Total expenditure | 8 |
| Balance | 249 |

B. Funds under the Accounts of the Government

10. Child Development Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Commitment increased | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 71 |
| Balance of approved commitment | 484 |

11. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Commitment increased | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 72 |
| Balance of approved commitment | 26 |

12. Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged

| | Amount (\$m) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Commitment increased | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 67 |
| Balance of approved commitment | 620 |

13. Social Welfare Development Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Commitment increased | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 72 |
| Balance of approved commitment | 108 |

14. Continuing Education Fund

| | Amount (\$m) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Commitment increased | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 191 |
| Balance of approved commitment | 11,500 |

15. Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care

| | Amount (\$m) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2019-20 |
| Commitment increased | 0 |
| Investment or other income | 0 |
| Total expenditure | 19 |
| Balance of approved commitment | 981 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)014

(Question Serial No. 0216)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

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

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

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

Reply:

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

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

| | | |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 2020 | 4 709 (66.0%) | 2 426 (34.0%) |
|------|---------------|---------------|

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

| | Number of appointed non-official members serving on 3 or more ASBs (as at 31 December of the year) | |
|------|---|---------------------|
| | Male (proportion) | Female (proportion) |
| 2018 | 332 (58.8%) | 233 (41.2%) |
| 2019 | 364 (60.0%) | 242 (40.0%) |
| 2020 | 395 (61.5%) | 247 (38.5%) |

3. A list of ASBs with no appointed female non-official members and a list of ASBs with appointed female non-official members of less than 35% as at the end of December 2020 are provided in Annex I and Annex II respectively. The ASBs set out in Annex I and Annex II account for 41.9% of all ASBs with appointed non-official members.
4. The number and growth rate of curriculum vitae (CV) provided by female data subjects in the centralised database in the past 3 years are set out below:

| | Number of CV of female data subjects | Growth rate |
|------|---|-------------|
| 2018 | 10 192 | 6.2% |
| 2019 | 10 963 | 7.6% |
| 2020 | 11 567 | 5.5% |

5. & 6. The Government makes appointments of non-official members to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned. The Labour and Welfare Bureau reminds bureaux and departments (B/Ds) from time to time to appoint as many female members to the ASBs as possible under the said principle, with a view to raising the female participation rate. The Government will also continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and invite associations and organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the centralised database administered by the Home Affairs Bureau. The expenditure involved will be absorbed by B/Ds and is not separately accounted for.

ASBs with no appointed female non-official members
(as at 31 December 2020)

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| Advisory Board on Licensing of Plumbers |
| Advisory Body on Third Party Funding of Arbitration and Mediation |
| Asbestos Administration Committee |
| Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers Committee |
| Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme |
| Board of Scientific Advisers |
| Buildings Energy Efficiency Appeal Board Panel |
| Chinese Temples Committee |
| Committee on Slot Complaints |
| Council for the AIDS Trust Fund |
| Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Board |
| Electoral Affairs Commission |
| Expert Committee on Plumbing and Waterworks Materials |
| Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Disciplinary Board |
| Geotechnical Engineers Registration Committee Panel |
| Hong Kong Rotary Club Students' Loan Fund & Sing Tao Charitable Foundation Students' Loan Fund Joint Selection Committee |
| Inspectors Registration Committee Panel |
| Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee |
| Minor Works Contractors Registration Committee Panel |
| New Energy Transport Fund Steering Committee |
| Port Operations Committee |
| Port Welfare Committee |
| Project Management Committee of Cleaner Production Partnership Programme |
| Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board Panel |
| Standing Advisory Committee (Oil Storage Installations) |
| Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel |
| Technical Committee on the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete |
| Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee |
| Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Advisory Board |

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

ASBs with appointed female non-official members of less than 35%
(excluding ASBs set out in Annex I)
 (as at 31 December 2020)

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| Accreditation Advisory Board |
| Action Committee Against Narcotics |
| Advisory Committee for the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance |
| Advisory Committee on Chinese Medicine Development Fund |
| Advisory Committee on Countryside Conservation |
| Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants |
| Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration |
| Advisory Committee on Water Supplies |
| Advisory Committee under Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap 572 |
| Air Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel |
| Air Transport Licensing Authority |
| Airport Authority |
| Appeal Board (Bedspace Apartments) |
| Appeal Board (Clubs (Safety of Premises)) |
| Appeal Board (Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation) |
| Appeal Board Panel (Electricity) |
| Appeal Board Panel (Entertainment Special Effects) |
| Appeal Board Panel (under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance) |
| Appeal Panel (Property Management Services) |
| Appeal Panel on Government's Voluntary Contributions under the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme |
| Appeal Tribunal Panel (Buildings) |
| Authorized Persons Registration Committee Panel |
| Authorized Persons', Registered Structural Engineers' and Registered Geotechnical Engineers' Disciplinary Board Panel |
| Aviation Development and Three-runway System Advisory Committee |
| Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People |
| Banking Advisory Committee |
| Betting and Lotteries Commission |
| Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation |
| Board of Governors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital |
| Board of Review (Film Censorship) |
| Building Safety Loan Scheme Advisory Committee |
| Building Safety Loan Scheme Vetting Committee |
| Buildings Energy Efficiency Disciplinary Board Panel |
| Business Facilitation Advisory Committee |
| Chiropractors Council |
| Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the ICAC |

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| Civil Service Training Advisory Board |
| Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-industrialisation |
| Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals |
| Committee on the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities |
| Common Spatial Data Advisory Committee |
| Competition Commission |
| Construction Industry Council |
| Consumer Council |
| Contractors Registration Committee Panel |
| Correctional Services Department Complaints Appeal Board |
| Council of the City University of Hong Kong |
| Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University |
| Council of the Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology |
| Council of the University of Hong Kong |
| Council on Professional Conduct in Education |
| CreateSmart Initiative Vetting Committee |
| Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee |
| Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee |
| Disciplinary Board Panel (Land Survey) |
| Disciplinary Tribunal Panel (Electricity) |
| Education Commission |
| Electrical Safety Advisory Committee |
| Enterprise Support Scheme Assessment Panel |
| Exchange Fund Advisory Committee |
| Expanded Building Committee |
| Expert Committee on Food Safety |
| Expert Panel on the Designation of Designated Local Research Institutions |
| Fight Crime Committee |
| Film Development Council |
| Financial Reporting Council |
| Financial Reporting Review Panel |
| Financial Services Development Council |
| Fire Safety Committee |
| High Speed Craft Consultative Committee |
| Hong Kong Arts Development Council |
| Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification |
| Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health |
| Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board |
| Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee |
| Hong Kong Housing Authority |

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| Hong Kong Logistics Development Council |
| Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board |
| Hong Kong Productivity Council |
| Hong Kong Trade Development Council |
| Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee |
| Hospital Authority |
| Independent Police Complaints Council |
| Industry Advisory Committee on Long Term Business |
| InnoHK Steering Committee |
| Innovation and Technology Fund General Support Programme Vetting Committee |
| Innovation and Technology Fund Re-industrialisation Funding Scheme Vetting Committee |
| Innovation and Technology Fund Research Projects Assessment Panel |
| Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee |
| Insurance Appeals Tribunal |
| Insurance Authority |
| Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee |
| Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation Investment Advisory Committee |
| Investment Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund |
| Joint Committee on Information Technology for the Social Welfare Sector |
| Joint Committee on Student Finance |
| Land and Development Advisory Committee |
| Land Surveyors Registration Committee |
| Lantau Development Advisory Committee |
| Local Vessels Advisory Committee |
| Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Advisory Committee |
| Operations Review Committee of the ICAC |
| Panel of the Witness Protection Review Board |
| Pensions Appeal Panel |
| Pilotage Advisory Committee |
| Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board |
| Po Leung Kuk Advisory Board |
| Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee |
| Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Investment Advisory Committee |
| Private Columbaria Appeal Board |
| Private Columbaria Licensing Board |
| Process Review Panel for Insurance Authority |
| Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme Vetting Committee |
| Programme Management Committee, Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales |
| Property Management Services Authority |
| Radiation Board |

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| Radiological Protection Advisory Group |
| Registered Inspectors' Disciplinary Board Panel |
| Research Council |
| Research Grants Council |
| Retail Technology Adoption Assistance Scheme for Manpower Demand Management Vetting Committee |
| Review Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome |
| Review Panel under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance |
| Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal |
| Securities and Futures Commission |
| Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority |
| Self-financing Post-secondary Education Fund Investment Committee |
| Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council |
| Small and Medium Enterprises Committee |
| Stamp Advisory Committee |
| Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service |
| Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training |
| Steering Committee of the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund |
| Steering Committee on Construction Innovation and Technology Fund |
| Steering Committee on Electronic Health Record Sharing |
| Steering Committee on Mediation |
| Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles |
| Tang Shiu Kin & Ho Tim Charitable Fund Management Committee |
| Technology Voucher Programme Committee |
| Telecommunications (Competition Provisions) Appeal Board |
| The Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development |
| Torture Claims Appeal Board |
| Tourism Strategy Group |
| Town Planning Board |
| Trade and Industry Advisory Board |
| Travel Industry Authority |
| University Grants Committee |
| Urban Renewal Authority Board |
| Vehicle Maintenance Technical Advisory Committee |
| Vetting Committee of the Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund |
| Vocational Training Council |
| Water Pollution Control Appeal Board Panel |
| West Kowloon Cultural District Authority |
| Youth Square Management Advisory Committee |

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)015

(Question Serial No. 0217)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, would the Government please advise the following:

1. please list the numbers of elderly persons referred to the IDSP in each of the past 3 years, broken down by hospital/group of hospitals participating in the IDSP and non-governmental organisation (NGO) operating Home Support Team which partnered with them;
2. the rates of unplanned readmission to hospital of elderly persons participating in the IDSP in each of the past 3 years;
3. the numbers and ratios of elderly persons who were arranged to receive community support and day care services such as home care services of the Social Welfare Department after completing the IDSP; and the numbers of cases leaving the IDSP halfway through the programme and the reasons for leaving in each of the past 3 years;
4. the average cost per service place and the service/administrative fees payable to NGOs in the past three years;
5. the specific reason(s) for the budget increase of \$15 million for the coming year when compared with last year.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The Hospitals of the Hospital Authority (HA) participating in the Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients (IDSP) have set up Discharge Planning Teams (DPTs) comprising doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, etc, to formulate personalised discharge plans for patients before they leave the hospitals. Each DPT partners with a Home Support Team (HST) operated by a non-governmental organisation (NGO) and consists of social workers and care workers to provide post-discharge support for patients, including transitional home support services. Training and support are

provided to carers of the patients so as to facilitate ageing in place. In the past 3 years, about 33 000 persons participated in the IDSP each year.

The annual total expenditure (including the service fees payable to NGOs) is as follows-

| Year | Total expenditure (\$million) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 192.4 |
| 2019-20 | 216.1 |
| 2020-21 (revised estimate) | 213.3 |

The increase of about \$15 million in the 2021-22 estimate over the revised estimate for 2020-21 is mainly due to an increase in salary provision for posts of personal care workers, ward attendants and home helpers upon renewal of the service contracts.

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

The HA does not maintain the figures of the number of elderly persons who were arranged to receive home care services and day care services of the Social Welfare Department after completing the IDSP, nor relevant figures of the average cost per service place and the reasons for withdrawal of the participants.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)016

(Question Serial No. 0715)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Women's Interests
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22 that the Administration will support the Women's Commission (WoC) in promoting the well-being and interests of women. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide the name of the activities organised by the WoC, the number of participants, the details and effectiveness of the activities, as well as the expenditure involved over the past 2 years.
2. What supporting measures were taken by the Administration for the WoC last year? What are the details and effectiveness of such measures?
3. How will the Administration make effective and reasonable use of the increased provision for supporting the work of the WoC this year? What are the specific work initiatives, additional manpower and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

The Women's Commission (WoC) held and attended over 50 meetings and activities in the past 2 years. The major activities and meetings held by the WoC are set out on the WoC's website. Other than its internal meetings, the WoC widely invites relevant women organisations, non-governmental organisations and social services organisations to participate in its activities. The Government does not keep a breakdown of the expenditures incurred for these activities.

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) has been working closely with the WoC in promoting women's interests and well-being through the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education. The LWB's estimated expenditure on women's interests for 2021-22 is \$41.2 million, which will be used for supporting the work of the WoC. The estimated expenditure by subhead is set out as follows:

| Subhead | Provision in 2021-22 (\$'000) |
|--|--|
| Implementing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme | 12,100 |
| Implementing the Funding Scheme for Women's Development | 4,000 |
| Carrying out public education and publicity activities | 1,500 |
| Strengthening liaison and exchanges with women's groups in Hong Kong and other regions | 400 |
| Salaries, allowances and other personnel related expenses | 18,400 |
| Others | 4,800 |
| Total | 41,200 |

The estimated expenditure for 2021-22 is \$6.1 million (17.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2020-21 (i.e. \$35.1 million) for strengthening support for the work of the WoC, including commissioning a consultant to conduct a survey and a research study on women's employment as well as enhancing the Capacity Building Mileage Programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)017

(Question Serial No. 1184)

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The work of the Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare includes planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the staffing establishment of the Office; and
- (b) the details of the Secretary's media and community functions planned and co-ordinated by the Office in the past year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

- (a) Apart from the Secretary, Under Secretary and Political Assistant to the Secretary, the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office (the Office) under Programme (1) in Labour and Welfare Bureau also includes 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Personal Assistant, 1 Senior Personal Secretary, 1 Personal Secretary I, 1 Chauffeur and 2 clerical grade staff for providing support to the Office.
- (b) As planning and co-ordination of the Secretary's media and community functions are regular and on-going tasks of the office, we have not compiled the relevant statistics. The information on the Secretary's public, media and community functions is usually released through such channels as Press Release and/or government website (<http://www.lwb.gov.hk>).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)018

(Question Serial No. 0988)

Head: (141) Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Welfare
Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Ms CHANG King-yiu)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the conduct of research on the standards and practices on universal design in overseas cities for examining barrier-free access facilities for persons with disabilities with a view to further enhancing the accessibility of the community/living environment in Hong Kong, would the Government advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) What are the numbers of barrier-free access facilities that have refurbishment/alteration works completed, as well as the expenditures involved in the past 3 years? How are the expenditures compared with the original estimates?
- 2) What is the number of barrier-free access facilities that will have refurbishment/alteration works carried out, as well as the expenditure to be involved in the coming year?
- 3) Does the Administration have a timetable for refurbishing/altering all barrier-free access facilities across the territory? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Government has been taking forward a total of 375 items under the Universal Accessibility Programme (UAP). As at end-February 2021, 169 items were completed and 54 were under construction. The construction works of the remaining 152 items will commence as soon as possible upon completion of the detailed design and other related work. A total of 98 items were completed in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 under UAP, and the respective expenditures were \$746 million (higher than the original estimate by 1.3%), \$650 million (lower than the original estimate by 0.4%) and \$565 million (lower than the original estimate by 8%). In 2021-22, it is expected that 44 items would commence construction works with an estimated expenditure at \$573 million.

The 2019 Policy Address announced that the UAP scope would be expanded with the launch of a “Special Scheme” for retrofitting lifts at the footbridges, pedestrian subways and elevated walkways in housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority’s Tenants Purchase Scheme and the Buy or Rent Option Scheme, as well as public rental housing estates with properties divested. The Highways Department has started to carry out technical feasibility study for selected items under the “Special Scheme” and would conduct investigation and design work in 2021-22, with an estimated expenditure at \$4.8 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)019****(Question Serial No. 1458)**

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

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Women's Interests

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On enhancing women's participation in advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs), what are the numbers and proportion of women participating in ASBs, as well as their participation rate as compared with other countries and regions in 2020-21? How will the number of women participating in ASBs vary in 2021-22 as compared with the previous year? What measures will the Bureau take to further enhance women's participation?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The number and proportion of appointed male and female non-official members in all advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) as at 31 December 2020 are set out in the table below. The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) does not keep a breakdown of statistics on ASBs, nor relevant information in respect of other countries and regions.

| Number of appointed non-official members (calculated on a post basis) (as at 31 December 2020) | |
|---|---------------------|
| Male (proportion) | Female (proportion) |
| 4 709 (66.0%) | 2 426 (34.0%) |

The Government makes appointments of non-official members to ASBs on the basis of the merit of individuals concerned. The LWB reminds bureaux and departments from time to time to appoint as many female members to the ASBs as possible under the said principle, with a view to raising the female participation rate. The Government will also continue to take proactive measures to attract capable women to participate in community and public services, and invite associations and organisations to nominate women for inclusion in the centralised database administered by the Home Affairs Bureau.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)020

(Question Serial No. 1925)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the matter on assisting the Social Welfare Department in identifying premises for purchase, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of premises identified, the area and uses of such premises and the progress of purchase since the implementation of the project with a breakdown by District Council district;
2. the staffing establishment and expenditure involved in the project; and
3. whether any assessment has been made on the effectiveness of the project since its implementation? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

On 30 June 2020, the Government obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo) to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres, day care centres for the elderly, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has completed the consultation with the 18 District Councils on the welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in purchased premises for the districts concerned in mid-November 2020 and has started the purchase exercise. With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), SWD has been formulating, reviewing and enhancing the purchase strategy. SWD is also currently identifying suitable non-domestic premises for purchase through different channels, including open invitations to owners of potentially suitable non-domestic premises available for sale in 18 districts to submit their sale proposals to GPA for consideration. SWD is assessing the suitability of offered premises for purchase. SWD will update the GPA's website with regard to the information on welfare facilities for which suitable premises have been purchased.

In respect of staffing establishment, the Finance Committee of the LegCo approved the creation of 1 permanent post of the Senior Principal Executive Officer grade (Directorate Pay Scale Point 2) on 30 June 2020 for SWD to implement the purchase exercise and enhance the

planning, co-ordination and implementation of capital works projects of premises for other welfare facilities. In addition, SWD created 2 time-limited posts of the Executive Officer grade in 2020-21 to assist the implementation of the purchase exercise and GPA created 14 time-limited non-directorate posts to handle the purchase of premises.

SWD has earmarked a provision of \$4.273 billion in 2021-22 for the purchase exercise for welfare premises. The actual expenditure will be subject to the availability of suitable and reasonably priced premises in the market.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)021

(Question Serial No. 1929)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the time-limited Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme), would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. The monthly number of applications received and approved, as well as the average amount approved since its implementation;
2. Has the Government reviewed the change in number of applications before and after the relaxation of asset limits? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
3. What is the current average, longest and shortest vetting time required in the processing of an application for the Special Scheme?
4. Has the Government increased its manpower for processing the applications in view of the rising number? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
5. As the epidemic wears on, economic recovery is expected to take an extended period of time. Does the Government have plans to introduce other measures to provide short-term relief for the unemployed? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1., 2 & 5. To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of

December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

3. & 4. Regarding the processing of CSSA applications, under normal circumstances, and if the applicant or his/her guardian/appointee can produce all the necessary information, the application process can be completed within 4 weeks. In view of the implementation of new measures under CSSA and the rising trend in the number of CSSA applications, SWD has increased the manpower at various Social Security Field Units (SSFUs), including the addition of 45 Social Security Grade posts in the end of 2020 and early 2021. Meanwhile, SWD allocated additional resources in May 2020 to hire over 70 retired civil servants under the Post-retirement Service Contract Scheme to assist in the processing and approval of CSSA applications at various SSFUs. The aforesaid batch of additional manpower will continue to assist in the processing of CSSA applications in 2021-22.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)022

(Question Serial No. 1937)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the monthly number of applications, cases granted, service users and meal-days served for the past 3 years until now;
2. the number of service quota, applications, cases granted, service users and meal-days served under each of the 8 respective Projects;
3. the number of service users by household size of 1-person or individual-based, 2-person, 3-person, 4-person, 5-person and 6-person or above, and their respective percentages of the total number of service users;
4. it is learnt that the Projects would provide a one-off basic food assistance to service recipients for a period of up to 8 weeks, and may extend the service period beyond 8 weeks depending on circumstances. Has the Government compiled any statistics on the number of cases that needed an extension of the service period to a total of 16 weeks and its percentage of the total number? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
5. given the significant adverse impact of the epidemic on the grassroots, does the Government have any plan to extend the period of basic food assistance, and relax the income and asset limits for applications? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of applications, cases granted, beneficiaries and meal-days provided by the Projects over the past 3 years by service area is set out in Tables 1 to 4 of the Annex.

3. The total number of cases by household size and their percentages out of the total from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Table 5 of the Annex.
4. The Projects provide a one-off basic food assistance to eligible individuals or families for a period of up to 8 weeks. The operating non-governmental organisations may extend the period beyond 8 weeks, depending on the special needs of individual applicants and their families. Among the cases granted, the total number of cases given an extension of service (including those receiving the first round of food assistance for less than 8 weeks) over the past 3 years is 25 186, taking up about 22% of the total.
5. Starting from 1 June 2021, the Government will relax the asset limit requirements of the Projects, pitching to those of the Working Family Allowance Scheme, for a limited period of 12 months, so as to aid the unemployed and underemployed during the epidemic, subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee. The relaxed measure is expected to benefit about 120 000 additional service users.

Table 1: Number of Applications by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Applications | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 2 210 | 2 553 | 3 028 |
| Kwun Tong ^[Note] | 960 | 1 232 | 2 463 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung ^[Note] | | 751 | 1 308 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 1 921 | 2 414 | 2 120 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 624 | 1 518 | 2 102 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 1 974 | 2 192 | 2 472 |
| Tuen Mun | 730 | 602 | 625 |
| Yuen Long | 2 096 | 1 617 | 1 295 |
| Total | 13 498 | 14 290 | 15 732 |

^[Note] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

Table 2: Number of Cases Granted by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Cases Granted | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 2 095 | 2 411 | 2 857 |
| Kwun Tong ^[Note] | 951 | 1 206 | 2 444 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung ^[Note] | | 743 | 1 306 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 1 917 | 2 418 | 2 110 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 546 | 1 376 | 1 856 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 1 965 | 2 165 | 2 431 |
| Tuen Mun | 722 | 599 | 608 |
| Yuen Long | 1 984 | 1 607 | 1 239 |
| Total | 13 129 | 13 933 | 15 167 |

^[Note] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

Table 3: Number of Beneficiaries by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Beneficiaries ^[Note 1] | | |
|---|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 6 366 | 7 351 | 8 905 |
| Kwun Tong ^[Note 2] | 2 835 | 3 686 | 7 523 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung ^[Note 2] | | 2 224 | 4 863 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 5 375 | 6 928 | 6 020 |
| Sham Shui Po | 4 910 | 4 524 | 6 025 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 5 516 | 6 158 | 6 375 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 087 | 1 734 | 1 809 |
| Yuen Long | 5 623 | 4 703 | 3 636 |
| Total | 38 622 | 41 798 | 45 156 |

[Note 1] Service users may use the service for more than once.

[Note 2] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

Table 4: Number of Meals Provided by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Meals Served | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 330 369 | 392 360 | 478 634 |
| Kwun Tong ^[Note] | 164 293 | 299 966 | 611 379 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung ^[Note] | | 191 470 | 456 631 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 251 880 | 341 347 | 333 833 |
| Sham Shui Po | 244 286 | 254 675 | 322 598 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 302 792 | 320 145 | 320 449 |
| Tuen Mun | 149 025 | 159 509 | 180 613 |
| Yuen Long | 292 410 | 401 316 | 329 157 |
| Total | 2 226 491 | 2 731 864 | 3 033 294 |

[Note] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

Table 5: Number of Cases by Household Size (April 2018 to end-December 2020)

| Household Size | Number of Cases | Percentage |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1-person | 8 568 | 20.2% |
| 2-person | 8 270 | 19.6% |
| 3-person | 8 604 | 20.4% |
| 4-person | 11 047 | 26.2% |
| 5-person or above | 5 740 | 13.6% |
| Total | 42 229 | 100.0% |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)023

(Question Serial No. 1971)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

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

1. the annual number of subsidised care and attention (C&A) and subsidised nursing home (NH) places provided by the Government, the manpower and expenditure involved;
2. the number of practitioners currently engaged in elderly services, and the estimated number of such practitioners in the coming 5 years;
3. the current number of local training courses on elderly services;
4. the annual number of applications for subsidised C&A and subsidised NH places;
5. the annual number of places successfully allocated;
6. the number of elderly persons currently waitlisted, the average duration of waiting for the above residential care places in years, and the longest waiting time in years; and
7. whether the Government has plans to increase the residential care places in the coming 5 years; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the total expenditure from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.
2. As services for the elderly involve various aspects and different operational models, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not collected statistics on the overall number of practitioners currently engaged in elderly services. The information sought is therefore unavailable.
3. As at 31 December 2020, a total of 29 training organisations were approved by the Director of Social Welfare under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation to organise 43 health worker training courses applicable to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). Currently, there are different organisations in Hong

Kong offering other elderly service training courses. Since these courses are not provided or approved by SWD, the relevant information is unavailable.

4. The number of new elderly applicants for subsidised C&A and that for subsidised NH places from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| C&A places | 16 607 | 16 547 | 17 494 | 15 478 | 10 977 |
| NH places | 2 660 | 2 634 | 2 760 | 2 406 | 1 771 |

5. From 2016-17 to 2020-21, the number of elderly persons allocated with subsidised residential care places is as follows:

| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 5 607 | 5 219 | 5 366 | 5 487 | 4 516 |

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

The waiting time and number of people waitlisted for subsidised C&A places and NH places as at end-December 2020 are provided as follows:

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1] | No. of people waitlisted |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| C&A places | | 31 426 [Note 2] |
| - Subvented/contract RCHEs | 41 | |
| - Private homes participating in the EBPS | 9 | |
| Overall | 21 | |
| NH places [Note 3] | 26 | 6 099 [Note 4] |

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

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

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

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

7. The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase elderly service places, and is implementing 66 development projects to construct new contract homes and day care centres/units for the elderly, with about 8 800 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 2 800 subsidised day care service places for the elderly expected to come on stream in the coming few years. In addition, the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly has been implemented since March 2017. A maximum of 3 000 RCSVs will be issued in batches, offering elderly persons in need of residential care service with an additional choice. Besides, SWD will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20 to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs.

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

Number of subsidised residential care places for the elderly

| Year | Number of subsidised places | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | H/A places [Note 1] | C&A places [Note 2] | NH places [Note 3] | Total |
| 2016-17 | 67 | 23 381 | 3 806 | 27 254 |
| 2017-18 | 67 | 23 460 | 3 962 | 27 489 |
| 2018-19 | 67 | 23 521 | 4 016 | 27 604 |
| 2019-20 | 67 | 24 234 | 4 218 | 28 519 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 67 | 24 849 | 4 284 | 29 200 |

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

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

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

Expenditure on subsidised residential care services for the elderly

| Year | Expenditure (\$ billion) ^[Note] |
|----------------------------|---|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 4.5388 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 4.7939 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 5.4222 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 6.4275 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 7.1030 |

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)024

(Question Serial No. 1972)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the day care service for persons with disabilities, please advise:

1. the number of service places, quarterly number of users, number of waitlisted persons, service utilisation rate, number of persons having left the service and reasons for their leaving of each service unit in the past 5 years (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only).
2. by type of disability, the number of service places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of participants having left and reasons for their leaving.
3. by District Council (DC) district, the number of service places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of participants having left, number of users of different age groups and reasons for their leaving.
4. by age group, the number of places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of users of different age groups and reasons for their leaving of each type of service.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 92)

Reply:

The day care services for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are currently attached to 11 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of day care service users per quarter, waitlisted persons and persons who have left service and their reasons for leaving. SWD also does not have information on the number of day care service places, cases, served persons and waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of users of different age groups and reasons for leaving broken down by type of disabilities, DC district and age group.

Annex

**Yearly number of service places and utilisation rate of day care services
for persons with severe disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21**

| District | Number of service places ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) |
| Central/Western/ Southern & Islands | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Kwun Tong | 20 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung | 15 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sham Shui Po | 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Sha Tin | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Tai Po/North | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Yuen Long | 15 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing | 17 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Tuen Mun | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Total | 149 | 224 | 229 | 234 | 239 |
| Utilisation rate % | 88.8% | 81.8% | 81.8% | 85.1% | 29.1% ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] The number of service places is broken down by district in which service units are set up, and the service targets of some units are not exclusive to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

[Note 2] SWD continues to provide day care services to persons with severe disabilities in need during the COVID-19 epidemic. Some service users choose to reduce their service utilisation to minimise the risk of infection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)025

(Question Serial No. 1973)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the day care service for persons with disabilities, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of service places, quarterly number of users, number of waitlisted persons, service utilisation rate, number of persons who have left the service, and their reasons for leaving of each day care service unit over the past 5 years (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
2. the number of users and number of waitlisted persons of each day care service unit for each quarter broken down by type of disabilities (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
3. the number of users and number of waitlisted persons of each day care service unit broken down by District Council (DC) district (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

The day care service for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are currently attached to 11 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of day care services users per quarter, number of persons waitlisted, number of persons who have left service and their reasons for leaving. SWD also does not have information on the number of users and waitlisted persons of each day care service unit, broken down by type of disabilities and DC district.

**Yearly number of service places and utilisation rate of day care services
for persons with severe disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21**

| District | Number of service places ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at end- December 2020) |
| Central/Western/ Southern & Islands | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Kwun Tong | 20 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung | 15 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sham Shui Po | 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Sha Tin | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Tai Po/North | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Yuen Long | 15 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing | 17 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Tuen Mun | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Total | 149 | 224 | 229 | 234 | 239 |
| Utilisation rate % | 88.8% | 81.8% | 81.8% | 85.1% | 29.1% ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] The number of service places is broken down by district in which service units are set up, and the service targets of some units are not exclusive to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

[Note 2] SWD continues to provide day care services to persons with severe disabilities in need during the COVID-19 epidemic. Some service users choose to reduce their service utilisation to minimise the risk of infection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)026

(Question Serial No. 3057)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the adoption of case management service (CMS) approach for home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of case managers, yearly number of persons served, yearly expenditure, details of the service and evaluation of service effectiveness?
2. Regarding DSCs, HCS, ISS and integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please advise:
 - a. the number of places, number of users, headcount of users, average waiting time for the services, the overall annual expenditure and the average expenditure per service user for each service of each unit or district centre in each of the past 5 years; and
 - b. the number of places, number of users and headcount of users broken down by service type over each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. SWD has implemented the CMS for HCS, ISS and DSCs since 2014. Case managers co-ordinate necessary services for service users, covering personal care, rehabilitation training and nursing care services, and make timely referrals so that service users can be provided with appropriate social and medical services. Joining forces with a multi-disciplinary team comprising allied health staff, nurses, social workers, etc., case managers draw up individual care plans with service users and/or their families. They also collaborate with social and medical service units that accept referrals to enable service users and their families to obtain appropriate services. In July 2014, SWD set up a working group on case management, with members comprising academics from universities, and representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), groups for persons with disabilities and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. The

working group completed the formulation of the Handbook on CMS in March 2016 to give case managers a more lucid understanding of their role and scope of work, and for them to be equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills for the provision of quality CMS. Following consultation with the relevant service operators, the Handbook on CMS came into full implementation in September 2016.

In 2020-21, 3 550, 900 and 1 760 persons with disabilities were expected to receive CMS under HCS, ISS and DSCs respectively. As at the end of December 2020, 4 133, 1 098 and 1 712 persons with disabilities had received the service they needed through CMS, meaning that the number of persons served has surpassed/neared the full-year service target.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not have information on the number of case managers in HCS, ISS and DSCs and the yearly expenditure on CMS.

2. In 2020-21, there were 3 550 and 900 places under HCS and ISS respectively. As DSCs and ICCMWs are operated on a membership system, there is no information on the number of places. The number of service users under DSCs, HCS, ISS and ICCMWs by unit/district each year from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is set out in Table 1 to Table 4 of the Annex. The expenditure on these services is set out in Table 5 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for the services or the average cost per service user.

Table 1: Number of DSC service users from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by district

| Service unit | Number of service users (members) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | 627 | 676 | 622 | 528 | 491 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | 379 | 305 | 273 | 252 | 233 |
| Kwun Tong | 665 | 752 | 755 | 581 | 760 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 912 | 890 | 1 045 | 1 047 | 993 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | 216 | 242 | 238 | 246 | 230 |
| Sham Shui Po | 476 | 351 | 349 | 317 | 239 |
| Sha Tin | 369 | 381 | 362 | 347 | 350 |
| Tai Po and North | 656 | 732 | 559 | 542 | 541 |
| Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 782 | 860 | 969 | 1 025 | 716 |
| Tuen Mun | 235 | 267 | 273 | 302 | 294 |
| Yuen Long | 670 | 692 | 744 | 653 | 864 |
| Total | 5 987 | 6 148 | 6 189 | 5 840 | 5 711 |

Table 2: Number of HCS users from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by unit

| Service unit | Number of service users | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 668 | 809 | 801 | 724 | 622 |
| Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 788 | 828 | 886 | 832 | 833 |
| Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 595 | 649 | 637 | 634 | 678 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 742 | 899 | 994 | 947 | 875 |
| Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 587 | 706 | 753 | 708 | 583 |
| Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 549 | 616 | 659 | 628 | 542 |
| Total | 3 929 | 4 507 | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |

Table 3: Number of ISS users from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by unit

| Service unit | Number of service users | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | 500 | 566 | 554 | 529 | 496 |
| New Territories | 482 | 582 | 639 | 628 | 602 |
| Total | 982 | 1 148 | 1 193 | 1 157 | 1 098 |

**Table 4: Number of ICCMW service users (members)
from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by district**

| Service unit | Number of service users (members) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | 2 807 | 2 950 | 3 187 | 3 177 | 3 003 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | 2 738 | 2 519 | 2 903 | 2 688 | 2 760 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 614 | 2 725 | 2 769 | 2 738 | 2 801 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 3 359 | 3 358 | 3 351 | 3 419 | 3 779 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | 2 453 | 2 628 | 2 618 | 2 216 | 2 261 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 203 | 1 264 | 1 246 | 1 214 | 1 118 |
| Sha Tin | 2 227 | 2 322 | 2 311 | 2 223 | 2 224 |
| Tai Po and North | 2 691 | 2 761 | 2 624 | 2 718 | 2 811 |
| Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 3 044 | 2 979 | 3 271 | 3 353 | 3 268 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 945 | 2 115 | 2 066 | 2 033 | 1 986 |
| Yuen Long | 1 938 | 2 030 | 1 966 | 1 873 | 1 923 |
| Total | 27 019 | 27 651 | 28 312 | 27 652 | 27 934 |

**Table 5: Expenditure on DSCs, HCS, ISS and ICCMWs
from 2016-17 to 2020-21**

| Service type | 2016-17 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2017-18 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| DSCs | 172.3 | 179.6 | 200.3 | 211.5 | 276.6 |
| HCS | 254.1 | 262.8 | 287.0 | 305.3 | 330.4 |
| ISS | 61.9 | 61.6 | 64.9 | 68.8 | 68.6 |
| ICCMWs | 310.0 | 330.9 | 381.2 | 458.0 | 488.7 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)027

(Question Serial No. 3058)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the age distribution of users of various services for persons with disabilities with a breakdown by age group of 0 to 18, 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 64, 70 or above.
2. Please set out the waiting situation and the situation of service provision of various community support services, care services and training services for persons with disabilities, including the number of waitlisted persons, the average, the longest and the shortest waiting time, geographical distribution, unit cost and number of service places over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The age distribution of users of various services for persons with disabilities is set out in Annex 1.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), through non-governmental organisations, provides persons with disabilities and their carers/families with various community support services including integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) and community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), so as to help persons with disabilities living in the community integrate into society and receive the care services they need. In 2020-21, there were 900 and 3 550 places under ISS and HCS respectively; as for the other services, the number of designated places had not been set. The geographical distribution of the above services is set out in Table 1 to Table 4 of Annex 2. As community support services may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have information on the age distribution of service users and their waiting situation. As the services required by individual service users vary, SWD does not have information on the unit cost per case of the above services. The number of persons waitlisted, average waiting time, number of service places and average cost per place per month regarding pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD are set out in Table 5 to Table 9 of Annex 2. On-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) has been regularised since October 2018, providing a total of 8 074 service places as at 31 December 2020. OPRS is allocated

on an agency basis and hence SWD does not have information on the geographical distribution of OPRS places.

**Table 1: Age distribution of users of residential rehabilitation services
in 2020-21
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Type of service | Number of service users | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons | 11 | 345 | 976 | 1 009 | 900 | 578 | 109 | 9 |
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons | 9 | 151 | 544 | 689 | 782 | 428 | 80 | - |
| Supported hostel | 1 | 68 | 160 | 209 | 225 | 68 | 4 | - |
| Halfway house | 9 | 196 | 384 | 412 | 362 | 104 | 2 | - |
| Long stay care home | - | 5 | 23 | 128 | 375 | 647 | 305 | 78 |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons | - | 49 | 124 | 187 | 164 | 100 | 20 | - |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons | 1 | 240 | 219 | 170 | 178 | 166 | 66 | 16 |
| Care and attention home for the aged blind | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | 62 | 106 | 617 |

N.A. - Not applicable

**Table 2: Age distribution of users of day rehabilitation services
in 2020-21
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Type of service | Number of service users | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Day Activity Centre | 45 | 1 064 | 1 444 | 1 210 | 1 010 | 648 | 122 | 9 |
| Sheltered Workshop | 33 | 919 | 1 174 | 1 119 | 1 233 | 683 | 95 | 2 |
| Supported Employment | 6 | 301 | 641 | 571 | 390 | 123 | 3 | - |
| Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre | 42 | 1 042 | 1 354 | 1 180 | 1 193 | 598 | 78 | 1 |
| On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities ^[Note] | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities ^[Note] | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Day) ^[Note] | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

^[Note] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the age distribution of service users.

**Table 3: Age distribution of users of pre-school rehabilitation services in 2020-21
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Type of service | Number of service users | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Aged 0 to 2 | Aged 3 to 4 | Aged 5 to 6 |
| Early education and training centre (EETC) | 687 | 1 486 | 1 405 |
| Special child care centre (SCCC) | 60 | 761 | 1 281 |
| Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) | 62 | 822 | 925 |
| OPRS | 99 | 3 681 | 3 744 |

**Table 4: Age distribution of users of Small Group Homes for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children [SGHs(MMHC)] in 2020-21
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Type of service | Number of service users | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 8 | 18 | 63 | 36 |

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

**Table 1: Geographical distribution of HCS and ISS
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | | Number of HCS service units | Number of ISS service units |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | Central/Western/Southern & Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 1 | 1 |
| | Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 1 | |
| | Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin | 1 | |
| New Territories | Sha Tin, Tai Po & North and Sai Kung | 1 | 1 |
| | Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai | 1 | |
| | Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tuen Mun | 1 | |
| Total | | 6 | 2 |

**Table 2: Geographical distribution of DSCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 1 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | 1 |
| Kwun Tong East | 1 |
| Kwun Tong West | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 |
| Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung | 1 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 |
| Sha Tin | 1 |
| Tai Po | 1 |
| North | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi | 1 |
| Kwai Chung | 1 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 1 |
| Tin Shui Wai | 1 |
| Total | 16 |

**Table 3: Geographical distribution of subvented PRCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Central & Western | 1 |
| Southern | 1 |
| Islands | 1 |
| Eastern | 1 |
| Wan Chai | 1 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 |
| Sai Kung | 1 |
| Kowloon City | 1 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 |
| Sha Tin | 1 |
| Tai Po | 1 |
| North | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan | 1 |
| Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi | 1 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 1 |
| Hong Kong as a whole | 1 |
| Total | 19 |

**Table 4: Geographical distribution of CRDCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Hong Kong Island | 1 |
| Kowloon | 1 |
| New Territories East | 1 |
| New Territories West | 1 |
| Total | 4 |

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for pre-school rehabilitation services

| Type of service | Number of waitlisted persons | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| EETC | 5 217 | 5 533 | 2 867 ^[Note 3] | 1 472 ^[Note 3] | 1 001 ^[Note 3] |
| IP | 2 048 | 1 855 | 870 ^[Note 3] | 575 ^[Note 3] | 455 ^[Note 3] |
| SCCC | 1 790 | 2 007 | 1 550 ^[Note 3] | 1 454 ^[Note 3] | 997 ^[Note 3] |
| OPRS ^[Note 1] | N.A. | N.A. | 1 096 ^[Note 3] | 2 276 ^[Note 3] | 1 347 ^[Note 3] |
| Occasional child care service (OCCS) ^[Note 2] | - | - | - | - | - |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

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

^[Note 3] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 6: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

| Type of service | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| EETC | 17.9 | 16.8 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 11.2 |
| IP | 12.3 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 7.5 |
| SCCC | 18.8 | 18.2 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 17.5 |
| OPRS ^[Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | 4.8 |
| OCCS ^[Note 3] | - | - | - | - | - |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2020-21 is not yet available.

^[Note 2] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

^[Note 3] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

Table 7a: Number of service places of EETCs

| District | Number of service places of EETCs | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 205 | 385 | 385 | 448 | 448 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 401 | 401 | 401 | 401 | 401 |
| Kwun Tong | 262 | 262 | 328 | 390 | 390 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 416 | 416 | 416 | 416 | 416 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 231 | 231 | 231 | 231 | 231 |
| Sham Shui Po | 274 | 274 | 274 | 400 | 400 |
| Sha Tin | 291 | 291 | 291 | 291 | 291 |
| Tai Po/North | 237 | 387 | 387 | 387 | 387 |
| Yuen Long | 172 | 172 | 172 | 172 | 172 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 406 | 406 | 406 | 406 | 406 |
| Tuen Mun | 229 | 229 | 229 | 229 | 229 |
| Total | 3 124 | 3 454 | 3 520 | 3 771 | 3 771 |

Table 7b: Number of service places of IP

| District | Number of service places of IP | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 |
| Kwun Tong | 228 | 228 | 228 | 228 | 228 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 |
| Sham Shui Po | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| Sha Tin | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 |
| Tai Po/North | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 |
| Yuen Long | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 198 | 198 | 198 | 198 | 198 |
| Tuen Mun | 156 | 156 | 156 | 156 | 156 |
| Total | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 |

Table 7c: Number of service places of SCCCs

| District | Number of service places of SCCCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 199 | 199 | 253 | 253 | 313 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 216 | 216 | 216 | 216 | 216 |
| Kwun Tong | 66 | 66 | 66 | 126 | 186 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 333 | 333 | 333 | 333 | 333 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Sham Shui Po | 205 | 205 | 205 | 205 | 235 |
| Sha Tin | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 |
| Tai Po/North | 227 | 227 | 299 | 299 | 299 |
| Yuen Long | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 |
| Tuen Mun | 144 | 144 | 144 | 144 | 144 |
| Total | 1 834 | 1 834 | 1 960 | 2 020 | 2 170 |

Table 7d: Number of places of OCCS for disabled children

| District | Number of places of OCCS for disabled children | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Kwun Tong | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 10 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sham Shui Po | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| Sha Tin | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| Tai Po/North | 13 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Tuen Mun | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Total | 94 | 96 | 97 | 97 | 102 |

Table 8a: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 468 | 344 | 216 | 116 | 59 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 494 | 526 | 259 | 121 | 98 |
| Kwun Tong | 518 | 646 | 356 | 148 | 74 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 681 | 748 | 381 | 162 | 119 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 535 | 584 | 336 | 203 | 108 |
| Sham Shui Po | 309 | 303 | 174 | 107 | 50 |
| Sha Tin | 614 | 664 | 298 | 171 | 144 |
| Tai Po/North | 425 | 387 | 180 | 106 | 79 |
| Yuen Long | 329 | 406 | 246 | 144 | 116 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 597 | 584 | 251 | 129 | 75 |
| Tuen Mun | 247 | 341 | 170 | 65 | 79 |
| Total | 5 217 | 5 533 | 2 867 ^[Note] | 1 472 ^[Note] | 1 001 ^[Note] |

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8b: Number of persons waitlisted for IP

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for IP | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 119 | 105 | 43 | 27 | 11 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 132 | 121 | 55 | 50 | 37 |
| Kwun Tong | 179 | 166 | 87 | 69 | 69 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 229 | 172 | 91 | 54 | 36 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 200 | 160 | 108 | 82 | 50 |
| Sham Shui Po | 129 | 139 | 67 | 66 | 43 |
| Sha Tin | 248 | 231 | 98 | 54 | 39 |
| Tai Po/North | 285 | 244 | 97 | 68 | 47 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 199 | 91 | 47 | 56 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 181 | 201 | 75 | 40 | 32 |
| Tuen Mun | 109 | 117 | 58 | 18 | 35 |
| Total | 2 048 | 1 855 | 870 ^[Note] | 575 ^[Note] | 455 ^[Note] |

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8c: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCCs

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for SCCCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 127 | 138 | 82 | 133 | 61 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 140 | 137 | 108 | 111 | 87 |
| Kwun Tong | 197 | 201 | 143 | 137 | 80 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 223 | 295 | 219 | 173 | 125 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 168 | 190 | 159 | 138 | 102 |
| Sham Shui Po | 115 | 142 | 91 | 79 | 68 |
| Sha Tin | 189 | 252 | 172 | 136 | 94 |
| Tai Po/North | 153 | 150 | 117 | 110 | 73 |
| Yuen Long | 149 | 170 | 174 | 188 | 136 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 234 | 236 | 190 | 156 | 99 |
| Tuen Mun | 95 | 96 | 95 | 93 | 72 |
| Total | 1 790 | 2 007 | 1 550 ^[Note] | 1 454 ^[Note] | 997 ^[Note] |

[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8d: Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS ^[Note 1]

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 90 | 175 | 78 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 106 | 171 | 92 |
| Kwun Tong | 122 | 256 | 151 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 159 | 285 | 142 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 107 | 227 | 110 |
| Sham Shui Po | 58 | 138 | 83 |
| Sha Tin | 88 | 286 | 148 |
| Tai Po/North | 118 | 201 | 125 |
| Yuen Long | 75 | 187 | 175 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 107 | 184 | 138 |
| Tuen Mun | 66 | 166 | 105 |
| Total | 1 096 ^[Note 2] | 2 276 ^[Note 2] | 1 347 ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 9: Cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services

| Type of service | Cost per place per month | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 (Actual) (\$) | 2017-18 (Actual) (\$) | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$) |
| Pre-school rehabilitation services | 8,298 | 8,893 | 8,811 | 9,544 | 10,637 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)028

(Question Serial No. 0952)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

At present, the waiting time for admission to subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) is long and often spans years, causing enormous pressure on elderly persons and their carers. Please advise:

1. the number of elderly persons who are waiting for admission to subsidised RCHEs and their average waiting time; whether new measures are put in place to shorten their waiting time; if yes, the details and timetable; if no, the reasons for that;
2. the total number of cases received following the implementation of a scheme by the Government in 2003 to encourage provision of RCHE premises in private developments and allow eligible RCHE premises to be exempted from payment of premium; the total number of successful cases so far and the reasons for unsuccessful applications; whether the Government will consider streamlining the current procedures or extending the current co-development approach between the Government and social welfare organisations to private RCHEs, so that more interested parties in the sector can enter the market; if yes, the details and timetable; if no, the reasons for that; and
3. with the advancement of technology nowadays, whether the Government will, having regard to the current needs, consider relaxing the restriction that a RCHE shall not be situated at a height more than 24 metres above the ground floor, so that the sector can use the floor area more flexibly, for instance, building laundries, kitchens or storage rooms on higher floors to free up more lower floor space to accommodate more elderly persons; if yes, the details and timetable; if no, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at the end of December 2020, the waiting time and number of people waitlisted for subsidised care and attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places are as follows:

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) ^[Note 1] | No. of people waitlisted |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| C&A places | 21 | 31 426 ^[Note 2] |
| NH places ^[Note 3] | 26 | 6 099 ^[Note 4] |

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

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

[Note 3] The figure includes the elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase elderly service places through long, medium and short-term strategies. Regarding long-term strategy, the Government has reinstated the population-based planning ratios in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in respect of elderly facilities in late 2018, specifying a ratio of 21.3 subsidised RCHEs places to every 1 000 elderly persons aged 65 or above, so as to set a clear service provision target for future planning work. As for medium-term strategy, the Government is implementing 66 development projects, with about 8 800 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 2 800 day care service places for the elderly expected to come on stream in the coming few years. Besides, according to the 2020 Policy Address, the Government has invited the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society to explore setting aside about 5% of the gross floor area in suitable public housing projects in the future for the provision of social welfare facilities, which include the much-needed RCHEs, on the premise that the original flat production and development scale of ancillary facilities will not be affected. In respect of short-term strategy, the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly has been implemented since March 2017. A maximum of 3 000 RCSVs will be issued, offering elderly persons in need of residential care service an additional choice. In addition, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS within 5 years starting from 2019-20 to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs.

Apart from the aforesaid measures, the Labour and Welfare Bureau will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) with a view to encouraging non-governmental organisations to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide diversified subvented and self-financing services. According to the latest proposals from applicant organisations in Phase 1 of the Special Sites Scheme, it is anticipated that an additional of about 7 500 residential care places (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) will be provided, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services. To further increase welfare facilities in keen demand, including elderly services, the Government launched a new phase of the Special Sites Scheme in April 2019. SWD is discussing with applicant organisations to finalise the details of the proposals such as service type, number of places, development parameters, project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

2. The Government launched a scheme in July 2003 to encourage provision of RCHE premises in new private developments (the Scheme). Eligible RCHE premises under the Scheme would be exempted from payment of premium under different types of land transactions, including lease modification, land exchange and private treaty grant, if the developers accept incorporation of certain lease conditions to ensure the provision of RCHE premises. The premium exemption for the relevant development projects will only be granted with the support of relevant departments (including SWD). The developers will have to bear the construction cost of the RCHE premises which, once built, will become the properties of the developers. The Government will allow the developers to lease, sell or operate the premises themselves or through agencies as long as the premises remain as RCHEs. The developers/operators are free to set their own fees having regard to the market trend.

Since the implementation of the Scheme, 1 project in Tuen Mun has received premium exemption. Construction and furnishing of the RCHE premises have been completed, while the application for RCHE licence is in progress. SWD has also received other preliminary proposals submitted under the Scheme by interested developers/applicants referred by the Lands Department or the Planning Department. Whether the projects can be realised is subject to other considerations and factors affecting the land transaction of individual developers/applicants.

3. The RCHEs are regulated under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (the Regulation). According to section 20(1) of the Regulation, subject to section 20(2), no part of an RCHE shall be situated at a height more than 24 metres above the ground floor. This requirement is a safety consideration for elderly residents, as many of them are wheelchair-bound or even bed-ridden. In the event of fire or other emergencies, they need extensive assistance to evacuate. The difficulty of fire personnel and other rescue teams in evacuating a large number of frail elderly persons with mobility problems to the ground floor cannot be neglected. Therefore, stipulating a height restriction for RCHEs helps to protect the safety of elderly residents in the event of fire or other emergencies as well as effectively shortening the time for fire personnel to rescue or evacuate residents.

Currently, under section 20(2) of the Regulation, the Director of Social Welfare may, by notice in writing served on an operator, authorise that any part of such RCHE may be situated at a height more than 24 metres above the ground floor as may be indicated in the notice. As the height restriction for RCHEs involves safety considerations, whether to relax the relevant regulations requires a careful study.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)029

(Question Serial No. 1248)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-school children so as to further meet child care needs in the community. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- a) the list of MHCCCs expected to undergo re-engineering in the coming year and the number of families that would be affected;
- b) how the impact on society will be reduced during re-engineering; and
- c) the detailed schedule of re-engineering all MHCCCs, and the new service areas to be provided after re-engineering.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 19 MHCCCs run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis throughout the territory, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years and to optimise the use of resources, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases the 19 MHCCCs across the territory from 2019-20 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children, and increase the social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community.

SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of re-engineering work originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2021-22. The specific commencement date and the list of MHCCCs expected to undergo re-engineering in 2021-22 will be subject to the epidemic situation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)030

(Question Serial No. 2694)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on the following in the coming 5 years, with a breakdown by the 18 District Council (DC) districts:

1. the estimated number of additional places for various types of residential care services for the elderly, broken down by year of service commencement; and
2. the estimated number of additional places for various types of day care and community care services for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), broken down by year of service commencement.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

The Government will continue to take a multi-pronged approach to increase elderly service places, and is implementing 66 development projects, with about 8 800 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 2 800 subsidised day care service places for the elderly expected to come on stream in the coming few years. The Government will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) with a view to encouraging non-governmental organisations to better utilise their own sites through expansion, redevelopment or new development to provide welfare facilities in keen demand. According to the latest proposals from applicant organisations in Phase 1 of the Special Sites Scheme, subject to the smooth implementation of all the proposed projects relating to elderly services, a total of about 7 500 residential care places (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 1 500 day care service places are expected to be provided. The Government has also secured \$20 billion funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to purchase premises from the private market for provision of welfare facilities in 2020-21. Facilities proposed to be accommodated in the premises to be purchased include 15 day care centres for the elderly, providing a total of 900 day care service places for the elderly.

Besides, the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly has been implemented since March 2017 to issue a maximum of 3 000 RCSVs, offering elderly persons in need of residential care service with an additional choice. The Government will also purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme

within 5 years starting from 2019-20 to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly.

Regarding community care services for the elderly, the Government will provide an additional 3 000 service places in total under integrated home care services (frail cases) in 2 phases. Among them, 1 500 additional service places have been provided since October 2020, and the Government will provide the remaining 1 500 service places in April 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)031

(Question Serial No. 2695)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (CCSV Pilot Scheme), the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme) and the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (RCSV Pilot Scheme), please advise on the following:

1. the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of places, the number of persons currently using the vouchers, the number of persons having left and the expenditure involved since the introduction of the aforesaid pilot schemes;
2. the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they applied for the 3 pilot schemes;
3. the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they got the vouchers for the 3 pilot schemes;
4. a breakdown of the cumulative number of elderly persons having left the 3 pilot schemes by reason of leaving; and
5. a breakdown of the cumulative number of voucher holders in the 3 pilot schemes by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017. As at the end of August 2017, there were 62 RSPs providing 998 day care service places in total, and there were 1 053 CCSV users and 1 914 persons having left the pilot scheme cumulatively. The total amount of subsidies involved was about \$175.8 million. The second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from October 2016 to September 2020. As at the end of September 2020, there were 179 RSPs in total providing 3 250 day care service places and 7 123 home care service places, and there were 4 379 CCSV users and 5 995 persons having left the pilot scheme cumulatively. The subsidy

amount involved in the pilot scheme was about \$695.6 million in total. The third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2020. As at the end of December 2020, there were 227 RSPs in total providing 3 804 day care service places and 10 542 home care service places, and there were 4 475 CCSV users and 519 persons having left the pilot scheme cumulatively. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate is about \$46 million.

The RCSV Pilot Scheme has been implemented since March 2017. As at the end of December 2020, there were 1 847 current RCSV users, a cumulative total of 2 463 RCSV users and 894 persons having left the pilot scheme, and 137 RSPs in total. Where situation permits, RSPs must provide residential places to any RCSV holder wishing to be admitted. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate is about \$381 million.

The Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme was launched in December 2017. Under the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme, services are provided by 55 integrated home care services teams under 24 non-governmental organisations. Upon its completion in November 2020, the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme has been extended for 25 months to the end of 2022, providing 4 000 service places. As at the end of December 2020, there were a cumulative total of 3 496 persons having received services and granted subsidies, and the total amount granted was about \$106.9 million.

2. & 3. The statistics captured for the CCSV Pilot Scheme and the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme do not include the time taken for the elderly persons to receive services and their waiting time for the services. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

As at the end of December 2020, it took the elderly RCSV users an average of about 2.4 months, counting from SWD's receipt of their applications, to receive the services. Meanwhile, cumulatively it took the elderly RCSV users an average of about 18 days, counting from their receipt of RCSVs, to receive the services.

4. The cumulative number of elderly persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme, the RCSV Pilot Scheme and the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving is set out in Tables 1 to 5 of the Annex.
5. The number of participants in the CCSV Pilot Scheme, RCSV Pilot Scheme and the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by co-payment level is set out in Tables 6 to 10 of the Annex.

Table 1: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving

| Reason for leaving the pilot scheme | No. of persons |
|---|----------------|
| Natural turnover | |
| Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services | 845 |
| Deceased | 298 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers | 264 |
| Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town) | 106 |
| Service-related | |
| No suitable service providers/service packages | 401 |
| Total | 1 914 |

Table 2: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving

| Reason for leaving the pilot scheme | No. of persons |
|---|----------------|
| Natural turnover | |
| Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services | 2 739 |
| Deceased | 1 808 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers | 680 |
| Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town) | 473 |
| Service-related | |
| No suitable service providers/service packages | 295 |
| Total | 5 995 |

Table 3: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2020)

| Reason for leaving the pilot scheme | No. of persons |
|---|----------------|
| Natural turnover | |
| Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services | 272 |
| Deceased | 195 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers | 21 |
| Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town) | 31 |
| Service-related | |
| No suitable service providers/service packages | - |
| Total | 519 |

Table 4: Cumulative number of RCSV holders having left the RCSV Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2020)

| Reason for leaving the pilot scheme | No. of persons |
|--|----------------|
| Elderly persons having no immediate need for residential care services | 27 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc. or community care services | 148 |
| Deceased | 526 |
| The preferred RSP was full/no suitable RSPs | 92 |
| Chose to wait for subsidised residential care places | 43 |
| Refused to accept the co-payment arrangement | 27 |
| Others (e.g. long-term hospitalisation, out of town, chose not to leave the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and could not adapt to institutional life, etc.) | 31 |
| Total | 894 |

Table 5: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by reason for termination of services (as at end-December 2020)

| Reason for termination of services | Deceased | Admitted to residential care services | Admitted to subsidised community care services | Withdrawn from the services ^[Note] | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------|
| No. of persons | 219 | 163 | 166 | 523 | 1 071 |

[Note] The main reasons for withdrawal include elderly persons having to receive hospitalised treatment or experiencing changes in family support (e.g. elderly persons being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers.)

Table 6: Distribution of CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | No. of persons |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| I | 2 031 |
| II | 312 |
| III | 299 |
| IV | 53 |
| V | 273 |
| Total | 2 968 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the first phase of the pilot scheme are set according to affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V), being \$500 (I), \$750 (II), \$1,000 (III), \$1,500 (IV) and \$2,500 (V). (The number of persons includes elderly persons who had used CCSVs, those who had left the pilot scheme and those who held but had not yet used CCSVs.)

Table 7: Cumulative number of CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | No. of persons |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| I | 2 081 |
| II | 5 745 |
| III | 1 156 |
| IV | 1 173 |
| V | 208 |
| VI | 1 791 |
| Total | 12 154 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSV they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The 5 types of CCSV values are set at \$4,130, \$5,970, \$7,460, \$8,380, \$9,870 per month in 2020-21. (The number of persons includes elderly persons who had used CCSVs, those who had left the pilot scheme and those who held but had not yet used CCSVs.)

Table 8: Cumulative number of CCSV holders in the third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2020)

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | No. of persons |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| I | 1 135 |
| II | 3 640 |
| III | 706 |
| IV | 733 |
| V | 134 |
| VI | 990 |
| Total | 7 338 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSV they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values with effect from 1 October 2020 range from \$4,130 to \$9,870 per month. (The number of persons includes elderly persons who had used CCSVs, those who had left the pilot scheme and those who held but had not yet used CCSVs.)

Table 9: Distribution of RCSV holders by co-payment level (as at end-December 2020)

| Level [Note] | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Co-payment percentages | 0.0% | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% | 62.5% | 75% |
| Cumulative no. of RCSV holders | 2 498 | 301 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | - | 67 |

[Note] The face value of a voucher is \$15,755 per month starting from 1 November 2020. Under the RCSV Pilot Scheme, there are 8 co-payment levels in total, level 0 being the lowest and level 7 being the highest. The Government will fully subsidise RCSV holders classified under co-payment level 0. RCSV holders under co-payment levels 1 to 7 have to pay service fees according to the co-payment percentages. (The above number of holders includes elderly persons who had used RCSVs, those who had left the pilot scheme and those who held but had not yet used RCSVs.)

Table 10: Distribution of participants in the Mild Impairment Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2020)

| Co-payment level [Note] | No. of persons |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| I | 1 451 |
| II | 1 663 |
| III | 187 |
| IV | 172 |
| V | 23 |
| Total | 3 496 |

[Note] The 5 co-payment percentages for meal services are set at 20%, 30%, 35%, 40% and 45%, whereas the 5 co-payment percentages for home services are set at 0%, 9%, 15%, 21% and 27%.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)032

(Question Serial No. 2696)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

- 1) the number of participants of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme);
- 2) the number of persons having completed the Navigation Scheme; the number of dropouts and their reasons; and
- 3) the per capita cost for the Navigation Scheme;

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1) & 2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. A total of 1 158 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. As at the end of December 2020, 529 of them graduated, while 91 trainees are still under the Navigation Scheme. 538 trainees have left the Navigation Scheme mainly for reasons such as pursuing further studies, finding the job nature not suitable, having secured another job or personal reasons. SWD has continued to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years since 2020-21, and implemented enhancement measures. The enhanced Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of about 400 trainees so far.
- 3) Given that trainees participated in the Navigation Scheme at different time intervals, that the actual number of trainees admitted to various operating agencies each year may vary, and that operating agencies will arrange for suitable staffing with flexibility, information on the per capita cost for the Navigation Scheme is not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)033

(Question Serial No. 2697)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Many grassroots families are unable to attend to all their school children with needs due to mental stress during the epidemic. What additional manpower would the Government provide in support during the period?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

Reply:

While minimising the risk of spreading COVID-19 in the community, the Government is concerned about the welfare needs of different people in the community. All aided child care centres (CCCs) (including special CCCs) and After School Care Programme centres under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will remain open during service suspension to serve parents who have difficulty in taking care of their children so as to relieve their burden during the epidemic. The 67 Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Service Centres (Centres) across the territory continue to provide services for the public, including telephone contact with service users by social workers of the Centres proactively to offer counselling and to ensure that their welfare needs are properly addressed. SWD has also launched the "2020 Psycho education information Hub for Combatting COVID-19" timely on its website, which includes information on children's suspension of classes to help parents adjust their emotions and proactively combat the epidemic with their children. Furthermore, SWD's Clinical Psychological Service Branch also continues to provide psychological assessment and treatment for the public. For any person in urgent need, he/she can seek help by contacting the Centres or calling SWD's hotline.

To enhance teenagers' mental health and stress resilience, SWD has implemented the measure of "two school social workers for each school" in more than 460 secondary schools across the territory since the 2019/20 school year with enhanced supervisory support provided concomitantly for handling complicated cases. Through casework, groups and programmes, secondary school social workers help needy students solve their academic, social and/or emotional problems, including pressure faced under the epidemic. During suspension of face-to-face classes for schools due to COVID-19 as required, school social workers still continue to maintain close liaison with students and school personnel. Apart from

maintaining contacts with students through telephone calls and online means, school social workers provide timely counselling to students through interviews or visits in case of need or in urgent situation.

For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has provided social work services in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs) (including aided CCCs, kindergartens (KGs) and KG-cum-CCCs) across the territory. Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the pilot scheme commenced operation in February 2019, August 2019 and August 2020 respectively. During the epidemic, despite suspension of face-to-face classes for KGs due to COVID-19 as required, PPIs remain open to serve the children in need so as to reduce the pressure on parents who take care of their children amid the fight against the epidemic. Separately, the social work teams maintain contacts with pre-primary children and their families through telephone calls and online means to provide support for them, and the teams also provide assistance to the children in need and their families through interviews or visits in case of need or in urgent situation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)034

(Question Serial No. 2698)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee in table form for the past 3 years:

- 1) the number of abuse cases involving elderly, youth, children, women and spouse/cohabitant battering;
- 2) among these cases, how many were referred by teachers, police, medical staff, relatives or others (please provide a breakdown);
- 3) the distribution of age, the types of abuse, the usual place of occurrence and the duration of continued abuse of respective cases;
- 4) in general, the relationship between the perpetrator and the abused known to the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- 5) what support services does the Government have in place to support the abused and their families?
- 6) what is the average waiting time for an abuse case to receive support services after getting in contact with SWD? What is the per capita cost?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1) to 4) SWD collects information on spouse/cohabitant battering cases, sexual violence cases, newly registered child protection cases and elder abuse cases reported by various parties through its Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, Child Protection Registry, Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases and Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs). The number of newly reported cases involving spouse/cohabitant battering, child protection (including cases with children under high risk/maltreatment) and elder abuse over the past 3 years by age and gender, and a breakdown of cases by reporting/referring agency are tabulated in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the duration of continued abuse in respective cases.

In addition, a breakdown of the case type, residential district of the victim/usual place of occurrence and perpetrator's relationship with the victim has been uploaded on SWD's webpage (address as below):

Support for Victims of Child Abuse, Spouse/Cohabitant Battering and Sexual Violence

https://www.swd.gov.hk/vs/index_e.html

Statistics on Elder Abuse Cases

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_elderly/sub_csselderly/id_se_rabuseelder/

- 5) & 6) To ensure the safety of the victims and their families and provide timely support for them, in particular the victims, when a social worker or relevant personnel receive or identify a case of domestic violence, child maltreatment or spouse/cohabitant battering or elder abuse, he/she will conduct assessment on the risk of further harm to the related victim and whether the victim needs emergency services such as medical check in accordance with the information initially collected. If the victim and his/her family member(s) are considered to be at high risk of further violence, the social worker will take immediate action (subject to the victim's consent as appropriate) to provide shelter, temporary accommodation or residential service, emotional support/counselling, clinical psychological service and financial assistance, etc. In case of need, the social worker will assist the victim to seek legal protection including application for an injunction order under the Domestic and Cohabitation Relationships Violence Ordinance or application for a Care or Protection Order under the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance to protect the children concerned. For suspected cases of criminal offence, the relevant personnel will report the case to the Police.

Besides, SWD's Integrated Family Service Centres/Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, District Elderly Community Centres, Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Support Teams for the Elderly, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. provide a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence, child maltreatment, spouse/cohabitant battering and elder abuse cases, including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence, perpetrators and families in need. Furthermore, SWD has funded the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence to provide victims of domestic violence with information on the legal proceedings and community support services (such as legal aid services, accommodation, medical treatment and child care support, etc.). The victim will also be provided with emotional support and, if needed, accompanied to court to go through the legal proceedings.

Victims of domestic violence, child maltreatment, spouse/cohabitant battering or elder abuse cases do not have to wait to receive these emergency support services. SWD does not have information on the per capita cost.

Table 1: Newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note 1]**(1) Age and gender of victim**

| Age | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | | |
|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| above 16 to 18 | - | 16 | 16 | - | 5 | 5 | - | 11 | 11 |
| above 18 to 20 | 5 | 22 | 27 | - | 21 | 21 | 2 | 23 | 25 |
| above 20 to 25 | 22 | 117 | 139 | 10 | 124 | 134 | 11 | 98 | 109 |
| above 25 to 30 | 31 | 280 | 311 | 26 | 266 | 292 | 28 | 277 | 305 |
| above 30 to 35 | 52 | 445 | 497 | 50 | 442 | 492 | 31 | 384 | 415 |
| above 35 to 40 | 90 | 439 | 529 | 65 | 467 | 532 | 41 | 422 | 463 |
| above 40 to 45 | 70 | 392 | 462 | 62 | 409 | 471 | 48 | 338 | 386 |
| above 45 to 50 | 73 | 267 | 340 | 60 | 275 | 335 | 49 | 238 | 287 |
| above 50 to 55 | 59 | 147 | 206 | 50 | 167 | 217 | 31 | 148 | 179 |
| above 55 to 59 | 48 | 77 | 125 | 34 | 90 | 124 | 29 | 99 | 128 |
| above 60 to 64 | 38 | 82 | 120 | 31 | 90 | 121 | 38 | 73 | 111 |
| above 64 to 69 | 30 | 56 | 86 | 25 | 54 | 79 | 35 | 41 | 76 |
| above 69 to 74 | 9 | 19 | 28 | 20 | 22 | 42 | 18 | 33 | 51 |
| above 74 to 79 | 11 | 16 | 27 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| above 79 to 84 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| 85 or above | 8 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Total | 550 | 2 387 | 2 937 | 460 | 2 460 | 2 920 | 392 | 2 209 | 2 601 |

(2) Type of reporting agency ^[Note 2]

| Reporting agency | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SWD | 1 354 | 1 408 | 1 184 |
| Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) | 175 | 300 | 303 |
| Hospital Authority | 86 | 90 | 92 |
| Legal Aid Department | 1 | - | - |
| Hong Kong Police Force | 1 321 | 1 122 | 1 022 |
| Department of Health | - | - | - |
| Total | 2 937 | 2 920 | 2 601 |

[Note 1] The figures on newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases in Table 1 come from the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases. If the victim is aged 60 or above, the case is also registered in the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases. As such, the number of cases on victims aged 60 or above in Table 1 is also reflected in the figures in Table 3.

[Note 2] If more than 1 agency reports the same case, the first agency which provides the data will be recorded as reporting agency.

Table 2: Child protection cases**(1) Age of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment in the Child Protection Registry**

| Age | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 0 to 2 | 185 | 170 | 173 |
| 3 to 5 | 99 | 98 | 96 |
| 6 to 8 | 177 | 180 | 143 |
| 9 to 11 | 227 | 181 | 138 |
| 12 to 14 | 237 | 239 | 245 |
| 15 to 17 | 139 | 138 | 145 |
| Total | 1 064 | 1 006 | 940 |

(2) Number of child protection cases newly received by FCPSUs with a breakdown by source of referral

| Source of referral | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Medical professionals and medical social workers | 192 | 161 | 217 |
| Schools (including teachers and school social workers) | 180 | 165 | 147 |
| Police | 152 | 104 | 113 |
| Social service units (including other service units under SWD, IFSCs and NGOs, etc.) | 430 | 429 | 387 |
| Members of the public/media/SWD hotlines | 1 | - | 4 |
| Courts/other government departments | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Self-approach | 13 | 8 | 12 |
| Others | - | 3 | 2 |
| Total ^[Note 3] | 975 | 872 | 888 |

^[Note 3] As each case may involve more than 1 child under high risk/maltreatment, the number of child protection cases newly received by FCPSUs does not tally with the total number of newly registered children under high risk/maltreatment in the Child Protection Registry of the year.

Table 3: Elder Abuse Cases ^[Note 4]

(1) Age and gender of victim

| Age | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 60 to 64 | 59 | 123 | 182 | 46 | 128 | 174 | 55 | 104 | 159 |
| 65 to 69 | 57 | 86 | 143 | 44 | 85 | 129 | 51 | 59 | 110 |
| 70 to 74 | 24 | 35 | 59 | 29 | 37 | 66 | 28 | 49 | 77 |
| 75 to 79 | 19 | 26 | 45 | 15 | 25 | 40 | 24 | 23 | 47 |
| 80 to 84 | 12 | 16 | 28 | 17 | 27 | 44 | 19 | 22 | 41 |
| 85 or above | 18 | 21 | 39 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 15 | 20 | 35 |
| Total | 189 | 307 | 496 | 166 | 322 | 488 | 192 | 277 | 469 |

(2) Type of reporting agency

| Reporting agency | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| SWD | 153 | 174 | 161 |
| NGOs | 30 | 40 | 58 |
| Hospital Authority | 16 | 14 | 24 |
| Department of Health | - | - | - |
| Hong Kong Police Force | 297 | 260 | 226 |
| Housing Department | - | - | - |
| Total | 496 | 488 | 469 |

^[Note 4] The figures on elder abuse cases in Table 3 come from the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases. If the perpetrator's relationship with the victim is spouse/intimate partner, the case is also registered in the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases. As such, the number of elder abuse cases in Table 3 also includes the number of cases on victims aged 60 or above in Table 1.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)035

(Question Serial No. 2699)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee in table form for the past 3 years:

the number of cases where compassionate rehousing (CR) was arranged for individuals or families as a means to solve their housing problems, and the reasons for application.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 73)

Reply:

The number of CR cases recommended by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the Housing Department in the past 3 years [2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at December 2020)] is 788, 729 and 482 respectively.

SWD does not have information on the reasons for seeking CR recommendation claimed by the applicant.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)036

(Question Serial No. 2700)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee in table form:

the 5 service areas of Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 74)

Reply:

The 65 IFSCs in Hong Kong have been providing a range of preventive, supportive and remedial services for people in need. Services include family life education, parent-child activities, consultation, outreaching service, support/mutual help groups, counselling and referral services, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)037

(Question Serial No. 2701)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), please advise the following for the past 3 years:

- a) the respective numbers of applications received and approved for the 2 cash assistance programmes of ISS, and the breakdown of the approved applications by the amount of subsidy granted;
- b) the age distribution of applicants (in ten-year bands);
- c) the amount involved; and
- d) the estimated total number of eligible applicants.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

The 2 assistance programmes under Community Care Fund, namely "Provision of Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment" (RSME programme) and "Provision of Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Purchasing Medical Consumables Related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment" (Consumables programme) have been regularised under ISS with effect from November 2014. The number of applicants and recipients under the 2 programmes from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The annual expenditure on these 2 programmes is set out in Table 2 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown by amount of subsidy granted, the age distribution of applicants or the estimated total number of eligible applicants.

Table 1: Number of applicants and recipients under the RSME programme and the Consumables programme

| Year Type of Subsidies | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients |
| RSME programme | 83 | 281 | 84 | 262 | 52 | 246 |
| Consumables programme | | 302 | | 287 | | 267 |
| Total | 83 | 304 [Note 2] | 84 | 287 [Note 2] | 52 | 267 [Note 2] |

[Note 1] SWD does not have the respective numbers of applicants for the 2 programmes.

[Note 2] The total number includes recipients under RSME programme only, recipients under Consumables programme only, and recipients under both programmes.

Table 2: Annual expenditure on the RSME programme and the Consumables programme

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Annual actual expenditure (\$ million) | 6.58 | 7.02 | 5.20 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)038

(Question Serial No. 2702)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Apart from Siu Lam Hospital, please set out the location and number of other places that provide residential care, day care services and residential respite service to persons with intellectual disability who have stomach stomas or need to use respiratory support equipment.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 80)

Reply:

Care and Attention Homes for Severely Disabled Persons (list: https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_residcare/id_careattcasd/) provide residential care and respite service for eligible persons with disabilities requiring intensive nursing care (including persons with intellectual disability who require tube feeding or oxygen therapy). Day Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (list: https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_supportcom/id_dcscd/) also offers day care service to the above eligible persons with disabilities. Moreover, the Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients situated at Ma On Shan in the New Territories provides 2 transitional residential care service places for eligible persons with disabilities who need to use respiratory support equipment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)039

(Question Serial No. 2704)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please list out the following information with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district in the past 5 years:

1) the age and percentage of Old Age Allowance (OAA) recipients:

| | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | |
| Eastern | | | |
| Southern | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | |
| North | | | |
| Tai Po | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | |
| Islands | | | |

2) the age and percentage of Normal Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients:

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

3) the age and percentage of Higher OALA recipients:

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

4) the age and percentage of OAA recipients under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme:

| | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | |
| Eastern | | | |
| Southern | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | |
| North | | | |
| Tai Po | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | |
| Islands | | | |

5) the age and percentage of Normal OALA recipients under the GD Scheme:

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | |

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

6) the age and percentage of Higher OALA recipients under the GD Scheme:

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

7) the age and percentage of OAA recipients under the Fujian (FJ) Scheme:

| | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | |
| Eastern | | | |
| Southern | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | |
| North | | | |

| | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Tai Po | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | |
| Islands | | | |

8) the age and percentage of Normal OALA recipients under the FJ Scheme:

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

9) the age and percentage of Higher OALA recipients under the FJ Scheme:

| | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

10) the age and percentage of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) recipients:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

11) the age and percentage of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) recipients:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

- 12) a list of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the current CSSA system.
- 13) the maximum amount of dental grant on an actual reimbursement basis under the current CSSA system.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 83)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1) The number of OAA cases and the percentage out of the total number of cases in the past 3 years with a breakdown by age group and district are set out in Annex 1. SWD does not have the other information sought.
- 2) & 3) The number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA cases and their percentages out of the total number of cases in the past 3 years with a breakdown by age group and district are set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have the other information sought.
- 4) to 9) Under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, OAA and OALA (including Normal OALA and Higher OALA) will be provided to eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who have chosen to reside in GD or FJ, without requiring them to return to Hong Kong each year.

The number of OAA, Normal OALA and Higher OALA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in the past 3 years with a breakdown by age group are set out in Annex 3. SWD does not have the other information sought.
- 10) & 11) The number of NDA and HDA cases and the percentage out of the total number of cases in the past 3 years with a breakdown by district are set out in Annex 4. SWD does not have the other information sought.
- 12) & 13) As at the end of December 2020, there were 74 dental clinics designated by SWD for providing examination service and quotation to CSSA recipients. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Number of OAA cases and percentage out of the total number of cases from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by age group and district

| District | 2018-19 | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number of OAA cases | | | |
| | Aged 70 to 74 | Aged 75 to 79 | Aged 80 or above | Total |
| Central & Western | 5 338 | 2 931 | 5 454 | 13 723 (5.5%) |
| Eastern | 13 796 | 7 516 | 12 289 | 33 601 (13.5%) |
| Islands | 1 919 | 880 | 1 218 | 4 017 (1.6%) |
| Kowloon City | 7 530 | 4 604 | 8 017 | 20 151 (8.1%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 6 325 | 3 311 | 3 948 | 13 584 (5.4%) |
| Kwun Tong | 7 431 | 4 167 | 6 221 | 17 819 (7.1%) |
| North | 3 243 | 1 517 | 2 424 | 7 184 (2.9%) |
| Sai Kung | 5 744 | 2 717 | 3 179 | 11 640 (4.7%) |
| Sha Tin | 10 273 | 4 515 | 6 002 | 20 790 (8.3%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 5 529 | 3 186 | 5 417 | 14 132 (5.7%) |
| Southern | 4 876 | 2 383 | 3 790 | 11 049 (4.4%) |
| Tai Po | 4 068 | 1 744 | 2 416 | 8 228 (3.3%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 5 225 | 2 714 | 3 453 | 11 392 (4.6%) |
| Tuen Mun | 5 695 | 2 413 | 2 438 | 10 546 (4.2%) |
| Wan Chai | 3 806 | 2 441 | 4 780 | 11 027 (4.4%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 4 977 | 2 725 | 4 781 | 12 483 (5.0%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 5 907 | 3 606 | 5 621 | 15 134 (6.1%) |
| Yuen Long | 6 255 | 2 972 | 3 966 | 13 193 (5.3%) |
| Total | 107 937 | 56 342 | 85 414 | 249 693 (100%) |

| District | 2019-20 | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Number of OAA cases | | | |
| | Aged 70 to 74 | Aged 75 to 79 | Aged 80 or above | Total |
| Central & Western | 6 055 | 2 931 | 5 612 | 14 598 (5.4%) |
| Eastern | 15 567 | 7 591 | 12 834 | 35 992 (13.4%) |
| Islands | 2 234 | 940 | 1 271 | 4 445 (1.7%) |
| Kowloon City | 8 331 | 4 613 | 8 339 | 21 283 (7.9%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 6 886 | 3 486 | 4 158 | 14 530 (5.4%) |
| Kwun Tong | 8 166 | 4 210 | 6 467 | 18 843 (7.0%) |
| North | 3 816 | 1 619 | 2 518 | 7 953 (3.0%) |
| Sai Kung | 6 585 | 2 869 | 3 428 | 12 882 (4.8%) |
| Sha Tin | 11 955 | 4 791 | 6 346 | 23 092 (8.6%) |

| District | 2019-20 | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | Number of OAA cases | | | |
| | Aged 70 to 74 | Aged 75 to 79 | Aged 80 or above | Total |
| Sham Shui Po | 6 058 | 3 240 | 5 610 | 14 908 (5.5%) |
| Southern | 5 490 | 2 443 | 3 960 | 11 893 (4.4%) |
| Tai Po | 4 628 | 1 858 | 2 570 | 9 056 (3.4%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 5 787 | 2 919 | 3 607 | 12 313 (4.6%) |
| Tuen Mun | 6 593 | 2 578 | 2 628 | 11 799 (4.4%) |
| Wan Chai | 4 198 | 2 370 | 4 960 | 11 528 (4.3%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 5 478 | 2 792 | 4 865 | 13 135 (4.9%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 6 527 | 3 616 | 5 851 | 15 994 (6.0%) |
| Yuen Long | 7 148 | 3 173 | 4 231 | 14 552 (5.4%) |
| Total | 121 502 | 58 039 | 89 255 | 268 796 (100%) |

| District | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | Number of OAA cases | | | |
| | Aged 70 to 74 | Aged 75 to 79 | Aged 80 or above | Total |
| Central & Western | 6 631 | 3 054 | 5 672 | 15 357 (5.4%) |
| Eastern | 17 112 | 7 746 | 13 108 | 37 966 (13.3%) |
| Islands | 2 574 | 1 001 | 1 312 | 4 887 (1.7%) |
| Kowloon City | 9 021 | 4 764 | 8 445 | 22 230 (7.8%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 7 362 | 3 574 | 4 328 | 15 264 (5.3%) |
| Kwun Tong | 8 866 | 4 279 | 6 579 | 19 724 (6.9%) |
| North | 4 304 | 1 737 | 2 543 | 8 584 (3.0%) |
| Sai Kung | 7 394 | 3 012 | 3 628 | 14 034 (4.9%) |
| Sha Tin | 13 335 | 5 078 | 6 577 | 24 990 (8.7%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 6 653 | 3 302 | 5 727 | 15 682 (5.5%) |
| Southern | 6 017 | 2 558 | 4 083 | 12 658 (4.4%) |
| Tai Po | 5 278 | 2 012 | 2 617 | 9 907 (3.5%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 6 277 | 3 056 | 3 735 | 13 068 (4.6%) |
| Tuen Mun | 7 511 | 2 759 | 2 734 | 13 004 (4.6%) |
| Wan Chai | 4 714 | 2 356 | 5 107 | 12 177 (4.3%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 5 922 | 2 834 | 4 892 | 13 648 (4.8%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 7 020 | 3 709 | 6 034 | 16 763 (5.9%) |
| Yuen Long | 8 079 | 3 374 | 4 366 | 15 819 (5.5%) |
| Total | 134 070 | 60 205 | 91 487 | 285 762 (100%) |

Number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA ^[Note] cases and their percentages out of the total number of cases from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by age group and district

| District | 2018-19 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Aged 65 to 69 | | Aged 70 to 74 | | Aged 75 to 79 | | Aged 80 or above | | Total | |
| | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA |
| Central & Western | 267 | 1 593 | 301 | 1 743 | 190 | 1 134 | 476 | 3 275 | 1 234 (2.4%) | 7 745 (1.6%) |
| Eastern | 1 298 | 8 568 | 1 146 | 9 156 | 754 | 6 050 | 1 483 | 13 459 | 4 681 (8.9%) | 37 233 (7.6%) |
| Islands | 239 | 2 361 | 178 | 1 877 | 100 | 1 111 | 206 | 2 059 | 723 (1.4%) | 7 408 (1.5%) |
| Kowloon City | 647 | 5 397 | 594 | 5 626 | 435 | 3 913 | 942 | 8 032 | 2 618 (5.0%) | 22 968 (4.7%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 480 | 13 380 | 1 110 | 12 788 | 764 | 8 919 | 1 130 | 13 169 | 4 484 (8.6%) | 48 256 (9.9%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 746 | 17 022 | 1 336 | 15 878 | 868 | 11 131 | 1 593 | 19 581 | 5 543 (10.6%) | 63 612 (13.0%) |
| North | 839 | 6 103 | 491 | 4 577 | 300 | 2 687 | 559 | 5 203 | 2 189 (4.2%) | 18 570 (3.8%) |
| Sai Kung | 1 051 | 7 643 | 677 | 6 668 | 423 | 4 201 | 678 | 6 950 | 2 829 (5.4%) | 25 462 (5.2%) |
| Sha Tin | 2 054 | 15 204 | 1 461 | 13 115 | 810 | 7 611 | 1 315 | 12 922 | 5 640 (10.8%) | 48 852 (10.0%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 807 | 7 744 | 625 | 6 192 | 409 | 4 163 | 848 | 9 383 | 2 689 (5.1%) | 27 482 (5.6%) |
| Southern | 613 | 4 246 | 454 | 4 363 | 307 | 2 993 | 643 | 7 138 | 2 017 (3.9%) | 18 740 (3.8%) |
| Tai Po | 908 | 6 416 | 521 | 4 612 | 259 | 2 755 | 505 | 5 208 | 2 193 (4.2%) | 18 991 (3.9%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 566 | 4 477 | 477 | 4 589 | 322 | 3 263 | 582 | 5 949 | 1 947 (3.7%) | 18 278 (3.7%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 731 | 13 805 | 935 | 9 790 | 465 | 5 062 | 611 | 7 388 | 3 742 (7.1%) | 36 045 (7.4%) |
| Wan Chai | 115 | 707 | 136 | 756 | 101 | 568 | 299 | 1 855 | 651 (1.2%) | 3 886 (0.8%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 247 | 10 170 | 859 | 9 128 | 585 | 6 696 | 1 382 | 15 453 | 4 073 (7.8%) | 41 447 (8.5%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 486 | 3 265 | 512 | 3 131 | 314 | 2 023 | 664 | 4 706 | 1 976 (3.8%) | 13 125 (2.7%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 264 | 10 996 | 743 | 7 781 | 429 | 4 640 | 712 | 7 951 | 3 148 (6%) | 31 368 (6.4%) |
| Total | 17 358 | 139 097 | 12 556 | 121 770 | 7 835 | 78 920 | 14 628 | 149 681 | 52 377 (100%) | 489 468 (100%) |

| District | 2019-20 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Aged 65 to 69 | | Aged 70 to 74 | | Aged 75 to 79 | | Aged 80 or above | | Total | |
| | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA |
| Central & Western | 264 | 1 553 | 302 | 1 971 | 174 | 1 148 | 408 | 3 294 | 1 148 (2.3%) | 7 966 (1.5%) |
| Eastern | 1 205 | 8 334 | 1 145 | 10 326 | 649 | 6 216 | 1 324 | 13 741 | 4 323 (8.7%) | 38 617 (7.4%) |
| Islands | 244 | 2 608 | 195 | 2 199 | 93 | 1 214 | 160 | 2 254 | 692 (1.4%) | 8 275 (1.6%) |
| Kowloon City | 706 | 5 368 | 553 | 6 251 | 374 | 4 127 | 783 | 8 421 | 2 416 (4.8%) | 24 167 (4.6%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 428 | 13 697 | 1 039 | 13 784 | 698 | 9 513 | 1 038 | 13 907 | 4 203 (8.4%) | 50 901 (9.8%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 735 | 17 512 | 1 291 | 17 512 | 778 | 11 680 | 1 394 | 20 677 | 5 198 (10.4%) | 67 381 (12.9%) |
| North | 847 | 6 707 | 492 | 5 213 | 255 | 2 984 | 424 | 5 439 | 2 018 (4.0%) | 20 343 (3.9%) |
| Sai Kung | 999 | 7 897 | 681 | 7 566 | 398 | 4 551 | 600 | 7 341 | 2 678 (5.4%) | 27 355 (5.2%) |
| Sha Tin | 2 075 | 15 654 | 1 486 | 14 934 | 785 | 8 225 | 1 208 | 13 743 | 5 554 (11.1%) | 52 556 (10.1%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 830 | 8 345 | 642 | 7 260 | 378 | 4 375 | 783 | 9 752 | 2 633 (5.3%) | 29 732 (5.7%) |
| Southern | 607 | 4 271 | 464 | 4 772 | 270 | 3 030 | 562 | 7 385 | 1 903 (3.8%) | 19 458 (3.7%) |
| Tai Po | 918 | 6 963 | 523 | 5 411 | 230 | 2 965 | 442 | 5 473 | 2 113 (4.2%) | 20 812 (4.0%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 569 | 4 480 | 466 | 4 968 | 296 | 3 431 | 532 | 6 240 | 1 863 (3.7%) | 19 119 (3.7%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 787 | 14 403 | 1 060 | 11 569 | 468 | 5 601 | 542 | 7 866 | 3 857 (7.7%) | 39 439 (7.6%) |
| Wan Chai | 123 | 686 | 135 | 868 | 85 | 558 | 248 | 1 817 | 591 (1.2%) | 3 929 (0.8%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 213 | 10 463 | 866 | 10 126 | 520 | 6 837 | 1 197 | 15 765 | 3 796 (7.6%) | 43 191 (8.3%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 478 | 3 395 | 474 | 3 551 | 283 | 2 133 | 568 | 4 752 | 1 803 (3.6%) | 13 831 (2.7%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 337 | 11 983 | 751 | 8 964 | 368 | 5 134 | 587 | 8 300 | 3 043 (6.1%) | 34 381 (6.6%) |
| Total | 17 365 | 144 319 | 12 565 | 137 245 | 7 102 | 83 722 | 12 800 | 156 167 | 49 832 (100%) | 521 453 (100%) |

| District | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Aged 65 to 69 | | Aged 70 to 74 | | Aged 75 to 79 | | Aged 80 or above | | Total | |
| | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA |
| Central & Western | 273 | 1 603 | 313 | 2 078 | 165 | 1 215 | 395 | 3 298 | 1 146 (2.3%) | 8 194 (1.5%) |
| Eastern | 1 236 | 8 582 | 1 145 | 11 031 | 612 | 6 390 | 1 240 | 13 978 | 4 233 (8.5%) | 39 981 (7.3%) |
| Islands | 230 | 2 855 | 199 | 2 466 | 86 | 1 311 | 156 | 2 315 | 671 (1.4%) | 8 947 (1.6%) |
| Kowloon City | 737 | 5 592 | 569 | 6 637 | 372 | 4 263 | 714 | 8 582 | 2 392 (4.8%) | 25 074 (4.6%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 441 | 14 300 | 1 036 | 14 682 | 635 | 9 835 | 999 | 14 457 | 4 111 (8.3%) | 53 274 (9.7%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 763 | 17 969 | 1 315 | 18 888 | 736 | 11 885 | 1 303 | 21 412 | 5 117 (10.3%) | 70 154 (12.8%) |
| North | 864 | 7 258 | 536 | 5 816 | 244 | 3 120 | 393 | 5 543 | 2 037 (4.1%) | 21 737 (4.0%) |
| Sai Kung | 1 045 | 8 416 | 696 | 8 192 | 373 | 4 701 | 593 | 7 742 | 2 707 (5.5%) | 29 051 (5.3%) |
| Sha Tin | 2 052 | 16 141 | 1 624 | 16 453 | 768 | 8 678 | 1 135 | 14 327 | 5 579 (11.3%) | 55 599 (10.1%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 894 | 8 980 | 669 | 8 057 | 349 | 4 648 | 726 | 10 040 | 2 638 (5.3%) | 31 725 (5.8%) |
| Southern | 615 | 4 380 | 483 | 5 083 | 268 | 3 089 | 522 | 7 490 | 1 888 (3.8%) | 20 042 (3.7%) |
| Tai Po | 944 | 7 414 | 547 | 6 067 | 230 | 3 127 | 393 | 5 651 | 2 114 (4.3%) | 22 259 (4.1%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 575 | 4 621 | 464 | 5 228 | 282 | 3 574 | 517 | 6 391 | 1 838 (3.7%) | 19 814 (3.6%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 834 | 14 863 | 1 135 | 13 073 | 475 | 5 986 | 527 | 8 216 | 3 971 (8.0%) | 42 138 (7.7%) |
| Wan Chai | 133 | 716 | 132 | 941 | 83 | 576 | 227 | 1 829 | 575 (1.2%) | 4 062 (0.7%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 239 | 11 051 | 895 | 10 848 | 481 | 6 942 | 1 095 | 15 977 | 3 710 (7.5%) | 44 818 (8.2%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 455 | 3 550 | 488 | 3 916 | 276 | 2 172 | 533 | 4 753 | 1 752 (3.5%) | 14 391 (2.6%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 432 | 12 797 | 800 | 10 061 | 350 | 5 294 | 530 | 8 555 | 3 112 (6.3%) | 36 707 (6.7%) |
| Total | 17 762 | 151 088 | 13 046 | 149 517 | 6 785 | 86 806 | 11 998 | 160 556 | 49 591 (100%) | 547 967 (100%) |

[Note] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA since 1 June 2018.

Number of OAA, Normal OALA and Higher OALA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by age group

| Type of allowance [Note] | Age group | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | GD Scheme | FJ Scheme | GD Scheme | FJ Scheme | GD Scheme | FJ Scheme |
| OAA | 65 to 69 | 1 931 | 186 | N.A. | | | |
| | 70 to 74 | 4 588 | 459 | 3 276 | 288 | 2 728 | 238 |
| | 75 to 79 | 3 884 | 310 | 2 637 | 184 | 2 046 | 155 |
| | 80 or above | 6 165 | 701 | 3 863 | 313 | 2 922 | 222 |
| | Total | 16 568 | 1 656 | 9 776 | 785 | 7 696 | 615 |
| Higher OALA | 65 to 69 | N.A. | | 2 284 | 171 | 2 449 | 215 |
| | 70 to 74 | | | 2 209 | 194 | 3 029 | 259 |
| | 75 to 79 | | | 1 173 | 155 | 1 787 | 194 |
| | 80 or above | | | 2 394 | 459 | 3 537 | 618 |
| | Total | | | 8 060 | 979 | 10 802 | 1 286 |
| Normal OALA | 65 to 69 | N.A. | | 223 | 11 | 233 | 15 |
| | 70 to 74 | | | 162 | 12 | 225 | 11 |
| | 75 to 79 | | | 103 | 3 | 150 | 8 |
| | 80 or above | | | 141 | 5 | 179 | 11 |
| | Total | | | 629 | 31 | 787 | 45 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OALA under the GS Scheme and the FJ Scheme, applicable to elderly persons aged 65 or above, was launched on 1 January 2020. Meanwhile, OAA under those 2 schemes is disbursed to elderly persons aged 70 or above without means test starting from the same day.

**Number of NDA and HDA cases and their percentages out of the total number of cases
from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by district**

| District | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | NDA | HDA | NDA | HDA | NDA | HDA |
| Central & Western | 3 228 (2.5%) | 631 (3.7%) | 3 382 (2.5%) | 642 (3.7%) | 3 526 (2.5%) | 671 (3.7%) |
| Eastern | 10 975 (8.5%) | 1 694 (9.9%) | 11 276 (8.4%) | 1 711 (9.8%) | 11 572 (8.4%) | 1 750 (9.7%) |
| Islands | 2 341 (1.8%) | 188 (1.1%) | 2 599 (1.9%) | 223 (1.3%) | 2 793 (2.0%) | 219 (1.2%) |
| Kowloon City | 6 006 (4.7%) | 986 (5.8%) | 6 236 (4.7%) | 1 000 (5.7%) | 6 351 (4.6%) | 997 (5.5%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 10 259 (8.0%) | 1 080 (6.3%) | 10 464 (7.8%) | 1 069 (6.1%) | 10 758 (7.8%) | 1 068 (5.9%) |
| Kwun Tong | 11 365 (8.8%) | 1 688 (9.9%) | 12 009 (9.0%) | 1 650 (9.4%) | 12 512 (9.0%) | 1 643 (9.1%) |
| North | 6 193 (4.8%) | 780 (4.6%) | 6 446 (4.8%) | 803 (4.6%) | 6 633 (4.8%) | 815 (4.5%) |
| Sai Kung | 6 500 (5.1%) | 931 (5.4%) | 6 835 (5.1%) | 959 (5.5%) | 7 123 (5.1%) | 991 (5.5%) |
| Sha Tin | 13 293 (10.3%) | 1 913 (11.2%) | 13 718 (10.2%) | 1 965 (11.2%) | 14 054 (10.2%) | 2 031 (11.3%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 6 949 (5.4%) | 977 (5.7%) | 7 329 (5.5%) | 991 (5.6%) | 7 663 (5.5%) | 1 034 (5.7%) |
| Southern | 6 098 (4.7%) | 738 (4.3%) | 6 385 (4.8%) | 743 (4.2%) | 6 591 (4.8%) | 771 (4.3%) |
| Tai Po | 6 282 (4.9%) | 756 (4.4%) | 6 557 (4.9%) | 730 (4.2%) | 6 686 (4.8%) | 755 (4.2%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 4 363 (3.4%) | 603 (3.5%) | 4 558 (3.4%) | 632 (3.6%) | 4 755 (3.4%) | 661 (3.7%) |
| Tuen Mun | 10 030 (7.8%) | 904 (5.3%) | 10 363 (7.7%) | 1 013 (5.8%) | 10 669 (7.7%) | 1 062 (5.9%) |
| Wan Chai | 1 762 (1.4%) | 493 (2.9%) | 1 839 (1.4%) | 482 (2.7%) | 1 897 (1.4%) | 473 (2.6%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 7 994 (6.2%) | 999 (5.8%) | 8 190 (6.1%) | 1 037 (5.9%) | 8 404 (6.1%) | 1 043 (5.8%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 4 163 (3.2%) | 667 (3.9%) | 4 233 (3.2%) | 684 (3.9%) | 4 482 (3.2%) | 717 (4.0%) |
| Yuen Long | 10 801 (8.4%) | 1 091 (6.4%) | 11 450 (8.6%) | 1 211 (6.9%) | 11 887 (8.6%) | 1 284 (7.1%) |
| Total | 128 602 (100%) | 17 119 (100%) | 133 869 (100%) | 17 545 (100%) | 138 356 (100%) | 17 985 (100%) |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)040

(Question Serial No. 2705)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Amid the pandemic, grassroots families have to deal with a drastic increase in expenditure due to the procurement of anti-epidemic items, and their financial pressure is expected to heighten when school resumes. Please inform this Committee of the relevant support measures for grassroots families.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 84)

Reply:

The Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme aims to provide a safety net for individuals and households who are unable to support themselves financially because of old age, illness, disability, single parenthood, unemployment, low earnings, etc. Different rates are applicable to different categories of CSSA recipients to meet their basic needs.

The CSSA monthly standard rates for children are higher than those for adults of similar physical conditions so as to meet their needs. In addition to the standard rates, school children on CSSA will receive a range of special grants to meet their educational expenses, including grants to cover school fees, fares to and from school, public examination fees, application fee for Joint University Programmes Admissions System, monthly meal allowance for full-day students taking lunch away from home, as well as a flat-rate grant for selected items of school-related expenses (i.e. books, stationery, school uniforms, miscellaneous and minor one-off expenses) which ranges from \$1,825 to \$7,490. Moreover, the CSSA standard rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the adjustment mechanism to reflect changes in prices.

Meanwhile, the 2019 Policy Address has announced a series of improvements to the CSSA Scheme, including a significant increase of the maximum rent allowance and the maximum level of monthly disregarded earnings, enhancement of employment support services and extension of coverage of various supplement and special grants to eligible non-elderly able-bodied recipients (including children). Upon approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Government had commenced the gradual implementation of the improvement measures starting from 2020 as planned and has achieved full implementation since February 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)041****(Question Serial No. 2706)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the District Support Scheme for Children and Youth Development (the Scheme), please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

- the number of children and youths having received cash assistance under the Scheme each year

| | Aged 0 to 5 | Aged 6 to 14 | Aged 15 to 24 | Total |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

- the number of rejected applications each year

| | Aged 0 to 5 | Aged 6 to 14 | Aged 15 to 24 | Total |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |

| | Aged 0 to 5 | Aged 6 to 14 | Aged 15 to 24 | Total |
|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 85)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of beneficiaries having received cash assistance under the Scheme for the past 5 years, broken down by district [administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)] and age group, is set out in Annex 1.
2. SWD will not normally turn down applications for cash assistance under the Scheme. However, application for cash assistance may be unsuccessful for those applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria. The number of unsuccessful applicants for cash assistance under the Scheme for the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and year, is set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have information on the age group of these unsuccessful applicants.

**Number of beneficiaries having received cash assistance under the Scheme
(by year, district and age group)**

| District [Note 1] | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 [Note 2] |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 101 | 90 | 137 | 180 | 164 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 358 | 373 | 463 | 499 | 497 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 123 | 112 | 127 | 128 | 159 |
| Sub-total | 582 | 575 | 727 | 807 | 820 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 106 | 111 | 125 | 168 | 144 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 293 | 288 | 426 | 462 | 464 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 52 | 60 | 83 | 101 | 149 |
| Sub-total | 451 | 459 | 634 | 731 | 757 |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 69 | 86 | 100 | 125 | 113 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 284 | 278 | 391 | 524 | 484 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 59 | 47 | 67 | 66 | 82 |
| Sub-total | 412 | 411 | 558 | 715 | 679 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 93 | 104 | 131 | 146 | 200 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 393 | 373 | 510 | 633 | 644 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 97 | 96 | 126 | 177 | 203 |
| Sub-total | 583 | 573 | 767 | 956 | 1 047 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 110 | 133 | 175 | 239 | 261 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 341 | 337 | 479 | 566 | 669 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 49 | 53 | 78 | 109 | 130 |
| Sub-total | 500 | 523 | 732 | 914 | 1 060 |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 89 | 88 | 118 | 118 | 129 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 374 | 347 | 465 | 567 | 619 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 75 | 87 | 116 | 141 | 180 |
| Sub-total | 538 | 522 | 699 | 826 | 928 |
| Sha Tin | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 67 | 76 | 116 | 123 | 99 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 277 | 279 | 371 | 449 | 414 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 78 | 63 | 94 | 103 | 134 |
| Sub-total | 422 | 418 | 581 | 675 | 647 |
| Tai Po and North | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 121 | 96 | 165 | 203 | 184 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 409 | 412 | 529 | 579 | 599 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 70 | 72 | 76 | 109 | 116 |
| Sub-total | 600 | 580 | 770 | 891 | 899 |
| Yuen Long | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 140 | 144 | 190 | 234 | 222 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 416 | 444 | 601 | 708 | 847 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 93 | 90 | 113 | 159 | 185 |
| Sub-total | 649 | 678 | 904 | 1 101 | 1 254 |

| District ^[Note 1] | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 ^[Note 2] |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 157 | 164 | 262 | 210 | 197 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 507 | 532 | 789 | 649 | 782 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 101 | 93 | 170 | 153 | 193 |
| Sub-total | 765 | 789 | 1 221 | 1 012 | 1 172 |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | |
| Aged 0 to 5 | 69 | 67 | 76 | 84 | 81 |
| Aged 6 to 14 | 293 | 264 | 355 | 383 | 380 |
| Aged 15 to 24 | 107 | 134 | 156 | 157 | 171 |
| Sub-total | 469 | 465 | 587 | 624 | 632 |
| Total | 5 971 | 5 993 | 8 180 | 9 252 | 9 895 |

[Note 1] By administrative district of SWD.

[Note 2] As at end-February 2021.

**Number of unsuccessful applicants for cash assistance under the Scheme
(by district and year)**

| District ^[Note 1] | Central Western, Southern and Islands | Eastern and Wan Chai | Kwun Tong | Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | Sham Shui Po | Sha Tin | Tai Po and North | Yuen Long | Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | Tuen Mun | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2016-17 | 3 | - | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 12 |
| 2017-18 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| 2018-19 | 1 | 5 | - | - | 12 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 23 |
| 2019-20 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 13 | 10 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 31 |
| 2020-21 ^[Note 2] | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | 24 |

[Note 1] By administrative district of SWD.

[Note 2] As at end-February 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)042

(Question Serial No. 2709)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following since its implementation:

1. the details, the number of users and the number of cases for each of the services each year;
2. the number of participants each year, with a breakdown by co-payment level;
3. the number of participants having left the Pilot Scheme each year and their reasons for leaving;
4. the number of ineligible applicants for the Pilot Scheme each year and the reasons for their ineligibility;
5. the total expenditure and the breakdown of various expenditure items each year, including the subsidy for service provision, the staff cost of the Discharge Support Team of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the expenditure on consultancy study and evaluation of effectiveness, and administrative costs since the implementation of the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 88)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF), the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018.

In 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), the cumulative number of elderly persons having received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by service type is provided as follows:

| Service type | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Transitional residential care services | 347 | 711 | 996 |
| Transitional community care and support services | 195 | 487 | 767 |
| Using both services | 43 | 122 | 195 |

| Service type | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Total | 585 | 1 320 | 1 958 |

| Cumulative number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by co-payment level: Co- payment level (Co-payment percentage) | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| I (5%) | 79 | 187 | 274 |
| II (8%) | 301 | 660 | 973 |
| III (12%) | 67 | 145 | 224 |
| IV (16%) | 83 | 189 | 277 |
| V (25%) | 13 | 31 | 47 |
| VI (40%) | 42 | 108 | 163 |
| Total | 585 | 1 320 | 1 958 |

As at the end of December 2020, there were no ineligible applications under the Pilot Scheme. The cumulative number of persons having left the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by reason for leaving is provided as follows:

| Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Independent living or being taken care of by family members | 217 | 608 | 982 |
| Allocated with subsidised community care and support services | 40 | 78 | 154 |
| Allocated with subsidised/private residential care services | 54 | 197 | 328 |
| Others (including deceased, hospitalised, out of town, etc.) | 40 | 111 | 177 |
| Total | 351 | 994 | 1 641 |

As at 2018-19, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about \$20.5 million (including about \$12.75 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about \$6.92 million for the manpower expenses of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and about \$0.83 million for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). As at 2019-20, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about \$51.66 million (including about \$37.17 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about \$12.19 million for the manpower expenses of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and about \$2.3 million for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). As at 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about \$88.37 million (including about \$69.68 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about \$15.69 million for the manpower expenses of the Discharge Support Team of SWD, and about \$3 million for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)043

(Question Serial No. 2710)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the expenditure on manpower, details of work, and the staffing establishment of the Discharge Support Team of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
2. please set out the number of voucher users, the number of persons having left and the expenditure involved in the table below:

| | Number of approved service providers (ASPs) | Number of service places | | Number of service users | Cumulative number of persons having left | Subsidy amount (\$ million) | Average subsidy per service user per month |
|---------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| | | Transitional residential care service | | | | | Transitional community care and support service |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | | |

3. the list of service providers of residential care and community care service units and the corresponding number of residential care places;
4. when the evaluation report of the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme will be completed and whether it will be published. If no, please explain.
5. the subsequent arrangement for the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 89)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund, the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018 with SWD being responsible for its implementation. SWD has set up a Discharge Support Team, consisting of 13 social workers, who work closely with the Hospital Authority (HA) to plan the post-discharge transitional support services for the elderly persons referred by the HA and arrange for them to receive services from suitable service providers. Social workers

of the Discharge Support Team will formulate individual care plans for elderly participants of the Pilot Scheme, and will contact their family members and service providers to arrange necessary transitional residential care and/or community care services in accordance with their needs, thereby enabling them to continue ageing-in-place after receiving suitable transitional care and support services.

As at 2018-19, a cumulative total of 585 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, while 351 of them had left. As at 2019-20, a cumulative total of 1 320 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, while 994 of them had left. As at 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), a cumulative total of 1 958 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, while 1 641 of them had left. The cumulative number of elderly persons having received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by service type is provided as follows:

| Service type | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at end-December) |
|--|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Transitional residential care services | 347 | 711 | 996 |
| Transitional community care and support services | 195 | 487 | 767 |
| Both services | 43 | 122 | 195 |
| Total | 585 | 1 320 | 1 958 |

As at 2018-19, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about \$20.5 million (including about \$12.75 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about \$6.92 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD and \$0.83 million for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). As at 2019-20, the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about \$51.66 million (including about \$37.17 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about \$12.19 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD and \$2.3 million for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs). As at 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), the cumulative total expenditure under the Pilot Scheme was about \$88.37 million (including about \$69.68 million for subsidising service provision to participants, about \$15.69 million for the manpower expenditure of the Discharge Support Team of SWD and \$3 million for evaluation of effectiveness and administrative costs).

SWD has invited eligible subvented homes, contract homes and EA1 homes under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to participate in the Pilot Scheme as approved service providers (ASPs) to provide transitional residential care service for needy elderly persons. The list of ASPs and service units is set out in Annex 1. For transitional community care and support services, SWD has invited existing recognised service providers under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly to participate as ASPs, which are listed in Annex 2. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 85 residential care homes and 81 community care service units under 104 organisations had joined the Pilot Scheme as ASPs.

The Pilot Scheme has been extended for 32 months from February 2021 to the end of September 2023, and will be implemented under a new mode of operation starting from October 2021. Under the new mode of operation, SWD will select 3 non-governmental organisations through invitation for proposals where each of them will set up a Transitional Care Team to provide service to needy elderly persons referred by respective HA clusters (Kowloon East, New Territories East and New Territories West). Medical staff of the relevant hospitals will make assessment and formulate discharge plans for elderly patients in

need so as to facilitate planning for appropriate nursing care, rehabilitation and care support services. Needy elderly persons will subsequently be referred to the Transitional Care Teams, which will provide transitional community care and support services and/or arrange residential care services for the elderly persons.

SWD will continue to commission consultancy to evaluate the effectiveness of the new operation mode under the extended Pilot Scheme, and the evaluation report is expected to be completed by early 2023. The Government will formulate the way forward for the Pilot Scheme with reference to the evaluation results.

**List of ASPs for transitional residential care services and service units
(As at end-December 2020)**

| | Name of organisations | | Name of units |
|-----|---|-----|--|
| 1. | The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club ^[Note] | 1. | The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged |
| 2. | Po Leung Kuk ^[Note] | 2. | Po Leung Kuk Tung Chung Home for the Elderly |
| | | 3. | Po Leung Kuk Merry Court for the Senior cum Sunny Green Day Care Centre for the Senior |
| | | 4. | Po Leung Kuk Eco-Home for the Senior cum Sunny Green Day Care Centre for the Senior |
| | | 5. | Po Leung Kuk Tin Yan Home for the Elderly cum Green Joy Day Care Centre for the Elderly |
| | | 6. | Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre |
| 3. | Wai Ying Investment Limited ^[Note] | 7. | Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home |
| | | 8. | Beijing Elder Centre Limited |
| 4. | Beijing Elder Centre Limited | 8. | Beijing Elder Centre Limited |
| 5. | Care & Services Co. Ltd | 9. | Care & Services Elderly Centre (North Point) |
| 6. | Chak Oi Company Limited | 10. | Yan Oi Elder Centre |
| 7. | Charmind Limited ^[Note] | 11. | Tung Fong Home For The Aged |
| | | 12. | Evergreen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre |
| 8. | Cheer Hall Development Limited | 13. | Tung Fong Home For The Aged |
| 9. | Comfort Elderly Home Branch | 14. | Comfort Elderly Home Branch |
| 10. | E.T. Investment Limited ^[Note] | 15. | Oasis Nursing Home |
| | | 16. | Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly |
| 11. | Energetic Limited | 17. | Spring (Kennedy) Home For The Aged |
| 12. | Ever Kind Asia Limited | 18. | Altru Nursing Home |
| 13. | Everbright Groups Limited | 19. | Everbright Home For The Elderly |
| 14. | Everfame Holdings Limited | 20. | Everbright Nursing Home |
| 15. | Fa Yuen Nursing Centre Limited | 21. | Fa Yuen Nursing Centre Limited |
| 16. | Fitbest Corporation Limited | 22. | Pine Care (Manning) Elderly Centre |
| 17. | Focus Health Care Limited | 23. | Loc Ling Elderly Home |
| 18. | Gericare Centre Limited | 24. | Pine Care (Po Tak) Elderly Centre |
| 19. | Golden Fame Investments Limited | 25. | Springfield Home For The Aged |
| | | 26. | Grace Nursing Home (Tak Tin) |
| | | 27. | Grace Nursing Home |
| 20. | Grace Healthcare Limited | 28. | Great Honour Home For Elderly |
| 21. | Great Honour Home For Elderly Limited | 29. | Happy Luck Elderly Home Limited |
| 22. | Happy Luck Elderly Home Limited | 29. | Happy Luck Elderly Home Limited |
| 23. | Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre Company Limited | 30. | Hiu Kwong (Tai Kok Tsui) Nursing Centre Company Limited |
| | | 31. | Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited |
| 24. | Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited | 32. | Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited |
| | | 32. | Hiu Kwong Nursing Centre Company Limited |
| 25. | The Hong Kong Buddhist Association | 33. | Buddhist Sum Ma Shui Ying Care & Attention Home for the Elderly |
| 26. | Hong Lok Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited | 34. | Hong Lok Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited |
| 27. | Hong Shing Home For Aged Company Limited | 35. | Hong Shing Home For Aged Company Limited |
| 28. | Hongtai Home For The Aged Limited | 36. | Hongtai Home For The Aged Limited |
| 29. | International Home Of Aged Limited | 37. | International Home Of Aged Limited |
| 30. | Lucky Stable Limited | 38. | Jade Elderly Home |
| 31. | Kam To (Kln.) Company Limited | 39. | Kam To Nursing Centre |
| 32. | Kang Fook Rest Home For The Aged Limited | 40. | Kang Fook Rest Home For The Aged Limited |
| 33. | Kato Kung Limited | 41. | Kato Home For The Elderly |

| | Name of organisations | | Name of units |
|-----|--|-----|--|
| 34. | Kei Tak (Tai Hang) Home For The Aged Limited | 42. | Kei Tak (Tai Hang) Home For The Aged Limited |
| 35. | Lai Lai Nursing Centre (Allway) Limited | 43. | Lai Lai Nursing Centre (Allway) Limited |
| 36. | Lau Sau Ching | 44. | Telford Nursing Centre |
| 37. | Le Grand Silverjoy Limited | 45. | Le Grand Silverjoy |
| 38. | Long Tact Limited | 46. | Longevity Palace |
| 39. | Mie King Home For Aged Limited | 47. | Mie King Home For Aged Limited |
| 40. | On Fuk Nursing Home Limited | 48. | On Fuk Nursing Home Limited |
| | | 49. | Tang Tat Home For Elder (Kwai Chung) |
| 41. | Oriental Base Limited | 50. | Shui Hong Nursing Home |
| | | 51. | Shui Hong Nursing Home (Cheung Shan Estate Branch) |
| 42. | Oriental Chinese Medicine Limited | 52. | Fai-To Sino-West Combined Home For The Aged |
| 43. | Pacific First Limited | 53. | Pine Care (Tak Fung) Elderly Centre |
| 44. | Phoenix Olympic Nursing Home Limited | 54. | Phoenix Olympic Nursing Home Limited |
| 45. | Richfast Limited | 55. | Wui Fung Care Home |
| 46. | Richgreat International Development Limited | 56. | Wing On Home For The Aged |
| 47. | Senior Care Elderly Limited | 57. | Senior Care (Fuk Kwan) Elderly Care Home |
| 48. | Senior Care Limited | 58. | Senior Care (Man Kee) Elderly Care Home |
| 49. | Senior Care Nursing Home Limited | 59. | Senior Care (Tai Wah) Elderly Care Home |
| 50. | Shui On Nursing Centre (Shun On) Company Limited | 60. | Shui On Nursing Centre (Shun On) Company Limited |
| 51. | Sing Yan Nursing Home Limited | 61. | Sing Yan Nursing Home |
| 52. | Sun King Home Of Aged Limited | 62. | Sun King Home Of Aged Limited |
| 53. | Tai Kok Tsui Nursing Home Limited | 63. | Tai Kok Tsui Nursing Home |
| 54. | Tak Cheong Nursing Centre (Kwai Hing Branch) Limited | 64. | Tak Cheong Nursing Centre (Kwai Hing Branch) Limited |
| 55. | Tak On Nursing Centre Limited | 65. | Tak On Nursing Centre Limited |
| 56. | Tang Tat Home For Elder Limited | 66. | Tang Tat Home For Elder |
| 57. | Tin Tin Home For The Aged Limited | 67. | Tin Tin Home For The Aged Limited |
| 58. | Transwin Development Limited | 68. | Granyet (Shan King) Elderly Care Centre |
| 59. | Treasure Ring Limited | 69. | Yan Oi Nursing Home No. 1 Branch |
| 60. | Treasure Safe Investment Limited | 70. | Wing On Home For The Aged |
| 61. | Tri Tech Corporation Limited | 71. | Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre (Hung Hom) |
| 62. | Tsuen Wan Elderly Care Services Limited | 72. | Pine Care Chun King Elderly Centre |
| 63. | Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited | 73. | Tsuen Wan Elderly Centre Limited |
| 64. | Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited ^[Note] | 74. | Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited |
| 65. | Wing On Home For The Aged Limited | 75. | Wing On Home For The Aged Limited |
| 66. | World Castle Limited | 76. | Hui Kwong (To Kwa Wan) Nursing Centre |
| 67. | Yan Oi Elder Centre Limited | 77. | Yan Oi Elder Centre Limited |
| 68. | Yan Yan Elderly Care Home Limited | 78. | Yan Yan Elderly Care Home Limited |
| 69. | Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited | 79. | Yi Wo Yuen Aged Sanatorium Centre Limited |
| 70. | Besting Holdings Limited | 80. | New Pine Care Centre |
| | | 81. | Pine Care (Lee Foo) Elderly Centre |
| 71. | Greenery Elderly Homes Limited | 82. | Greenery Elderly Home |
| 72. | Hing Wah Nursing Home Limited | 83. | Hing Wah Elderly Home |
| 73. | Kei Tak Institution Of Old Age Limited | 84. | Kei Tak Institution Of Old Age Limited |
| 74. | WONG Wan-chu | 85. | Siu King Care and Attention Home |

[Note] This organisation operates both transitional residential care services and community care and support services at the same time.

**List of ASPs for transitional community care and support service and service units
(As at end-December 2020)**

| | Name of organisations | | Name of units |
|-----|--|-----|--|
| 1. | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service | 1. | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Jordan Elderly Centre |
| | | 2. | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Yee Wui Integrated Health Service Centre |
| | | 3. | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Yee Tsuen Integrated Health Service Centre |
| | | 4. | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Yee Lok Integrated Health Service Centre |
| 2. | Chi Lin Nunnery | 5. | Chi Lin Day Care Centre for the Elderly |
| 3. | Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong | 6. | CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre |
| | | 7. | CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Tin Ping Care and Attention Home for the Elderly |
| 4. | Christian Family Service Centre | 8. | Lively Elderly Day Training Centre |
| | | 9. | D & O Service - CAPD & Osteoporosis Care |
| | | 10. | Mind Delight & Cognitive Training Centre |
| 5. | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 11. | Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Training Centre for the Elderly |
| | | 12. | Haven of Hope Lok Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly |
| 6. | Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association | 13. | Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Elderly Community Care Services Day Care Centre (North District) |
| 7. | The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club [Note] | 14. | Yau Tong Day Care Centre for the Elderly |
| 8. | Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited | 15. | Grace Elderly Care Service |
| | | 16. | Grace Elderly Care Service (Yuen Long) |
| 9. | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 17. | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Lee Foo Service Centre |
| 10. | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod | 18. | Lutheran Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly |
| | | 19. | Lutheran Kwai Tsing Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly |
| 11. | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 20. | H.K.S.K.H. Centre of Wellness (East Kowloon) |
| | | 21. | Centre of Wellness (Kwun Tong) |
| | | 22. | H.K.S.K.H. Cyril and Amy Cheung Aged Care Complex |
| 12. | The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation | 23. | Cheng Tak Yim Day Rehabilitation and Care Centre |
| 13. | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 24. | Y Care (Hong Kong East) |
| | | 25. | Y Senior Care |
| | | 26. | NWS Y Care (North District) |
| 14. | PA Company Limited | 27. | Jockey Club CADENZA Hub |
| 15. | Po Leung Kuk [Note] | 28. | Po Leung Kuk Proactive Concern Centre for the Elderly |
| | | 29. | Po Leung Kuk Tung Chung Home for the Elderly |
| | | 30. | Po Leung Kuk Mrs Maria Cheung Lifelong Learning Institute for the Senior |
| | | 31. | Po Leung Kuk Community Care Service Voucher for Elderly (Kwun Tong Wan Hon) |

| | Name of organisations | | Name of units |
|-----|--|-----|---|
| | | 32. | Po Leung Kuk Fong Tam Yuen Leung Health Enhancement Centre for the Senior |
| | | 33. | Po Leung Kuk Siu Ming Memorial Home cum Care & Attention Unit/Wellness Centre for the Dementia |
| | | 34. | Po Leung Kuk Wan Lam May Yin Shirley Neighbourhood Elderly Centre |
| | | 35. | Po Leung Kuk Chu Lee Yuet Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly |
| | | 36. | Po Leung Kuk Eco-Home for the Senior cum Sunny Green Day Care Centre for the Senior |
| | | 37. | Po Leung Kuk Home Care Service for the Elders |
| | | 38. | Po Leung Kuk Tin Ka Ping Family Joy Centre |
| | | 39. | Po Leung Kuk Lau Hon Shuen Memorial Family Joy Centre |
| 16. | The Salvation Army | 40. | The Salvation Army Tai Po Integrated Home Care Services cum Day Care Centre for Senior Citizens |
| 17. | The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service | 41. | Carewell-Home Care Services |
| 18. | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 42. | Ho Tung Home for the Elderly-New Horizons Day Care Unit |
| | | 43. | Henry G. Leong Community Support Centre for the Elderly |
| | | 44. | Top-Tact Home Care Services |
| 19. | Wai Ying Investment Limited ^[Note] | 45. | Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre |
| | | 46. | Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home |
| 20. | Wise Creation Holding Limited | 47. | Oasis Day Care Centre |
| 21. | Woopie Social Enterprises | 48. | Woopie Club Home Care Services Team |
| | | 49. | Woopie Club (Kwun Tong) |
| | | 50. | Woopie Club (North Point) |
| | | 51. | Woopie Club (Sai Wan Ho) |
| | | 52. | Woopie Club (Sha Tin) |
| | | 53. | Woopie Club (Tuen Mun) |
| | | 54. | Woopie Club (To Kwa Wan) |
| | | 55. | Woopie Club (Aberdeen) |
| | | 56. | Woopie Club (Tai Po) |
| | | 57. | Woopie Club (Tseung Kwan O) |
| 22. | Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department | 58. | Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Luen Wo Integrated Community Development Centre |
| | | 59. | Yan Chai Hospital Suen Choi To May Integrated Community Development Centre |
| | | 60. | Yan Chai Hospital Community Care Service for the Elderly |
| | | 61. | Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Integrated Community Development Centre |
| | | 62. | Yan Chai Hospital Mrs. Annie Chan Social Centre For The Elderly |
| 23. | Yan Oi Tong Limited | 63. | Yan Oi Tong Clarea Au Eldergarten |
| | | 64. | Yan Oi Tong (Tuen Mun) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit |
| 24. | Charmind Limited ^[Note] | 65. | Evergreen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre |
| 25. | E.T. Investment Limited ^[Note] | 66. | Oasis Nursing Home |
| | | 67. | Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly |
| | | 68. | Oasis Home Care Team |

| | Name of organisations | | Name of units |
|-----|---|-----|---|
| 26. | Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited ^[Note] | 69. | Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited |
| 27. | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Limited Social Service Centre | 70. | Southern District Integrated Elderly Service Centre |
| 28. | Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Service Limited | 71. | Nethersole Outreaching Rehabilitation Mission |
| 29. | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 72. | Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Shatin Caring Centre |
| 30. | Hong Kong Christian Service | 73. | Shamshuipo Integrated Home Care Service Team - Wonderful Care |
| 31. | Methodist Centre | 74. | Methodist Community Care Centre (Eastern) |
| | | 75. | Methodist Rejoice Centre |
| 32. | Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited | 76. | Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited |
| 33. | Sik Sik Yuen | 77. | Ho Hing Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services |
| 34. | South Kwai Chung Social Service | 78. | South Kwai Chung Social Service Cheers |
| 35. | The Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 79. | SAGE Quan Chuen Home for the Elderly |
| | | 80. | SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly |
| 36. | Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited | 81. | Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Limited |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)044

(Question Serial No. 2711)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (Pilot Scheme), please advise the following:

- A) please set out the number of elderly persons under the Pilot Scheme in the following table:

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of existing elderly participants under the Pilot Scheme | | | |
| Cumulative number of elderly participants under the Pilot Scheme | | | |
| Number of past elderly participants under the Pilot Scheme | | | |

- B) the average time taken for an elderly person to receive the service, counting from the time of being admitted by the Pilot Scheme.
- C) the cumulative number of elderly persons who have left the Pilot Scheme, broken down by reasons for leaving.
- D) the number of elderly persons under the Pilot Scheme, broken down by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

Funded by the Community Care Fund, the Pilot Scheme was launched on 26 February 2018. As at 2018-19, a cumulative total of 585 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 351 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 234 receiving services. As at 2019-20, a cumulative total of 1 320 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 994 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 326 receiving services. As at 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), a cumulative total of 1 958 elderly persons had received the services provided under the Pilot Scheme, including 1 641 of them having left the Pilot Scheme and 317 receiving services. The Social

Welfare Department does not have the average time taken for an elderly person participating in the Pilot Scheme to receive the services.

The cumulative number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by reason for leaving is provided as follows:

| Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2019) |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Independent living or being taken care of by family members | 217 | 608 | 982 |
| Allocated with subsidised community care and support services | 40 | 78 | 154 |
| Allocated with subsidised/private residential care service | 54 | 197 | 328 |
| Others (including deceased, hospitalised, out of town, etc.) | 40 | 111 | 177 |
| Total | 351 | 994 | 1 641 |

The number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by co-payment level is provided as follows:

| Co-payment level (Co-payment percentage) | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| I (5%) | 79 | 187 | 274 |
| II (8%) | 301 | 660 | 973 |
| III (12%) | 67 | 145 | 224 |
| IV (16%) | 83 | 189 | 277 |
| V (25%) | 13 | 31 | 47 |
| VI (40%) | 42 | 108 | 163 |
| Total | 585 | 1 320 | 1 958 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)045

(Question Serial No. 2941)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the following by District Council (DC) district for the past 5 years:

1. the number of various Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services for the elderly, the average waiting time, the number of persons who applied for a freeze on service allocation, with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts;
2. the average per capita cost, service fee and total amount of subsidy for the various BPS and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services for the elderly;
3. the total number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away or withdrawn their applications for subsidised care and attention (C&A) homes and subsidised nursing homes (NHs), and the percentage share out of the number of waitlisted elderly persons broken down by age;
4. the number of persons waiting for various BPS and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services for the elderly, with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts; and

| | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | |
| North | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | |

5. the number of users of various BPS and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services for the elderly, with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

| | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | |
| North | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 4. The actual number of subsidised places offered by various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) in different districts each year for the period from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is set out in Annexes 1 to 5. The average waiting time for various types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and the number of elderly persons waitlisted for such places with a breakdown by age group and gender are set out in Annexes 6 and 7 respectively.

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

To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be suitable for RCS will be given the choice of community care services (CCS) if they wish to stay at home. Upon receiving CCS, their applications for RCS will be classified as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to RCS. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS according to their original application dates subject to valid assessment results when vacancies arise. SWD does not have the breakdown figures on the district of residence of these elderly persons. The total number of elderly persons treated as “inactive” cases from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is as follows:

| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|
| 10 988 | 12 667 | 13 856 | 16 104 | 18 278 |

2. The average cost, service fee and the expenditure involved per place per month of various subsidised RCS for the elderly for the period from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Annexes 8 to 10.
3. As for subsidised C&A places, the number of elderly applicants having passed away and those having withdrawn their applications and their percentages of the number of elderly applicants having been waitlisted for subsidised C&A places are set out as follows:

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| No. of elderly applicants having passed away | 4 290 | 4 388 | 4 878 | 4 963 | 4 898 |
| Percentage of elderly applicants having passed away out of the no. of waitlisted applicants | 9.9% | 9.5% | 9.9% | 9.8% | 10.3% |
| No. of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications | 1 856 | 1 668 | 2 276 | 1 398 | 1 400 |
| Percentage of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.6% | 2.8% | 3.0% |

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

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| No. of elderly applicants having passed away | 1 814 | 1 871 | 1 988 | 2 082 | 2 126 |
| Percentage of elderly applicants having passed away out of the no. of waitlisted applicants | 18.4% | 18.3% | 18.0% | 18.5% | 20.5% |
| No. of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications | 335 | 293 | 330 | 242 | 334 |
| Percentage of elderly applicants having withdrawn their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants | 3.4% | 2.9% | 3.0% | 2.2% | 3.2% |

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

5. SWD does not have information on the number of users of subsidised RCS for the elderly by gender, age and 18 DC districts of elderly applicants. Information on the number of users of various subsidised RCS for the elderly from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is set out in Annex 11.

**Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by DC district
in 2016-17**

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

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

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

**Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by DC district
in 2017-18**

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

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

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

**Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by DC district
in 2018-19**

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

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

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

**Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by DC district
in 2019-20**

| District | Number of places | | | Total |
|-------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes ^[Note 1] | Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS ^[Note 2] | Contract RCHEs ^[Note 3] | |
| Eastern | 448 | 300 | 150 | 898 |
| Wan Chai | 462 | 89 | 56 | 607 |
| Central & Western | 236 | 585 | 212 | 1 033 |
| Islands | 352 | - | 145 | 497 |
| Southern | 1 465 | 501 | - | 1 966 |
| Sham Shui Po | 825 | 322 | 433 | 1 580 |
| Kowloon City | 648 | 1 552 | 110 | 2 310 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 98 | 752 | 268 | 1 118 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 333 | 204 | 208 | 1 745 |
| Sai Kung | 1 281 | - | - | 1 281 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 375 | 639 | 284 | 2 298 |
| Sha Tin | 1 344 | - | 121 | 1 465 |
| Tai Po | 1 226 | 228 | - | 1 454 |
| North | 1 222 | 307 | - | 1 529 |
| Yuen Long | 1 783 | 693 | 149 | 1 783 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 204 | 617 | - | 1 821 |
| Tsuen Wan | 922 | 922 | 175 | 2 019 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 741 | 905 | 305 | 2 951 |
| Total | 17 123 | 8 616 | 2 616 | 28 355 |

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

[Note 2] Excluding homes providing designated respite places.

[Note 3] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

**Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs by DC district
in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Number of places | | | Total |
|-------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Subvented homes operated by NGOs and self-financing homes ^[Note 1] | Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS ^[Note 2] | Contract RCHEs ^[Note 3] | |
| Eastern | 448 | 320 | 150 | 918 |
| Wan Chai | 462 | 80 | 56 | 598 |
| Central & Western | 236 | 585 | 212 | 1 033 |
| Islands | 352 | - | 145 | 497 |
| Southern | 1 465 | 538 | - | 2 003 |
| Sham Shui Po | 825 | 342 | 433 | 1 600 |
| Kowloon City | 648 | 1 572 | 110 | 2 330 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 98 | 790 | 272 | 1 160 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 335 | 227 | 208 | 1 770 |
| Sai Kung | 1 281 | - | - | 1 281 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 375 | 639 | 284 | 2 298 |
| Sha Tin | 1 347 | - | 121 | 1 468 |
| Tai Po | 1 226 | 228 | - | 1 454 |
| North | 1 222 | 347 | - | 1 569 |
| Yuen Long | 941 | 787 | 149 | 1 877 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 204 | 671 | - | 1 875 |
| Tsuen Wan | 922 | 958 | 175 | 2 055 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 741 | 1 141 | 375 | 3 257 |
| Total | 17 128 | 9 225 | 2 690 | 29 043 |

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

[Note 2] Excluding homes providing designated respite places.

[Note 3] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

**Average waiting time for various types
of subsidised residential care places for the elderly**

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|---|--|---------|---------|---------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| C&A places | | | | | |
| - Subvented/contract RCHEs | 36 | 36 | 40 | 41 | 41 |
| - Private homes participating in the EBPS | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Overall | 24 | 24 | 24 | 21 | 21 |
| NH places ^[Note 2] | 25 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 26 |

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

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

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

Table 1: 2016-17

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

Table 2: 2017-18

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

Table 3: 2018-19

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

Table 4: 2019-20

| Age group | Gender | | Total |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | |
| 60 to 69 | 2 131 | 1 571 | 33 702 |
| 70 to 79 | 3 953 | 3 979 | 7 932 |
| 80 to 89 | 7 122 | 11 311 | 18 433 |
| 90 or above | 2 782 | 6 806 | 9 588 |
| Total | 15 988 | 23 667 | 39 655 |

Table 5: 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020)

| Age group | Gender | | Total |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | |
| 60 to 69 | 1 994 | 1 515 | 3 509 |
| 70 to 79 | 3 957 | 4 023 | 7 980 |
| 80 to 89 | 6 710 | 10 778 | 17 488 |
| 90 or above | 2 493 | 6 055 | 8 548 |
| Total | 15 154 | 22 371 | 37 525 |

**Average cost per place per month for various subsidised RCS for the elderly
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Average cost per place per month | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| | 2016-17 (\$) | 2017-18 (\$) | 2018-19 (\$) | 2019-20 (\$) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$) |
| C&A homes providing a CoC | 14,822 | 15,265 | 16,393 | 17,373 | 18,096 |
| NHs ^[Note] | 22,273 | 22,331 | 23,788 | 24,979 | 25,689 |
| Private homes participating in the EBPS | 10,813 | 11,326 | 12,121 | 14,315 | 15,991 |
| Contract homes | 16,010 | 17,306 | 17,972 | 19,006 | 19,840 |

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

**Service fees for various subsidised RCS for the elderly
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Monthly Fee | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| | 2016-17 (\$) | 2017-18 (\$) | 2018-19 (\$) | 2019-20 (\$) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$) |
| C&A homes providing a CoC | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 2,060 |
| NHs | | | | | |
| - Subvented NHs | 1,994 | 1,994 | 2,054 | 2,054 | 2,054 |
| - NHPPS | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 2,060 |
| Private homes participating in the EBPS | | | | | |
| - EA1 places | 1,707 | 1,707 | 1,763 | 1,763 | 1,763 |
| - EA2 places | 1,603 | 1,603 | 1,656 | 1,656 | 1,656 |
| Contract homes | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 2,060 |

**Expenditure involved in subsidised RCS for the elderly
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Year | Expenditure (\$ billion) ^[Note] |
|----------------------------|---|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 4.5388 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 4.7939 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 5.4222 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 6.4275 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 7.1030 |

^[Note] Including various types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and residential places under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

**Number of users of various subsidised RCS for the elderly
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Number of users | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| C&A homes providing a CoC ^[Note 1] | 14 196 | 14 318 | 14 642 | 14 382 | 14 405 |
| NHs ^[Note 2] | 1 781 | 1 784 | 1 804 | 1 738 | 1 750 |
| Private homes participating in the EBPS | 7 808 | 7 699 | 7 728 | 8 113 | 8 447 |
| Contract homes ^[Note 3] | 2 121 | 2 266 | 2 335 | 2 392 | 2 582 |

[Note 1] Including C&A places and C&A places providing a CoC, but excluding residential places under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 2] Including subvented NHs and subsidised NH places purchased under the NHPPS.

[Note 3] Including C&A places providing a CoC and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 2942)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list by District Council (DC) district for the past 5 years:

1. the number of places of various community care services (CCS) for the elderly (including residential and day respite services) and the average waiting time, with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts;
2. the per capita costs, the fees and charges, and the total amount of subsidies for various CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services);
3. the number of persons waitlisted for various CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts; and

| | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | |
| North | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | |

4. the number of users of various CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

| | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 65 to 70 | Aged 70 to 75 | Aged 76 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | |
| North | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 3. The numbers of service places for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by DC district are set out at Annexes 1 to 3 respectively.

The numbers of places for the designated day respite service provided by the DEs/DCUs in various districts from 2017-18 to 2020-21 are set out at Annex 4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have data on the designated day respite service, the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for the respite service by gender and age group for 2016-17.

The average waiting time and numbers of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out at Annexes 5 to 6 respectively. SWD does not have such information by DC district, gender and age group.

The numbers of places for the designated residential respite service for the elderly in various districts from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out at Annex 7. SWD does not have the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted by DC district, gender and age group.

2. The average cost per case per month and the total annual expenditure for DEs/DCUs from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | Average cost per case per month (\$) | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 8,755 | 315.5 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 9,109 | 330.1 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 9,942 | 375.8 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 10,721 | 421.0 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 10,878 | 454.1 |

SWD does not keep the average cost per case per month and the total annual expenditure for IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) and IHCS(FC) separately. The average cost per case per month and the total annual expenditure for IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | Average cost per case per month (\$) | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 1,904 | 621.9 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 1,968 | 635.8 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2,215 | 696.6 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 2,453 | 740.6 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 2,679 | 831.9 |

The average cost per case per month and the total annual expenditure for EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | Average cost per case per month (\$) | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 4,533 | 389.2 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 4,635 | 398.1 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 4,853 | 419.0 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 6,646 | 638.1 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 8,417 | 935.1 |

SWD does not have information on the per capita cost and total amount of subsidies for the designated day respite service and designated residential respite service for the elderly provided by DEs/DCUs.

The fees and charges for DEs/DCUs, IHCS(FC), EHCCS, and designated residential respite places for the elderly from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out in Tables 1 to 4 at Annex 8.

4. The full-year numbers of users of DEs/DCU services, IHCS(FC) and EHCCS with a breakdown by DC district from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out at Annexes 9 to 11 respectively.

The numbers of admissions for the designated day respite service provided by DEs/DCUs from 2017-18 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are as follows:

| | Full-year no. of service admissions | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Total no. of admissions | 23 764 | 26 414 | 23 674 | 6 319 |

[Note] SWD does not keep the number of admissions for the designated day respite service in 2016-17.

The full-year numbers of users of the designated residential respite service for the elderly from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are as follows:

| | Full-year no. of service users | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Total no. of users | 363 | 754 | 2 181 | 2 735 | 1 623 |

Number of places at DEs/DCUs

| District | No. of places | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 |
| Eastern | 256 | 256 | 256 | 256 | 256 |
| Wan Chai | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 130 |
| Southern | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| Islands | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Kwun Tong | 407 | 407 | 407 | 432 | 452 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 290 | 290 | 290 | 290 | 290 |
| Sai Kung | 205 | 205 | 205 | 205 | 225 |
| Kowloon City | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 |
| Sham Shui Po | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 152 | 152 | 152 | 152 | 152 |
| Sha Tin | 313 | 318 | 318 | 318 | 318 |
| Tai Po | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| North | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| Yuen Long | 115 | 115 | 115 | 198 | 218 |
| Tsuen Wan | 84 | 154 | 154 | 154 | 174 |
| Kwai Tsing | 194 | 262 | 262 | 262 | 302 |
| Tuen Mun | 110 | 110 | 148 | 208 | 208 |
| Total | 3 059 | 3 202 | 3 240 | 3 408 | 3 548 |

Number of IHCS(FC) places

| District | No. of places from 2016-17 to 2019-20 | No. of places in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Central & Western | 40 | 70 |
| Eastern | 80 | 220 |
| Wan Chai | 30 | 65 |
| Southern | 80 | 130 |
| Islands | 20 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 150 | 355 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 100 | 260 |
| Sai Kung | 30 | 105 |
| Kowloon City | 30 | 90 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 40 | 80 |
| Sham Shui Po | 90 | 150 |
| Sha Tin | 120 | 230 |
| Tai Po | 30 | 100 |
| North | 30 | 110 |
| Yuen Long | 90 | 135 |
| Tuen Mun | 30 | 115 |
| Tsuen Wan | 40 | 120 |
| Kwai Tsing | 90 | 240 |
| Total | 1 120 | 2 620 |

Number of EHCCS places

| Year | 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2019 | | 1 October 2019 to 31 August 2020 | | 1 September 2020 to 31 December 2020 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| District | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team [Note] |
| Central & Western | 171 | 347 | 209 | 501 | 242 |
| Eastern | 206 | | 250 | | 677 |
| Wan Chai | 154 | | 185 | | 226 |
| Southern | 158 | | 200 | | 200 |
| Islands | 89 | - | 105 | - | 105 |
| Kwun Tong | 421 | 497 | 535 | 675 | 1210 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 406 | 769 | 505 | 952 | 1173 |
| Sai Kung | 228 | | 268 | | 552 |
| Kowloon City | 290 | 535 | 323 | 682 | 554 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 188 | | 210 | | 339 |
| Sham Shui Po | 255 | | 325 | | 647 |
| Sha Tin | 192 | 394 | 247 | 548 | 795 |
| Tai Po | 129 | | 175 | | 175 |
| North | 141 | | 190 | | 190 |
| Yuen Long | 178 | 766 | 225 | 1 005 | 326 |
| Tuen Mun | 160 | | 200 | | 401 |
| Tsuen Wan | 235 | | 280 | | 463 |
| Kwai Tsing | 336 | | 450 | | 970 |
| Total | 7 245 | | 9 245 | | 9 245 |

[Note] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

**Number of places for the designated day respite service at
DEs/DCUs in various districts
from 2017-18 to 2020-21**

| District | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Central & Western | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Eastern | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Wan Chai | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Southern | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Islands | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Kwun Tong | 33 | 33 | 36 | 36 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Sai Kung | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Kowloon City | - | - | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Sha Tin | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Tai Po | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| North | - | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 4 | 4 | 13 | 13 |
| Tsuen Wan | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Kwai Tsing | 12 | 12 | 12 | 15 |
| Tuen Mun | 8 | 10 | 15 | 15 |
| Total | 170 | 172 | 189 | 192 |

Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs

| Year | Average waiting time (in months) (average of previous 3 months) | No. of persons waitlisted ^[Note] |
|---|--|--|
| 2016-17 | 11 | 3 338 |
| 2017-18 | 10 | 3 568 |
| 2018-19 | 12 | 4 370 |
| 2019-20 | 11 | 4 519 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 12 | 3 891 |

^[Note] The figures do not include the number of elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

**Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for
IHCS(FC) and EHCCS**

| Year | Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months) (average of previous 3 months) | No. of persons waitlisted ^[Note] |
|---|--|--|
| 2016-17 | 11 | 4 504 |
| 2017-18 | 15 | 5 819 |
| 2018-19 | 18 | 7 930 |
| 2019-20 | 12 | 5 595 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 12 | 4 191 |

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

**Number of designated residential respite places for the elderly in various districts ^[Note]
(from 2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Central & Western | 1 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Southern | 2 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Islands | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Eastern | 2 | 19 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| Wan Chai | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 5 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 19 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 3 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| Sai Kung | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Kowloon City | 1 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | - | 26 | 27 | 25 | 25 |
| Sham Shui Po | 3 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 24 |
| Sha Tin | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Tai Po | 2 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 12 |
| North | 2 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 12 |
| Yuen Long | 2 | 35 | 35 | 36 | 36 |
| Tsuen Wan | 2 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| Kwai Tsing | 3 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 | 15 | 15 | 23 | 23 |
| Total | 32 | 304 | 319 | 343 | 339 |

[Note] They refer to the designated residential respite places provided by subvented RCHEs, contract homes and private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS).

**Table 1: Service fees and charges for various types of subvented DEs/DCUs
(from 2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Monthly fees and charges | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | 2016-17 (\$) | 2017-18 (\$) | 2018-19 (\$) [Note] | 2019-20 (\$) | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) (\$) |
| Subvented DEs/DCUs | 988 | 988 | 1,002 | 1,002 | 1,002 |
| DCUs for the elderly attached to contract homes | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,014 | 1,014 | 1,014 |
| Day respite service (daily) | 40 | 40 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 41.5 |

[Note] Fees and charges for various types of subvented DEs/DCUs have been adjusted since 1 July 2018.

**Table 2: Fees and charges for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS
(from 2016-17 to 2017-18)**

| Service type | Service fees and charges (\$) (subject to income level) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level or below | Between CSSA to 1.5 CSSA level | Above 1.5 CSSA level |
| Meal Delivery | 12.6 | 15.4 | 18.6 |
| Laundry service | light | 0.7 | |
| | medium | 0.9 | |
| | heavy | 1.8 | |
| Direct care, home making and escort services (per hour) | 5.4 | 11.7 | 19 |

**Table 3: Fees and charges for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Service fees and charges (\$) ^[Note] (subject to income level) | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level or below | Between CSSA to 1.5 level | Above 1.5 CSSA level |
| Meal Delivery | 13 | 16 | 19 |
| Laundry service | light | 0.7 | |
| | medium | 0.9 | |
| | heavy | 1.8 | |
| Direct care, home making and escort services (per hour) | 5.5 | 12 | 19 |

[Note] Fees and charges for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS have been adjusted since 1 July 2018.

**Table 4: Service fees and charges for
designated residential respite places for the elderly (daily (\$))
(from 2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Type of residential care places | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 ^[Note 1] | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Homes for the aged places | 50 | 50 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Care-and-attention (C&A) places ^[Note 2] | 60 | 60 | 62 | 62 | 62 |
| Nursing home (NH) places ^[Note 3] | 70 | 70 | 72 | 72 | 72 |

[Note 1] Fees and charges for the designated residential respite places for the elderly have been adjusted since 1 October 2018.

[Note 2] They include places in subvented C&A homes providing a continuum of care, C&A places in contract homes, and places of private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

[Note 3] They refer to NH places in contract homes.

Geographical distribution of full-year number of service users of DEs/DCUs

| District | Full-year no. of service users | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 281 | 306 | 292 | 281 | 255 |
| Eastern | 546 | 547 | 517 | 502 | 438 |
| Wan Chai | 185 | 211 | 196 | 192 | 181 |
| Southern | 206 | 216 | 198 | 189 | 184 |
| Islands | 79 | 86 | 79 | 81 | 71 |
| Kwun Tong | 773 | 795 | 801 | 819 | 770 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 527 | 525 | 551 | 504 | 476 |
| Sai Kung | 403 | 439 | 436 | 400 | 372 |
| Kowloon City | 287 | 303 | 301 | 290 | 249 |
| Sham Shui Po | 573 | 579 | 574 | 589 | 488 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 350 | 303 | 314 | 307 | 247 |
| Sha Tin | 614 | 669 | 688 | 621 | 550 |
| Tai Po | 135 | 141 | 149 | 129 | 115 |
| North | 89 | 108 | 92 | 86 | 72 |
| Yuen Long | 235 | 229 | 250 | 310 | 359 |
| Tsuen Wan | 184 | 269 | 374 | 349 | 318 |
| Kwai Tsing | 385 | 396 | 487 | 457 | 480 |
| Tuen Mun | 254 | 256 | 265 | 351 | 330 |
| Total | 6 106 | 6 378 | 6 564 | 6 457 | 5 955 |

Full-year number of IHCS(FC) users

| District/Year | Full-year no. of service users | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 49 | 54 | 61 | 51 | 77 |
| Eastern | 114 | 105 | 113 | 100 | 238 |
| Wan Chai | 40 | 39 | 43 | 35 | 71 |
| Southern | 112 | 113 | 104 | 101 | 144 |
| Islands | 30 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 192 | 199 | 184 | 184 | 381 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 129 | 120 | 132 | 115 | 286 |
| Sai Kung | 43 | 35 | 34 | 39 | 116 |
| Kowloon City | 36 | 42 | 41 | 36 | 100 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 51 | 54 | 56 | 51 | 87 |
| Sham Shui Po | 109 | 109 | 130 | 119 | 181 |
| Sha Tin | 160 | 153 | 155 | 153 | 260 |
| Tai Po | 41 | 37 | 40 | 37 | 105 |
| North | 45 | 39 | 35 | 41 | 119 |
| Yuen Long | 124 | 124 | 117 | 119 | 149 |
| Tuen Mun | 34 | 36 | 32 | 33 | 119 |
| Tsuen Wan | 48 | 50 | 46 | 43 | 126 |
| Kwai Tsing | 104 | 103 | 109 | 105 | 243 |
| Total | 1 461 | 1 436 | 1 458 | 1 387 | 2 847 |

Full-year number of EHCCS users

| Year | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-August 2020) | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district Team <small>[Note 4]</small> | |
| Central & Western | 218 | | 219 | | 221 | | 254 | | 223 | | 303 | |
| Eastern | 267 | 222 245 | 282 | 249 228 | 268 | 238 224 | 307 | 286 329 | 285 | 240 292 | 734 | |
| Wan Chai | 202 | | 195 | | 208 | | 226 | | 199 | | 284 | |
| Southern | 214 | | 221 | | 209 | | 246 | | 226 | | 262 | |
| Islands | 122 | N.A. | 117 | N.A. | 118 | N.A. | 145 | N.A. | 123 | N.A. | 137 | |
| Kwun Tong | 551 | 436 224 | 568 | 458 197 | 566 | 440 203 | 699 | 539 298 | 597 | 467 287 | 1 512 | |
| Wong Tai Sin | 523 | 1 013 <small>[Note 1]</small> | 531 | 1 021 <small>[Note 1]</small> | 528 | 1 012 <small>[Note 1]</small> | 627 | 1226 <small>[Note 1]</small> | 561 | 1 063 <small>[Note 1]</small> | 1 435 | |
| Sai Kung | 289 | | 292 | | 308 | | 340 | | 298 | | 672 | |
| Kowloon City | 364 | 541 <small>[Note 2]</small> | 395 | 537 <small>[Note 2]</small> | 376 | 524 <small>[Note 2]</small> | 423 | 620 <small>[Note 2]</small> | 361 | 554 <small>[Note 2]</small> | 671 | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 248 | | 249 | | 256 | | 274 | | 231 | | 409 | |
| Sham Shui Po | 341 | 176 | 347 | 194 | 319 | 195 | 395 | 245 | 363 | 213 | 800 | |
| Sha Tin | 251 | | 264 | | 244 | | 320 | | 273 | | 875 | |
| Tai Po | 165 | 286 242 | 194 | 278 234 | 181 | 280 237 | 225 | 325 348 | 200 | 298 304 | 245 | |
| North | 180 | | 186 | | 186 | | 229 | | 210 | | 279 | |
| Yuen Long | 248 | | 245 | | 240 | | 284 | | 244 | | 409 | |
| Tuen Mun | 210 | 1 036 <small>[Note 3]</small> | 225 | 1 033 <small>[Note 3]</small> | 205 | 1 041 <small>[Note 3]</small> | 272 | 1 255 <small>[Note 3]</small> | 215 | 1 098 <small>[Note 3]</small> | 471 | |
| Tsuen Wan | 301 | | 304 | | 306 | | 343 | | 306 | | 579 | |
| Kwai Tsing | 447 | | 458 | | 439 | | 589 | | 502 | | 1 162 | |
| Total | 9 562 | | 9 721 | | 9 572 | | 11 669 | | 10 233 | | 11 239 | |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

[Note 4] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)047

(Question Serial No. 2943)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme), what are the statistics on the following services in the past 3 years?

1. the number of elderly persons who have undergone assessment;
2. the number of elderly persons assessed as eligible by the Community Care Fund (CCF);
3. the number of elderly persons who have been refused service (Please reply using the following table):

| | Number of Elderly Person(s) |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Assessed to be without any impairment | |
| Assessed to be of impairment of more than a mild level | |
| Assessed to be of mild impairment but failed the means test by the CCF | |
| Others | |

4. the number of elderly persons who have been assessed as eligible but have refused to use the service;
5. the number of elderly persons who have withdrawn from the service and the reasons for withdrawal;
6. the number of recognised assessors for elderly services;
7. the total expenditure on the Pilot Scheme; and
8. the respective numbers of elderly persons currently using Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) (IHCS(OC)), participating in the Pilot Scheme, and waiting for IHCS(OC) in various districts (Please reply using the following table):

| | No. of elderly persons using IHCS(OC) | No. of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme | No. of elderly persons waiting for IHCS(OC) |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Central & Western | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | |
| Eastern | | | |
| Southern | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | |

| | No. of elderly persons using IHCS(OC) | No. of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme | No. of elderly persons waiting for IHCS(OC) |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Kowloon City | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | |
| North | | | |
| Tai Po | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | |
| Islands | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)

Reply:

Funded by the CCF, the three-year Pilot Scheme was launched in December 2017. The Pilot Scheme has been extended for 25 months starting from December 2020 to the end of 2022, with the Social Welfare Department (SWD) being responsible for its continued implementation.

As at the end of December 2020, a total of 4 511 elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) had been invited to participate in the Pilot Scheme and were assessed by the simple assessment tools over the past 3 years. Among them, 195 were assessed to be with no impairment, and 163 were assessed to be of non-mild impairment and recommended for further assessment. Meanwhile, 3 827 were assessed to have mild impairment and approved by the CCF to be eligible for the Pilot Scheme and were referred to service units for follow-up, and 69 were assessed to be ineligible. During the same period, a cumulative total of 3 496 persons had received services and granted with the subsidy, involving an expenditure of about \$106.9 million.

As at the end of December 2020, a total of 1 071 persons had left the Pilot Scheme over the past 3 years. The number of such persons with a breakdown by reason for leaving is set out as follows:

| Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme | Deceased | Received residential care services | Received subsidised community care services | Withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme [Note] | Total |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|---|--|-------|
| No. of persons | 219 | 163 | 166 | 523 | 1 071 |

[Note] The main reasons for withdrawal include elderly persons hospitalised for treatment or experiencing changes in family support (e.g. elderly persons being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers.)

SWD and Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong have trained a total of 163 accredited assessors for approved service providers over the past 3 years.

SWD does not have information on the number of persons currently participating in the Pilot Scheme with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district. The number of elderly cases currently using IHCS(OC) and that of waitlisted elderly persons with a breakdown by DC district are set out in Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

**Number of elderly cases currently using IHCS(OC)
in 2020-21
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | No. of cases |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Central & Western | 479 |
| Eastern | 1 325 |
| Wan Chai | 351 |
| Southern | 849 |
| Islands | 283 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 574 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 196 |
| Sai Kung | 365 |
| Kowloon City | 1 170 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 812 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 389 |
| Sha Tin | 1 130 |
| Tai Po | 501 |
| North | 1 001 |
| Yuen Long | 909 |
| Tuen Mun | 890 |
| Tsuen Wan | 377 |
| Kwai Tsing | 992 |
| Total | 15 593 |

**Number of waitlisted elderly persons for IHCS(OC)
in 2020-21
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | No. of waitlisted persons |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | 63 |
| Eastern | 158 |
| Wan Chai | 103 |
| Southern | 111 |
| Islands | 81 |
| Kwun Tong | 923 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 620 |
| Sai Kung | 134 |
| Kowloon City | 98 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 96 |
| Sham Shui Po | 338 |
| Sha Tin | 571 |
| Tai Po | 138 |
| North | 96 |
| Yuen Long | 180 |
| Tuen Mun | 309 |
| Tsuen Wan | 6 |
| Kwai Tsing | 47 |
| Total | 4 072 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)048

(Question Serial No. 2944)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the following for the past 5 years:

1. the quota for Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and non-BPS places of various subsidised residential care services (RCS) for persons with disabilities, the average waiting time and the number of persons who applied for a freeze on service allocation, with a breakdown by age and 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the per capita costs, fees and charges, and total amount of subsidies as regards BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for persons with disabilities;
3. the total number of waitlisted persons with disabilities having passed away or withdrawn their application, and the percentage share of the number of such persons with disabilities, with a breakdown by age;
4. the number of persons waitlisted for BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for persons with disabilities, with a breakdown by age and 18 DC districts; and

| | Aged 18 to 30 | Aged 31 to 40 | Aged 41 to 50 | Aged 51 to 60 | Aged 61 to 70 | Aged 71 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

5. the number of users of BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for persons with disabilities, with a breakdown by age and 18 DC districts.

| | Aged 18 to 30 | Aged 31 to 40 | Aged 41 to 50 | Aged 51 to 60 | Aged 61 to 70 | Aged 71 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 75)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places and average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities by administrative district of Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 3 years are set out in Annexes 1 and 2. SWD does not have information on the number of persons who applied for a freeze on service allocation.
2. The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in each of the past 3 years is set out in Annex 3. In view of the diversity of residential places for persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of bought places and all subsidised residential places for reference. The fees and charges and total subsidy amount for various types of subsidised residential rehabilitation services are set out in Annexes 4 and 5 respectively.
3. The number of persons on the waiting list for residential rehabilitation services having passed away or withdrawn their applications and their percentage share of the number of such persons with disabilities are set out in Annex 6. SWD does not have statistical information on persons on the waiting list for residential rehabilitation services having passed away or withdrawn their applications by age.
4. The number of persons waitlisted for various residential rehabilitation services by administrative district of SWD and age group in each of the past 3 years is set out in Annex 7.
5. SWD does not have the number of service users of various residential rehabilitation services by district and age.

Table 1: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2018-19
(by SWD's administrative district)

| District | HMMH | HSMH | HSPH | C&A/ SD | C&A/ AB | SGH (MMHC) [Note] | SHOS | HWH | LSCH | Private RCHD under BPS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 336 | 652 | 109 | 200 | 375 | - | 79 | 168 | 170 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 85 | 160 | 58 | 100 | - | 8 | 40 | 119 | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | 308 | 230 | 65 | - | - | 3 | 61 | 84 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 188 | 359 | 100 | 88 | - | 33 | 76 | 237 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 304 | 137 | 20 | - | 52 | - | 19 | - | - | 273 |
| Sham Shui Po | 80 | 206 | - | 32 | 78 | - | 50 | 169 | 200 | 65 |
| Sha Tin | 186 | 520 | 88 | 102 | - | 17 | 93 | 206 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 180 | 304 | - | 100 | - | 64 | 101 | 80 | - | 160 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 158 | 50 | 100 | 80 | - | 86 | 104 | 80 | 27 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 218 | 721 | 25 | 202 | - | 3 | 83 | 162 | 525 | 181 |
| Tuen Mun | 436 | 432 | 67 | 67 | 243 | - | 20 | 180 | 612 | 154 |
| Total | 2 558 | 3 879 | 582 | 991 | 828 | 128 | 708 | 1 509 | 1 587 | 860 |

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

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons

C&A/AB - care and attention home for the aged blind

SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children

SHOS - supported hostel

HWH - halfway house

LSCH - long stay care home

Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Table 2: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district)

| District | HMMH | HSMH | HSPH | C&A/ SD | C&A/ AB | SGH (MMHC) [Note 1] | SHOS | HWH | LSCH | Private RCHD under BPS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 336 | 652 | 109 | 200 | 375 | - | 79 | 168 | 170 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 85 | 158 | 58 | 100 | - | 8 | 40 | 144 | - | 46 |
| Kwun Tong | 358 | 282 | 115 | 51 | - | 3 | 61 | 144 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 188 | 359 | 100 | 88 | - | 33 | 96 | 237 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 304 | 137 | 20 | - | 52 | - | 19 | - | - | 308 |
| Sham Shui Po | 80 | 206 | - | 32 | 78 | - | 50 | 169 | 200 | 90 |
| Sha Tin | 236 | 520 | 138 | 102 | - | 17 | 93 | 206 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 180 | 304 | - | 100 | - | 64 | 101 | 80 | - | 192 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 158 | 50 | 100 | 80 | - | 86 | 104 | 80 | 27 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 218 | 721 | 25 | 202 | - | 3 | 83 | 162 | 525 | 181 |
| Tuen Mun | 436 | 432 | 50 | 67 | 243 | - | 36 | 180 | 612 | 174 |
| Total | 2 658 | 3 929 | 665 | 1 042 | 828 | 128 | 744 | 1 594 | 1 587 | 1 018 |

[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 3: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | HMMH | HSMH | HSPH | C&A/ SD | C&A/ AB | SGH (MMHC) [Note] | SHOS | HWH | LSCH | Private RCHD under BPS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 376 | 682 | 109 | 200 | 375 | - | 79 | 168 | 170 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 85 | 158 | 58 | 100 | - | 8 | 40 | 144 | - | 46 |
| Kwun Tong | 409 | 332 | 165 | 101 | - | 3 | 101 | 144 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 188 | 359 | 100 | 88 | - | 33 | 96 | 237 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 304 | 137 | 20 | - | 52 | - | 19 | - | - | 308 |
| Sham Shui Po | 131 | 257 | - | 72 | 78 | - | 50 | 169 | 200 | 90 |
| Sha Tin | 236 | 520 | 138 | 102 | - | 17 | 93 | 206 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 180 | 304 | - | 100 | - | 64 | 101 | 80 | - | 192 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 158 | 50 | 100 | 80 | - | 86 | 104 | 80 | 27 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 218 | 721 | 25 | 202 | - | 3 | 83 | 162 | 525 | 181 |
| Tuen Mun | 436 | 432 | 50 | 67 | 243 | - | 36 | 180 | 612 | 174 |
| Total | 2 800 | 4 060 | 715 | 1 132 | 828 | 128 | 784 | 1 594 | 1 587 | 1 018 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Average waiting time for residential rehabilitation services
between 2018-19 and 2020-21**

| Service Type | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1] | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| HMMH | 114.1 | 144.3 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| HSMH | 185.6 | 160.5 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| HSPH | 168.0 | 123.6 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| C&A/SD | 68.1 | 68.4 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| C&A/AB | 10.0 | 9.9 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 3] | 15.0 | 8.7 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| SHOS | 39.0 | 47.3 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| HWH | 6.0 | 5.4 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| LSCH | 54.3 | 57.8 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| Private RCHD under BPS ^[Note 4] | N.A. ^[Note 4] | N.A. ^[Note 4] | N.A. ^[Note 4] |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] The figures for 2020-21 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 3] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

[Note 4] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting time for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

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SHOS - supported hostel

HWH - halfway house

LSCH - long stay care home

Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

**The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services
between 2018-19 and 2020-21**

| Year | Average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services (\$) | Average cost per place per month for private RCHD under BPS (\$) |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 16,336 | 8,910 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 18,221 | 10,547 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 18,588 | 11,100 |

Fees and Charges for various subsidised residential rehabilitation services

| Service Type | Current monthly fees and charges (\$) | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | adult with 50% disability | adult with 100% disability or disability allowance recipient |
| HMMH | 1,481 | 1,559 |
| HSMH | 1,660 | 1,871 |
| HSPH | 1,660 | 1,871 |
| C&A/SD | 1,660 | 1,871 |
| C&A/AB | 1,660 | 1,871 |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | Free | |
| SHOS | 897 | 977 |
| HWH | 1,220 | |
| LSCH | 1,660 | 1,871 |
| Private RCHD under BPS | 1,079 (moderate level of care)/1,656 (high level of care) | |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

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Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

**Total subsidy amount for various types of residential rehabilitation services
between 2018-19 and 2020-21**

| Service Type | Total subsidy amount (\$ million) | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
| HMMH | 327.8 | 350.2 | 378.4 |
| HSMH | 829.7 | 937.0 | 982.5 |
| HSPH | 139.4 | 146.8 | 180.0 |
| C&A/SD | 265.6 | 292.3 | 321.8 |
| C&A/AB | 164.8 | 181.0 | 179.2 |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 23.5 | 31.7 | 32.9 |
| SHOS | 90.4 | 102.8 | 111.9 |
| HWH | 211.6 | 220.3 | 232.2 |
| LSCH | 297.7 | 311.0 | 308.9 |
| Private RCHD under BPS | 64.0 | 94.7 | 166.8 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

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LSCH - long stay care home

Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Table 1: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2018-19

| Service Type | Number of waitlisted persons | Number of waitlisted persons having passed away | Percentage of waitlisted persons having passed away |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| HMMH | 2 475 | 3 | 0.12% |
| HSMH | 2 609 | 16 | 0.61% |
| HSPH | 663 | 26 | 3.92% |
| C&A/SD | 602 | 28 | 4.65% |
| C&A/AB | 167 | 8 | 4.79% |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 1] | 34 | - | 0.00% |
| SHOS | 2 126 | 4 | 0.19% |
| HWH | 602 | 1 | 0.17% |
| LSCH | 2 431 | 7 | 0.29% |
| Private RCHD under BPS | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

^[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting time for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

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SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children

SHOS - supported hostel

HWH - halfway house

LSCH - long stay care home

Private RCHD under BPS - private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

Table 2: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20

| Service Type | Number of waitlisted persons | Number of waitlisted persons having passed away | Percentage of waitlisted persons having passed away |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| HMMH | 2 516 | 6 | 0.24% |
| HSMH | 2 427 | 29 | 1.19% |
| HSPH | 545 | 28 | 5.14% |
| C&A/SD | 581 | 40 | 6.88% |
| C&A/AB | 148 | 20 | 13.51% |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 1] | 50 | - | 0.00% |
| SHOS | 2 203 | 10 | 0.45% |
| HWH | 617 | 7 | 1.13% |
| LSCH | 2 627 | 8 | 0.30% |
| Private RCHD under BPS | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

^[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting time for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

**Table 3: Number of persons having passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| Service Type | Number of waitlisted persons | Number of waitlisted persons having passed away | Percentage of waitlisted persons having passed away |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| HMMH | 2 510 | 7 | 0.28% |
| HSMH | 2 434 | 5 | 0.21% |
| HSPH | 407 | 15 | 3.69% |
| C&A/SD | 536 | 26 | 4.85% |
| C&A/AB | 150 | 9 | 6.00% |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 1] | 74 | - | 0.00% |
| SHOS | 2 233 | 1 | 0.04% |
| HWH | 510 | - | 0.00% |
| LSCH | 2 646 | 13 | 0.49% |
| Private RCHD under BPS | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

^[Note 2] There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting time for the BPS for private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs and HMMHs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of the BPS.

Table 4: Number of waitlisted persons having withdrawn their applications for residential rehabilitation services from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year | Number of waitlisted persons | Number of waitlisted persons having withdrawn their applications ^[Note] | Percentage of waitlisted persons having withdrawn their applications |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| 2018-19 | 11 709 | 547 | 4.67% |
| 2019-20 | 11 714 | 736 | 6.28% |
| 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020) | 11 500 | 575 | 5.00% |

^[Note] Including those waitlisted persons having their applications withdrawn due to death.

**Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 30 | 71 | 37 | 19 | 20 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 25 | 69 | 68 | 40 | 14 | 14 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 32 | 94 | 47 | 44 | 31 | 16 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 64 | 119 | 62 | 29 | 28 | 13 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 54 | 51 | 42 | 28 | 20 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 34 | 56 | 40 | 25 | 22 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 23 | 71 | 65 | 33 | 20 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 32 | 72 | 44 | 27 | 21 | 6 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 47 | 79 | 43 | 15 | 22 | 6 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 34 | 101 | 72 | 32 | 31 | 15 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 40 | 80 | 57 | 30 | 9 | 2 | - | - |
| Total | 415 | 863 | 577 | 322 | 238 | 92 | 9 | - |

**Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for HMMHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 32 | 71 | 32 | 20 | 19 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 22 | 67 | 66 | 39 | 19 | 13 | 2 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 43 | 88 | 53 | 37 | 33 | 13 | 1 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 67 | 125 | 56 | 33 | 25 | 9 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 44 | 54 | 45 | 31 | 17 | 13 | - | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 32 | 54 | 34 | 25 | 10 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 27 | 69 | 61 | 32 | 18 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 32 | 67 | 53 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 1 | - |
| Yuen Long | 44 | 85 | 49 | 16 | 18 | 6 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 38 | 107 | 64 | 33 | 37 | 13 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 42 | 84 | 58 | 30 | 8 | 2 | - | - |
| Total | 423 | 871 | 571 | 323 | 223 | 89 | 9 | 1 |

**Table 4: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 28 | 69 | 39 | 14 | 20 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 30 | 88 | 44 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 7 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 45 | 86 | 57 | 19 | 19 | 14 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 47 | 129 | 55 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 2 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 46 | 82 | 44 | 24 | 16 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 31 | 53 | 39 | 11 | 19 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 25 | 69 | 36 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 3 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 38 | 99 | 32 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | - |
| Yuen Long | 42 | 105 | 33 | 25 | 25 | 12 | 2 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 41 | 97 | 61 | 35 | 25 | 17 | 2 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 22 | 61 | 64 | 27 | 30 | 20 | 1 | - |
| Total | 395 | 938 | 504 | 220 | 217 | 125 | 28 | - |

**Table 6: Number of persons waitlisted for HSMHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 33 | 58 | 40 | 15 | 19 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 29 | 84 | 50 | 19 | 20 | 10 | 7 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 41 | 88 | 55 | 19 | 20 | 12 | 3 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 47 | 135 | 56 | 17 | 19 | 23 | 2 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 40 | 83 | 39 | 22 | 14 | 5 | 2 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 32 | 55 | 38 | 12 | 21 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 26 | 67 | 37 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 3 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 38 | 100 | 33 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 4 | - |
| Yuen Long | 48 | 107 | 38 | 24 | 23 | 15 | 2 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 41 | 94 | 64 | 32 | 26 | 21 | 2 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 26 | 57 | 65 | 32 | 24 | 24 | 3 | - |
| Total | 401 | 928 | 515 | 214 | 211 | 135 | 30 | - |

**Table 7: Number of persons waitlisted for HSPHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 8: Number of persons waitlisted for HSPHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 4 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 5 | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 5 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 17 | 3 | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 4 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 5 | 13 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 8 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 3 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 24 | 3 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 3 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 2 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 6 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 3 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 10 | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 3 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 2 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 7 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 28 | 5 | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | 4 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 15 | 6 | - | - |
| Total | 39 | 102 | 66 | 105 | 188 | 45 | - | - |

**Table 9: Number of persons waitlisted for HSPHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 3 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 5 | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 4 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 1 | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | 2 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 5 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 3 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 8 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 1 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 1 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 1 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | - | 8 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 4 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 3 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 7 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 22 | 4 | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | 4 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 9 | - | - |
| Total | 31 | 79 | 49 | 68 | 139 | 41 | - | - |

**Table 10: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 11: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 29 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 8 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 2 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 15 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 25 | 8 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 4 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 8 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 5 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 17 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 13 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 7 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 6 | 9 | - | 3 | 11 | 9 | 3 | - |
| Total | 101 | 88 | 40 | 83 | 195 | 57 | 16 | 1 |

**Table 12: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 23 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 7 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 17 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 6 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 5 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 10 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 7 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 16 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 14 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 22 | 9 | 2 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 4 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 5 | 3 | - |
| Total | 102 | 66 | 41 | 79 | 176 | 57 | 15 | - |

**Table 13: Number of persons waitlisted for SHOSs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 14: Number of persons waitlisted for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 8 | 32 | 43 | 34 | 32 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 5 | 31 | 37 | 39 | 36 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 27 | 53 | 48 | 49 | 37 | 11 | 1 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 24 | 69 | 96 | 66 | 66 | 17 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 9 | 18 | 22 | 21 | 23 | 8 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 10 | 28 | 42 | 27 | 38 | 8 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 14 | 36 | 60 | 51 | 22 | 9 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 21 | 71 | 64 | 28 | 27 | 2 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 16 | 55 | 51 | 34 | 26 | 1 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 31 | 60 | 73 | 56 | 39 | 10 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 17 | 52 | 66 | 38 | 30 | 7 | - | - |
| Total | 182 | 505 | 602 | 443 | 376 | 90 | 5 | - |

**Table 15: Number of persons waitlisted for SHOSs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 7 | 37 | 51 | 40 | 33 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 4 | 30 | 31 | 39 | 28 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 25 | 56 | 51 | 40 | 32 | 12 | 1 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 26 | 64 | 91 | 65 | 57 | 20 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 8 | 23 | 23 | 16 | 23 | 8 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 11 | 28 | 42 | 29 | 38 | 7 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 9 | 44 | 61 | 61 | 20 | 8 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 17 | 76 | 64 | 37 | 26 | 3 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 16 | 55 | 54 | 33 | 28 | 2 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 33 | 56 | 87 | 57 | 37 | 12 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 17 | 57 | 69 | 41 | 29 | 7 | - | - |
| Total | 173 | 526 | 624 | 458 | 351 | 97 | 4 | - |

**Table 16: Number of persons waitlisted for LSCHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 17: Number of persons waitlisted for LSCHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | 5 | 15 | 64 | 110 | 86 | 14 | 7 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 3 | 5 | 20 | 78 | 81 | 11 | 4 |
| Kwun Tong | - | 3 | 12 | 34 | 69 | 44 | 3 | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 1 | 1 | 13 | 33 | 91 | 54 | 11 | 1 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 2 | 14 | 62 | 86 | 53 | 4 | 2 |
| Sham Shui Po | - | 3 | 10 | 36 | 74 | 41 | 7 | - |
| Sha Tin | - | 9 | 22 | 61 | 107 | 89 | 16 | - |
| Tai Po/North | - | 2 | 19 | 36 | 77 | 70 | 10 | - |
| Yuen Long | - | 8 | 17 | 41 | 56 | 32 | 6 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 1 | 6 | 26 | 79 | 126 | 83 | 12 | - |
| Tuen Mun | - | 11 | 26 | 70 | 123 | 106 | 10 | 2 |
| Total | 2 | 53 | 179 | 536 | 997 | 739 | 104 | 17 |

**Table 18: Number of persons waitlisted for LSCHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | 4 | 10 | 60 | 119 | 83 | 17 | 7 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 3 | 8 | 23 | 78 | 74 | 15 | 4 |
| Kwun Tong | - | 3 | 13 | 33 | 73 | 45 | 3 | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 1 | 2 | 11 | 36 | 83 | 55 | 11 | 1 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 1 | 16 | 53 | 87 | 52 | 10 | 2 |
| Sham Shui Po | - | 3 | 8 | 35 | 72 | 44 | 8 | - |
| Sha Tin | - | 8 | 25 | 68 | 107 | 97 | 17 | - |
| Tai Po/North | - | - | 22 | 37 | 81 | 68 | 13 | - |
| Yuen Long | - | 9 | 12 | 38 | 53 | 39 | 5 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 1 | 7 | 27 | 78 | 137 | 74 | 10 | 1 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 | 12 | 22 | 72 | 115 | 110 | 11 | 1 |
| Total | 4 | 52 | 174 | 533 | 1 005 | 741 | 120 | 17 |

**Table 19: Number of persons waitlisted for HWHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 20: Number of persons waitlisted for HWHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 2 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 21 | 7 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 1 | 20 | 24 | 27 | 26 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 4 | 8 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 1 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | - | 12 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 1 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 3 | 9 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 2 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | - | 7 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 2 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | - | 12 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 4 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 1 | 12 | 19 | 13 | 9 | 1 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 2 | 8 | 16 | 5 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 2 | 13 | 27 | 16 | 17 | 4 | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | 3 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 1 | - | - |
| Total | 18 | 117 | 170 | 147 | 136 | 27 | 2 | - |

**Table 21: Number of persons waitlisted for HWHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | 8 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 4 | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 1 | 16 | 18 | 22 | 22 | 11 | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 1 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 3 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 1 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 10 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 3 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 10 | - | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 2 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 5 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 2 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 2 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 2 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 5 | - | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | - | 9 | 21 | 16 | 20 | 2 | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | - | 9 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 1 | - | - |
| Total | 13 | 96 | 135 | 119 | 117 | 30 | - | - |

**Table 22: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/ABs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 23: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/ABs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | 4 | 6 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Kwun Tong | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 | - | 10 |
| Sha Tin | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| Tai Po/North | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Yuen Long | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | - | 7 | 14 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Total | 23 | 32 | 93 |

**Table 24: Number of persons waitlisted for C&A/ABs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 5 | 7 | 15 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Sha Tin | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Tai Po/North | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Yuen Long | 1 | 5 | 13 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | - | 6 | 7 |
| Tuen Mun | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 28 | 42 | 80 |

**Table 25: Number of persons waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 26: Number of persons waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 2 | 7 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 2 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Sha Tin | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 3 | 2 | 3 | - |
| Yuen Long | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | 1 | - |
| Total | 9 | 11 | 26 | 4 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 27: Number of persons waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of persons waitlisted | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 2 | 14 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 3 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 1 | 3 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Sha Tin | - | 2 | 5 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 2 | 1 | 4 | - |
| Yuen Long | - | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Total | 12 | 14 | 44 | 4 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)049

(Question Serial No. 2945)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the following for the past 5 years:

1. the quota for various day care and community care services for persons with disabilities (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services) and the average waiting time, with a breakdown by age and 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the per capita costs, fees and charges, and total amount of subsidies as regards various day care and community care services for persons with disabilities (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services);
3. the number of users of various day care and community care services for persons with disabilities (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts; and

| | Aged under 18 | Aged 18 to 30 | Aged 31 to 40 | Aged 41 to 50 | Aged 51 to 60 | Aged 61 to 70 | Aged 71 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | | |

4. the number of persons waitlisted for various day care and community care services for persons with disabilities (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

| | Aged under 18 | Aged 18 to 30 | Aged 31 to 40 | Aged 41 to 50 | Aged 51 to 60 | Aged 61 to 70 | Aged 71 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. From 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), the number of service places and headcount of service users of day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities are set out at Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1 respectively, whereas the number of service places of integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) are set out in Table 3 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average waiting time for day and residential respite services, ISS and HCS by age and 18 DC districts.

2. The total amount of subsidies for day respite services, ISS and HCS is set out in Annex 2 respectively. SWD does not have information on the total amount of subsidies for residential respite services and the per capita costs for various services. The fees and charges for various services have been uploaded onto SWD's webpages (the respective websites as follows):

Residential respite service:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_supportcom/id_2respites/

Day respite service:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_supportcom/id_drs/

ISS:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_supportcom/id_iss/

HCS

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_supportcom/id_hcs/

3. & 4. SWD does not have information on the number of users and the number of persons waitlisted for various day care and community care services for persons with disabilities (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services) by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

Table 1: Number of service places of day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Year | Number of places | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | Day respite service | Residential respite services |
| 2016-17 | 158 | 291 |
| 2017-18 | 158 | 292 |
| 2018-19 | 158 | 297 |
| 2019-20 | 160 | 318 |
| 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) | 160 | 344 |

Table 2: Headcount of service users of day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Year | Headcount of service users ^[Note 1] | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| | Day respite service | Residential respite service |
| 2016-17 | 3 117 | 3 331 |
| 2017-18 | 2 482 | 3 370 |
| 2018-19 | 2 427 | 3 013 |
| 2019-20 | 1 805 | 2 285 |
| 2020-21 ^[Note 2] (as at 31 December 2020) | 599 | 159 |

[Note 1] A service user may have multiple admissions for day or residential respite service in a year.

[Note 2] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users over the previous years.

Table 3: Number of service places of ISS and HCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Year | Number of service places | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| | ISS | HCS |
| 2016-17 | 900 | 3 250 |
| 2017-18 | 900 | 3 250 |
| 2018-19 | 900 | 3 250 |
| 2019-20 | 900 | 3 550 |
| 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) | 900 | 3 550 |

**Total amount of subsidies for various day care and community care services for
persons with disabilities**

| Service type | 2016-17 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2017-18 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Day respite | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.8 |
| HCS | 254.1 | 262.8 | 287.0 | 305.3 | 330.4 |
| ISS | 61.9 | 61.6 | 64.9 | 68.8 | 68.6 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)050

(Question Serial No. 2946)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For each of the next 5 years, please set out:

1. the estimated number of additional places for various types of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), broken down by year of service commencement and 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the estimated number of additional places for various types of day care and community care service (including residential and day respite services) for persons with disabilities, broken down by year of service commencement and 18 DC districts; and
3. the number of additional places for rehabilitation services in the coming 5 years as it is stated in the 2020 Policy Address that the gross floor area in public housing set aside for the provision of social welfare facilities will be raised to 5%.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The estimated number of additional places for various residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in the coming 5 years broken down by 18 DC districts are set out in Annex 1.
2. The number of service places of day care service for persons with severe disabilities (DC/SD), day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities, integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) in 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Annex 2. Apart from maintaining existing service places, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will consider increasing the service places having regard to the demand of persons with disabilities.

Moreover, SWD will provide additional places under residential respite services in new subvented RCHDs. Starting from March 2021, SWD will also purchase more than 40 designated residential respite places from RCHDs participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for RCHDs.

3. In accordance with the 2020 Policy Address, the Government has invited the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society to explore reserving about 5% of the total domestic gross floor area in future public housing development projects exclusively for welfare uses, without affecting the public housing supply and other ancillary facilities. As the planning details are yet to be confirmed, the aggregate floor area and distribution of various welfare uses are currently unavailable.

**Estimated number of additional service places for
various residential rehabilitation services
from 2021-22 to 2025-26
(by DC district)**

| Service | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|--|---|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons | 50 (Sham Shui Po) 75 (Tuen Mun) 20 (Kwai Tsing) | - | - | 50 (Southern) | - |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons | 50 (Sham Shui Po) 400 (Tuen Mun) 11 (Sai Kung) | - | 60 (Tai Po) 50 (North) | - | 50 (Kwun Tong) 50 (Tuen Mun) |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons | 75 (Tuen Mun) | - | - | - | - |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons | 200 (Tuen Mun) | - | 40 (North) | - | - |
| Long stay care home | 400 (Tuen Mun) | - | - | - | - |
| Supported hostel | 50 (Sham Shui Po) 30 (Sha Tin) | 30 (Sha Tin) | 30 (Sai Kung) 60 (Tuen Mun) | 40 (Eastern) | 50 (Tuen Mun) |
| Private RCHD participating in the BPS | 300 (locations to be determined) | - | - | - | - |

**Number of service places of DC/SD,
day and residential respite services for persons with disabilities,
ISS and HCS**

| Service type | Number of service places in 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) |
|---|--|
| DC/SD | 239 |
| Day respite service for persons with disabilities | 160 |
| Residential respite service for persons with disabilities | 344 |
| ISS | 900 |
| HCS | 3 550 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)051

(Question Serial No. 2961)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please advise the following for each of the past 5 years by District Council (DC) district:

- 1) the number and age of persons benefiting from the “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities” under the Community Care Fund (CCF) and the amount involved;
- 2) the number and age of persons receiving the “Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled” under the CCF and the amount involved;
- 3) the number and age of persons benefiting from the “Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers” under the CCF and the amount involved; and
- 4) the number of persons benefiting from the “Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme” under the CCF.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 79)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1) As at the end of December 2020, a total of 2 320 carers had received allowances under the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities. The amount of subsidy granted was about \$209 million. The age distribution of the beneficiary carers is set out in Annex 1.
- 2) As at the end of December 2020, a total headcount of 14 629 persons benefited from the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled programme. The amount of subsidy granted was about \$421 million. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the age distribution of the beneficiaries.
- 3) As at the end of December 2020, a total of 41 beneficiaries had received subsidies under the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in

Paid Employment to Hire Carers. The amount of subsidy granted was about \$7.29 million. The age distribution of the beneficiaries is set out in Annex 2.

- 4) As at the end of December 2020, a total of 9 488 beneficiaries had received subsidies under the Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme.

Age distribution of beneficiary carers under the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low- income Carers of Persons with Disabilities as at the end of December 2020:

| Age | Number of persons |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Aged 18 or below | 2 |
| Aged 19 to 29 | 96 |
| Aged 30 to 39 | 561 |
| Aged 40 to 49 | 540 |
| Aged 50 to 59 | 613 |
| Aged 60 to 69 | 433 |
| Aged 70 or above | 75 |

Age distribution of beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers as at the end of December 2020:

| Age | Number of persons |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Aged 19 to 29 | 8 |
| Aged 30 to 39 | 13 |
| Aged 40 to 49 | 8 |
| Aged 50 to 59 | 8 |
| Aged 60 to 69 | 3 |
| Aged 70 or above | 1 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)052****(Question Serial No. 2962)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please list out the following information in connection with the past 3 years:

- 1) the number and percentage of cases involving CSSA households living in rented private housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) after taking into account the rent allowance received:

| | One-person household | Two-person household | Three-person household | Four-person household | Five-person household | Household with 6 persons or above |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | |

- 2) the number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing (i.e. not public rental housing) and receiving CSSA rent allowance which are also eligible for an allowance under the Community Care Fund (CCF), with actual rent exceeding the MRA (with a breakdown by the amount in excess: \$0 to \$300, \$301 to \$600, \$601 or above):

| | One-person household | Two-person household | Three-person household | Four-person household | Five-person household | Household with 6 persons or above |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Actual rent exceeding MRA | | | | | | |

- 3) the number and percentage of cases involving CSSA households living in public rental housing with actual rent exceeding the MRA after taking into account the rent allowance received:

| | One-person household | Two-person household | Three-person household | Four-person household | Five-person household | Household with 6 persons or above |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | |

- 4) the number and percentage of CSSA cases benefitting from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE):

| | One-person household | Two-person household | Three-person household | Four-person household | Five-person household | Household with 6 persons or above |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | |

- 5) the level of assistance received by CSSA cases benefitting from the provision of DE:

| | One-person household | Two-person household | Three-person household | Four-person household | Five-person household | Household with 6 persons or above |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |

| | One-person household | Two-person household | Three-person household | Four-person household | Five-person household | Household with 6 persons or above |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Islands | | | | | | |

- 6) the age and percentage of CSSA cases that fall under the category of “permanent disability”:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

- 7) the age and percentage of CSSA cases that fall under the category of “ill health”:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

- 8) the age and percentage of CSSA cases that fall under the category of “single parent”:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|----------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

9) the age and percentage of CSSA cases that fall under the category of “low-earnings”:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

10) the age and percentage of CSSA cases that fall under the category of “unemployment”:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

11) the age and percentage of CSSA cases that fall under the category of “others”:

| | Aged 18 or below | Aged 19 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 65 | Aged 66 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | |

12) the number of child beneficiaries of CSSA and their educational attainment:

| | Pre-school | Nursery & Kindergarten | Primary | Secondary |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Central & Western | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | |
| Southern | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | |
| North | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | |
| Islands | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the MRA from 2018-19 to 2020-21, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information sought.
2. The number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance, as well as being eligible for the allowance under CCF, with actual rent exceeding the MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household and the amount in excess, are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
3. The number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2018-19 to 2020-21, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household, are set out in Table 3 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.
4. The number and percentage of CSSA cases having benefited from the DE arrangement from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are provided in the table below:

| Year | Number of cases having benefited from the DE arrangement | Percentage out of total CSSA cases (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2018-19 | 15 696 | 7.0 |
| 2019-20 | 13 833 | 6.2 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 12 625 | 5.6 |

SWD does not have the other information sought.

5. The average amount of DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement at the end of each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is provided in the table below:

| Year | Average DE of each CSSA recipient benefiting from the DE arrangement as at year-end (\$) |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 | 1,548 |
| 2019-20 | 1,488 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 1,419 |

SWD does not have the other information sought.

6. to 11. The number and percentage of CSSA cases from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by district and case nature are set out in Table 4 of the Annex. SWD does not have the information sought.
12. The number of school children on CSSA from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by district and educational attainment is set out in Table 5 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA by the number of eligible members in the household

| Number of eligible members | Number of CSSA cases living in rented private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 1 | 7 589 | 7 860 | 7 359 |
| 2 | 4 493 | 4 366 | 3 879 |
| 3 | 2 157 | 1 938 | 2 206 |
| 4 | 911 | 920 | 899 |
| 5 | 345 | 322 | 234 |
| 6 or above | 115 | 100 | 88 |
| Total | 15 610 (69%) | 15 506 (69%) | 14 665 (57%) |

Table 2: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in rented private housing and receiving rent allowance, as well as being eligible for the CCF [Note 1], with actual rent exceeding MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF [Note 2], by the number of eligible members in the household

| Number of eligible members | Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF in 2018-19 | | | |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | Less than \$301 | \$301 to \$600 | \$601 or above | Total (Percentage) |
| 1 | 2 976 | 1 157 | 3 456 | 7 589 (74%) |
| 2 | 1 746 | 1 291 | 1 456 | 4 493 (71%) |
| 3 | 1 028 | 496 | 633 | 2 157 (57%) |
| 4 | 262 | 187 | 462 | 911 (60%) |
| 5 | 52 | 60 | 233 | 345 (72%) |
| 6 or above | 20 | 21 | 74 | 115 (65%) |
| Total | 6 084 | 3 212 | 6 314 | 15 610 (69%) |
| Number of eligible members | Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF in 2019-20 | | | |
| | Less than \$301 | \$301 to \$600 | \$601 or above | Total (Percentage) |
| 1 | 3 411 | 837 | 3 612 | 7 860 (75%) |
| 2 | 1 851 | 1 182 | 1 333 | 4 366 (69%) |
| 3 | 699 | 562 | 677 | 1 938 (52%) |
| 4 | 322 | 152 | 446 | 920 (62%) |
| 5 | 90 | 35 | 197 | 322 (74%) |
| 6 or above | 17 | 28 | 55 | 100 (62%) |
| Total | 6 390 | 2 796 | 6 320 | 15 506 (69%) |
| Number of eligible members | Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the average monthly subsidy from the CCF in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | | | |
| | Less than \$301 | \$301 to \$600 | \$601 or above | Total (Percentage) |
| 1 | 3 510 | 838 | 3 011 | 7 359 (59%) |
| 2 | 1 536 | 1 274 | 1 069 | 3 879 (55%) |
| 3 | 788 | 537 | 881 | 2 206 (53%) |
| 4 | 296 | 194 | 409 | 899 (54%) |
| 5 | 56 | 30 | 148 | 234 (48%) |
| 6 or above | 19 | 20 | 49 | 88 (53%) |
| Total | 6 205 | 2 893 | 5 567 | 14 665 (57%) |

[Note 1] To provide subsidy to CSSA households living in rented private housing and paying rent which exceeds the MRA under the CSSA Scheme.

[Note 2] Including the amount of subsidy provided by the CCF to CSSA households in rented private housing, i.e. the monthly subsidy will be either 50% of the portion of the rental amount exceeding the MRA or 15% of the MRA, whichever is the less. The average monthly subsidy is the amount of annual subsidy divided by 12 months.

Table 3: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public housing and receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2018-19 to 2020-21, by the number of eligible members in the household

| Number of eligible members | Number of CSSA cases living in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA | | |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 1 | 3 484 | 3 221 | 2 299 |
| 2 | 241 | 146 | 197 |
| 3 | 64 | 29 | 53 |
| 4 | 27 | 14 | 11 |
| 5 | 16 | 4 | 9 |
| 6 or above | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 3 836 (3%) | 3 417 (3%) | 2 572 (2%) |

Table 4: Number and percentage of CSSA cases from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by district and case nature

| District | 2018-19 | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Number of CSSA cases by case nature | | | | |
| | Permanent disability | Ill health | Single parent | Low-earnings | Unemployment |
| Central & Western | 220 (1.3%) | 310 (1.3%) | 153 (0.6%) | 27 (0.8%) | 122 (1.0%) |
| Eastern | 1 009 (6.1%) | 927 (4.0%) | 910 (3.7%) | 148 (4.3%) | 413 (3.5%) |
| Islands | 226 (1.4%) | 420 (1.8%) | 653 (2.7%) | 145 (4.2%) | 370 (3.2%) |
| Kowloon City | 874 (5.3%) | 1 240 (5.4%) | 1 459 (6.0%) | 161 (4.7%) | 682 (5.8%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 2 092 (12.6%) | 1 812 (7.9%) | 1 879 (7.7%) | 439 (12.8%) | 942 (8.1%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 419 (8.5%) | 2 726 (11.9%) | 3 547 (14.6%) | 511 (14.9%) | 1 505 (12.9%) |
| North | 969 (5.8%) | 1 169 (5.1%) | 1 432 (5.9%) | 126 (3.7%) | 566 (4.8%) |
| Sai Kung | 649 (3.9%) | 881 (3.8%) | 617 (2.5%) | 136 (4.0%) | 274 (2.3%) |
| Sha Tin | 1 269 (7.6%) | 1 731 (7.5%) | 2 042 (8.4%) | 216 (6.3%) | 561 (4.8%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 168 (7.0%) | 2 369 (10.3%) | 2 445 (10.0%) | 285 (8.3%) | 1 556 (13.3%) |
| Southern | 1 016 (6.1%) | 718 (3.1%) | 444 (1.8%) | 83 (2.4%) | 200 (1.7%) |
| Tai Po | 474 (2.9%) | 932 (4.1%) | 849 (3.5%) | 71 (2.1%) | 238 (2.0%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 536 (3.2%) | 530 (2.3%) | 715 (2.9%) | 98 (2.9%) | 288 (2.5%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 832 (11.0%) | 1 943 (8.5%) | 1 642 (6.7%) | 217 (6.3%) | 719 (6.2%) |
| Wan Chai | 45 (0.3%) | 105 (0.5%) | 71 (0.3%) | 3 (0.1%) | 155 (1.3%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 851 (5.1%) | 1 631 (7.1%) | 1 644 (6.7%) | 307 (9.0%) | 755 (6.5%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 431 (2.6%) | 1 018 (4.4%) | 977 (4.0%) | 70 (2.0%) | 960 (8.2%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 539 (9.3%) | 2 514 (10.9%) | 2 895 (11.9%) | 379 (11.1%) | 1 382 (11.8%) |
| Total | 16 619 (100.0%) | 22 976 (100.0%) | 24 374 (100.0%) | 3 422 (100.0%) | 11 688 (100.0%) |

| District | 2019-20 | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Number of CSSA cases by case nature | | | | |
| | Permanent disability | Ill health | Single parent | Low-earnings | Unemployment |
| Central & Western | 238 (1.4%) | 298 (1.2%) | 151 (0.6%) | 23 (0.8%) | 187 (1.3%) |
| Eastern | 1 019 (6.0%) | 996 (4.1%) | 886 (3.7%) | 126 (4.3%) | 495 (3.4%) |
| Islands | 227 (1.3%) | 438 (1.8%) | 690 (2.9%) | 127 (4.3%) | 471 (3.2%) |
| Kowloon City | 853 (5.0%) | 1 328 (5.4%) | 1 385 (5.8%) | 142 (4.8%) | 842 (5.8%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 2 176 (12.8%) | 2 012 (8.2%) | 1 827 (7.6%) | 375 (12.7%) | 1 173 (8.0%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 494 (8.8%) | 2 838 (11.6%) | 3 431 (14.3%) | 440 (14.9%) | 1 795 (12.3%) |
| North | 959 (5.6%) | 1 246 (5.1%) | 1 494 (6.2%) | 111 (3.8%) | 736 (5.0%) |
| Sai Kung | 649 (3.8%) | 902 (3.7%) | 558 (2.3%) | 118 (4.0%) | 326 (2.2%) |
| Sha Tin | 1 350 (7.9%) | 1 768 (7.2%) | 2 091 (8.7%) | 194 (6.6%) | 743 (5.1%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 186 (7.0%) | 2 567 (10.5%) | 2 484 (10.3%) | 268 (9.1%) | 1 902 (13.0%) |
| Southern | 1 019 (6.0%) | 724 (3.0%) | 437 (1.8%) | 74 (2.5%) | 270 (1.9%) |
| Tai Po | 527 (3.1%) | 1 012 (4.1%) | 824 (3.4%) | 60 (2.0%) | 303 (2.1%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 551 (3.2%) | 545 (2.2%) | 744 (3.1%) | 81 (2.7%) | 369 (2.5%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 838 (10.8%) | 2 082 (8.5%) | 1 594 (6.6%) | 181 (6.1%) | 958 (6.6%) |
| Wan Chai | 59 (0.3%) | 158 (0.6%) | 73 (0.3%) | 9 (0.3%) | 147 (1.0%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 869 (5.1%) | 1 725 (7.1%) | 1 537 (6.4%) | 265 (9.0%) | 933 (6.4%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 450 (2.6%) | 1 122 (4.6%) | 1 016 (4.2%) | 46 (1.6%) | 1 249 (8.6%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 556 (9.1%) | 2 703 (11.0%) | 2 785 (11.6%) | 314 (10.6%) | 1 692 (11.6%) |
| Total | 17 020 (100.0%) | 24 464 (100.0%) | 24 007 (100.0%) | 2 954 (100.0%) | 14 591 (100.0%) |

| District | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Number of CSSA cases by case nature | | | | |
| | Permanent disability | Ill health | Single parent | Low-earnings | Unemployment |
| Central & Western | 239 (1.4%) | 275 (1.1%) | 164 (0.7%) | 21 (0.8%) | 210 (1.1%) |
| Eastern | 1 034 (6.0%) | 1 058 (4.1%) | 922 (3.7%) | 113 (4.5%) | 690 (3.5%) |
| Islands | 254 (1.5%) | 430 (1.7%) | 704 (2.8%) | 111 (4.4%) | 625 (3.2%) |
| Kowloon City | 860 (5.0%) | 1 412 (5.4%) | 1 440 (5.8%) | 115 (4.6%) | 1 126 (5.8%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 2 202 (12.7%) | 2 107 (8.1%) | 1 824 (7.4%) | 304 (12.1%) | 1 532 (7.9%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 571 (9.0%) | 3 020 (11.6%) | 3 401 (13.7%) | 360 (14.3%) | 2 383 (12.2%) |
| North | 958 (5.5%) | 1 362 (5.2%) | 1 596 (6.4%) | 96 (3.8%) | 1 032 (5.3%) |
| Sai Kung | 662 (3.8%) | 973 (3.7%) | 527 (2.1%) | 97 (3.9%) | 437 (2.2%) |
| Sha Tin | 1 396 (8.0%) | 1 886 (7.3%) | 2 217 (9.0%) | 176 (7.0%) | 1 137 (5.8%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 201 (6.9%) | 2 752 (10.6%) | 2 607 (10.5%) | 234 (9.3%) | 2 363 (12.1%) |
| Southern | 1 008 (5.8%) | 742 (2.9%) | 430 (1.7%) | 65 (2.6%) | 379 (1.9%) |
| Tai Po | 563 (3.2%) | 1 066 (4.1%) | 849 (3.4%) | 51 (2.0%) | 410 (2.1%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 575 (3.3%) | 574 (2.2%) | 778 (3.1%) | 71 (2.8%) | 486 (2.5%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 844 (10.6%) | 2 213 (8.5%) | 1 645 (6.6%) | 151 (6.0%) | 1 261 (6.5%) |
| Wan Chai | 57 (0.3%) | 144 (0.6%) | 99 (0.4%) | 4 (0.2%) | 228 (1.2%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 890 (5.1%) | 1 793 (6.9%) | 1 583 (6.4%) | 237 (9.4%) | 1 226 (6.3%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 492 (2.8%) | 1 287 (5.0%) | 1 132 (4.6%) | 46 (1.8%) | 1 760 (9.0%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 565 (9.0%) | 2 887 (11.1%) | 2 829 (11.4%) | 263 (10.5%) | 2 196 (11.3%) |
| Total | 17 371 (100.0%) | 25 981 (100.0%) | 24 747 (100.0%) | 2 515 (100.0%) | 19 481 (100.0%) |

Table 5: Number of school children on CSSA from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by district and educational attainment

| District | 2018-19 (as at end-December 2018) | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Nursery & Kindergarten | Primary | Secondary |
| Central & Western | 70 | 189 | 155 |
| Eastern | 308 | 902 | 1 103 |
| Islands | 188 | 708 | 937 |
| Kowloon City | 512 | 1 451 | 1 317 |
| Kwai Tsing | 607 | 2 086 | 2 679 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 027 | 3 438 | 4 443 |
| North | 525 | 1 336 | 1 555 |
| Sai Kung | 160 | 605 | 897 |
| Sha Tin | 499 | 1 850 | 2 218 |
| Sham Shui Po | 798 | 2 073 | 2 418 |
| Southern | 135 | 408 | 584 |
| Tai Po | 292 | 775 | 875 |
| Tsuen Wan | 262 | 666 | 733 |
| Tuen Mun | 568 | 1 684 | 1 826 |

| District | 2018-19 (as at end-December 2018) | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Nursery & Kindergarten | Primary | Secondary |
| Wan Chai | 44 | 97 | 69 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 532 | 1 633 | 2 113 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 438 | 800 | 579 |
| Yuen Long | 1 037 | 2 916 | 3 554 |
| Total | 8 002 | 23 617 | 28 055 |

| District | 2019-20 (as at end-December 2019) | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Nursery & Kindergarten | Primary | Secondary |
| Central & Western | 52 | 155 | 135 |
| Eastern | 280 | 818 | 1 047 |
| Islands | 227 | 827 | 959 |
| Kowloon City | 479 | 1 321 | 1 282 |
| Kwai Tsing | 585 | 1 909 | 2 542 |
| Kwun Tong | 882 | 3 197 | 4 171 |
| North | 513 | 1 294 | 1 557 |
| Sai Kung | 147 | 549 | 761 |
| Sha Tin | 497 | 1 856 | 2 170 |
| Sham Shui Po | 776 | 2 148 | 2 477 |
| Southern | 147 | 388 | 534 |
| Tai Po | 272 | 722 | 814 |
| Tsuen Wan | 270 | 622 | 674 |
| Tuen Mun | 532 | 1 514 | 1 733 |
| Wan Chai | 43 | 74 | 56 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 490 | 1 506 | 1 959 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 413 | 756 | 524 |
| Yuen Long | 963 | 2 705 | 3 325 |
| Total | 7 568 | 22 361 | 26 720 |

| District | 2020-21 [as at end-December 2020 (preliminary figures)] | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | Nursery & Kindergarten | Primary | Secondary |
| Central & Western | 64 | 172 | 136 |
| Eastern | 272 | 842 | 1 058 |
| Islands | 221 | 847 | 997 |
| Kowloon City | 480 | 1 323 | 1 430 |
| Kwai Tsing | 611 | 1 917 | 2 601 |
| Kwun Tong | 876 | 3 166 | 4 253 |
| North | 557 | 1 390 | 1 614 |
| Sai Kung | 142 | 519 | 766 |
| Sha Tin | 502 | 2 026 | 2 346 |
| Sham Shui Po | 788 | 2 297 | 2 622 |
| Southern | 123 | 362 | 541 |
| Tai Po | 280 | 822 | 831 |
| Tsuen Wan | 267 | 674 | 689 |
| Tuen Mun | 533 | 1 566 | 1 802 |
| Wan Chai | 46 | 96 | 74 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 482 | 1 551 | 2 029 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 463 | 868 | 630 |
| Yuen Long | 1 003 | 2 723 | 3 397 |
| Total | 7 710 | 23 161 | 27 816 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)053

(Question Serial No. 2963)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Dementia Community Support Scheme (pilot scheme), please advise the following:

1. the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the estimated number and the actual number of beneficiaries since its introduction, and the number of elderly beneficiaries being diagnosed as having dementia;
2. the annual allocation, the relevant resources and staffing establishment for the pilot scheme;
3. the details, sessions, service headcount and expenditure involved in various services provided under the pilot scheme; and
4. whether the Government has conducted a review on the pilot scheme; if yes, the evaluation report and the expenditure involved; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Food and Health Bureau (FHB), in collaboration with the Hospital Authority (HA) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD), launched a two-year pilot scheme named "Dementia Community Support Scheme" in February 2017 to provide appropriate support services for elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia in the community through the participation of 20 district elderly community centres (DECCs) and 4 HA clusters based on a medical-social collaboration model. The target number of beneficiaries under the pilot scheme was 2 000. Target users include patients diagnosed with mild or moderate dementia and referred by the HA, and members of DECCs who are suspected of having features of early dementia. As at 31 January 2019, the DECCs had provided services to a cumulative total of 2 065 elderly persons within 2 years. Among them, 1 950 were elderly persons referred by the HA to participate in the pilot scheme, and the remaining were members of the DECCs.

The pilot scheme has been regularised since February 2019, and expanded to all 41 DECCs and 7 HA clusters in the territory since May 2019. As at 31 December 2020, DECCs had provided services to a cumulative total of 2 635 elderly persons after service regularisation. Among them, 2 487 were elderly persons referred by the HA to participate in the scheme, and the remaining were members of DECCs.

2. After regularisation, SWD has provided an additional annual provision of about \$84 million, covering, among others, the manpower resources equivalent to 1.5 Advanced Practice Nurse and Occupational Therapist I/Physiotherapist I and 1 Social Work Assistant for each DECC, programme expenses and training subsidy. Moreover, the FHB has allocated a recurrent provision of about \$21 million for the HA to recruit 21.5 nurses (including Advanced Practice Nurses and Registered Nurses) and other support personnel and to cover service-related expenses.
3. DECCs provide services in accordance with the care plans jointly formulated with the HA. The services, comprising 6 domains, namely cognition, functioning, behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia, physical co-morbidities, psychosocial aspect and carers' burden, provide elderly persons and their carers with training and support services for a period of about 5 to 9 months to meet their individual needs. The number of sessions and headcount of service users depend on the number of cases of individual DECCs and their arrangements for activities. The expenditure involved has been included in the aforesaid recurrent provision.
4. The FHB obtained a provision of \$1.4 million from the Community Care Fund (CCF) for carrying out an evaluation study on the pilot scheme and reported the evaluation findings to the CCF Task Force in March 2019. Overall speaking, the evaluation report has reflected positive feedback on the pilot scheme from both service providers and service users. The evaluation report submitted by the FHB to the CCF Task Force has been uploaded to the CCF webpage:

https://www.communitycarefund.hk/download/Evaluation_Report_Dementia_eng.pdf

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)054

(Question Serial No. 2970)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme), please provide the following information:

| Location | Original use of the site | Rental | Type of social service use after the change of use | Operator |
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Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

The Government had received a total of 63 preliminary proposals from 43 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme as at 18 November 2013, the closing date of application. After review, 13 project proposals, which are not able to proceed further due to various reasons (e.g. site constraints), have been removed from the Special Sites Scheme. The types of proposed new services in the remaining 50 proposals include:

- ◆ Care and Attention Home for the Elderly providing a continuum of care (C&A Home/CoC)
- ◆ Nursing Home
- ◆ Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DE)
- ◆ Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons
- ◆ Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMH)
- ◆ Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH)
- ◆ Long Stay Care Home

- ◆ Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre (IVRSC)
- ◆ Day Activity Centre (DAC)
- ◆ Special Child Care Centre (SCCC)
- ◆ Early Education and Training Centre (EETC)

As at the end of December 2020, 5 projects under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme had been completed and had commenced service, and 1 other project had entered the construction stage and was expected to be completed in 2021. These 6 projects provide various welfare services. Details are as follows:

| Works project | Additional welfare services on the list of facilities set out by the Government under the Special Sites Scheme |
|--|--|
| Redevelopment of Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre - Minor Staff Quarter and Services Building, Pinehill Village, Tai Po | HMMH |
| Redevelopment of Caritas Social Centre - Tsuen Wan at 9 Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan | C&A Home/CoC DE |
| Redevelopment of Heep Hong Society Catherine Lo Centre at 19 Sandy Bay Road, Pok Fu Lam | SCCC EETC |
| New development on a vacant area now used for the purposes of environmental enhancement and farming within Hong Chi Pinehill Village, Tai Po | SCCC EETC |
| Redevelopment of Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre - Main Building, Pinehill Village, Tai Po | HSMH DAC IVRSC |
| Expansion of Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home at 8 Pui Shing Lane, Tseung Kwan O | C&A Home/CoC (is expected to complete in 2021) |

Furthermore, 17 projects were at the technical feasibility study stage while 4 projects were at the pre-construction detailed design/study stage. As for the other projects which were at different planning stages under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will consider supporting the respective NGO applicants to proceed with technical feasibility studies having regard to the actual status of individual projects.

A total of 25 proposals were received from 16 NGOs under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme by the closing date of application on 30 August 2019. SWD is discussing with NGO applicants to finalise the details of the proposals such as the service type and number of places, development parameters, project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)055

(Question Serial No. 2237)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out for the past 3 years, the number of places, number of applicants, and headcount of service users of various pre-school rehabilitation services. Please also set out the current median waiting time and age distribution of each service.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 182)

Reply:

The number of service places of various pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 3 years is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of applicants and age distribution of pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 3 years is set out in Tables 2a to 2c of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the headcount of service users and median waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services, or the number of applicants and age distribution of occasional child care service for disabled children (OCC for DC).

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

| Service type | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|---|---------|---------|--|
| On-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) ^[Note] | 5 187 | 7 074 | 8 074 |
| Early education and training centre (EETC) | 3 520 | 3 771 | 3 771 |
| Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centre (IP) | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 |
| Special child care centre (SCCC) | 1 960 | 2 020 | 2 170 |
| OCC for DC | 97 | 97 | 102 |

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 2a: Number and age distribution of applicants for various pre-school rehabilitation services ^[Note] in 2018-19

| Service type | Number of new applicants | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Aged 0 to 2 | Aged 3 to 4 | Aged 5 to 6 | Total |
| OPRS | 240 | 912 | 357 | 1 509 |
| EETC | 1 132 | 1 624 | 513 | 3 269 |
| IP | 474 | 555 | 36 | 1 065 |
| SCCC | 657 | 441 | 44 | 1 142 |

[Note] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 2b: Number and age distribution of applicants for various pre-school rehabilitation services in 2019-20

| Service type | Number of new applicants | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Aged 0 to 2 | Aged 3 to 4 | Aged 5 to 6 | Total |
| OPRS | 588 | 2 494 | 672 | 3 754 |
| EETC | 798 | 565 | 227 | 1 590 |
| IP | 298 | 285 | 32 | 615 |
| SCCC | 694 | 382 | 33 | 1 109 |

Table 2c: Number and age distribution of applicants for various pre-school rehabilitation services in 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020)

| Service type | Number of new applicants | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Aged 0 to 2 | Aged 3 to 4 | Aged 5 to 6 | Total |
| OPRS | 546 | 1 921 | 491 | 2 958 |
| EETC | 646 | 421 | 131 | 1 198 |
| IP | 308 | 265 | 32 | 605 |
| SCCC | 477 | 298 | 23 | 798 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)056

(Question Serial No. 2238)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases receiving rent allowance, the number of recipients and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.

Please list out the number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) in the past 3 years with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 190)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases and recipients receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

The number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2018-19 to 2020-21, with a breakdown by the number of eligible members in the household, are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases and recipients receiving rent allowance and the expenditure incurred from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year | Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance | Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance | CSSA expenditure on rent allowance (\$ million) |
|---------|---|--|---|
| 2018-19 | 197 461 | 304 450 | 3,601 |
| 2019-20 | 193 007 | 295 183 | 3,424 |
| 2020-21 | 198 322 (as at end-December 2020) | 303 903 (as at end-December 2020) | 2,613 (as at end-December 2020) |

Table 2: Number and percentage of CSSA cases living in public and private housing receiving rent allowance with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by the number of eligible members in the household

| Number of eligible members | Number of CSSA cases living in public housing with actual rent exceeding MRA | | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 1 | 3 484 | 3 221 | 2 299 |
| 2 | 241 | 146 | 197 |
| 3 | 64 | 29 | 53 |
| 4 | 27 | 14 | 11 |
| 5 | 16 | 4 | 9 |
| 6 or above | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 3 836 (3.2%) | 3 417 (2.9%) | 2 572 (2.1%) |
| Number of eligible members | Number of CSSA cases living in private housing with actual rent exceeding MRA | | |
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 1 | 7 868 | 8 152 | 7 623 |
| 2 | 4 653 | 4 538 | 4 030 |
| 3 | 2 234 | 2 018 | 2 312 |
| 4 | 958 | 963 | 950 |
| 5 | 360 | 337 | 248 |
| 6 or above | 118 | 103 | 92 |
| Total | 16 191 (60.6%) | 16 111 (60.4%) | 15 255 (50.4%) |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)057

(Question Serial No. 2239)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of waitlisted persons, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, and the current average waiting time for various types of subsidised residential care places for the elderly over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 195)

Reply:

The number of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away by type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are set out in Annexes 1 to 3.

**Average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons and
number of waitlisted persons having passed away
by type of subsidised residential care services for the elderly in 2018-19**

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1] | No. of persons waitlisted | No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2] |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Care-and-Attention (C&A) places | | | |
| - Subvented/contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) | 40 | 33 716 [Note 3] | 4 799 |
| - Private homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) | 10 | | |
| Overall | 24 | | |
| Nursing home (NH) places [Note 4] | 25 | 7 062 [Note 5] | 1 974 |

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

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at the end of March 2019.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 2 970 elderly persons using subsidised community care services (CCS) while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the Central Waiting List (CWL).

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 510 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

**Average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons and
number of waitlisted persons having passed away
by type of subsidised residential care services for the elderly in 2019-20**

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) <small>[Note 1]</small> | No. of persons waitlisted | No. of waitlisted persons having passed away <small>[Note 2]</small> |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|
| C&A places | | | |
| - Subvented/contract RCHEs | 41 | 32 880 <small>[Note 3]</small> | 5 070 |
| - Private homes participating in the EBPS | 9 | | |
| Overall | 21 | | |
| NH places <small>[Note 4]</small> | 27 | 6 775 <small>[Note 5]</small> | 2 187 |

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

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at the end of March 2020.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 3 290 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 530 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

**Average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons and
number of waitlisted persons having passed away
by type of subsidised residential care services for the elderly
in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020)**

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) [Note 1] | No. of persons waitlisted | No. of waitlisted persons having passed away [Note 2] |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| C&A places | | | |
| - Subvented/contract RCHEs | 41 | 31 426 [Note 3] | 3 479 |
| - Private homes participating in the EBPS | 9 | | |
| Overall | 21 | | |
| NH places [Note 4] | 26 | 6 099 [Note 5] | 1 500 |

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

[Note 2] The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons having passed away as at the end of December 2020.

[Note 3] The figure includes some 3 420 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised C&A places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

[Note 4] Including subsidised NH places provided at subvented and self-financing NHs and contract homes.

[Note 5] The figure includes some 450 elderly persons using subsidised CCS while waiting for subsidised NH places, but does not include the elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)058

(Question Serial No. 2240)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out for the past 3 years, the number of applicants, number of service users and total amount of subsidies for various residential care and rehabilitation services. Please also set out the current average waiting time for such services.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 198)

Reply:

The number of applicants, number of service users and total amount of subsidies for various residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities over the past 3 years are set out in Annexes 1 to 3 respectively. The average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in 2019-20 is set out in Annex 4.

**Number of applicants for various residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Service type | No. of applicants | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|---|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-2021 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) | 2 609 | 2 427 | 2 434 |
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) | 2 475 | 2 516 | 2 510 |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH) | 663 | 545 | 407 |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) | 602 | 581 | 536 |
| Care and attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB) | 167 | 148 | 150 |
| Halfway house (HWH) | 602 | 617 | 510 |
| Long stay care home (LSCH) | 2 431 | 2 627 | 2 646 |
| Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC)(residential service) | N.A. [Note 2] | N.A. [Note 2] | N.A. [Note 2] |
| Supported hostel (SHOS) | 2 126 | 2 203 | 2 233 |
| Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC)) [Note 1] | 34 | 50 | 74 |
| Private residential care home for persons with disabilities (RCHD) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) | N.A. [Note 3] | N.A. [Note 3] | N.A. [Note 3] |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

[Note 2] As the service may admit service users directly or through referral, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics.

[Note 3] There is no separate central waiting list (CWL) or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for Private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCH and HMMH under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab) who have indicated acceptance of BPS, SWD will allocate BPS places to them according to their preference.

**Number of service users of various residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Service type | No. of service users | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-2021 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| HSMH | 3 620 | 3 854 | 3 937 |
| HMMH | 2 544 | 2 580 | 2 683 |
| HSPH | 574 | 582 | 644 |
| C&A/SD | 982 | 1 010 | 1 056 |
| C&A/AB | 788 | 791 | 785 |
| HWH | 1 411 | 1 422 | 1 469 |
| LSCH | 1 567 | 1 562 | 1 561 |
| IVTC (residential service) | N.A. [Note 2] | N.A. [Note 2] | N.A. [Note 2] |
| SHOS | 697 | 709 | 735 |
| SGH(MMHC) [Note 1] | 124 | 127 | 125 |
| Private RCHD participating in BPS | 583 | 798 | 883 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

[Note 2] As the service may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

**Total amount of subsidies for various residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Service type | Total amount of subsidies (\$ million) | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-2021 (Revised Estimate) |
| HSMH | 829.7 | 937.0 | 982.5 |
| HMMH | 327.8 | 350.2 | 378.4 |
| HSPH | 139.4 | 146.8 | 180.0 |
| C&A/SD | 265.6 | 292.3 | 321.8 |
| SHOS | 90.4 | 102.8 | 111.9 |
| C&A/AB | 164.8 | 181.0 | 179.2 |
| HWH | 211.6 | 220.3 | 232.2 |
| LSCH | 297.7 | 311.0 | 308.9 |
| IVTC (residential service) | 11.3 | 11.9 | 11.7 |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 1] | 23.5 | 31.7 | 32.9 |
| Private RCHD participating in BPS | 64.0 | 94.7 | 166.8 |

[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1] 2019-20 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| HSMH | 160.5 |
| HMMH | 144.3 |
| HSPH | 123.6 |
| C&A/SD | 68.4 |
| SHOS | 47.3 |
| C&A/AB | 9.9 |
| HWH | 5.4 |
| LSCH | 57.8 |
| IVTC (residential service) | N.A. ^[Note 2] |
| Private RCHD participating in BPS | N.A. ^[Note 3] |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 4] | 8.7 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the applicants' location preference for the service units, the choice of the specific service units, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2020-21 are not yet available.

[Note 2] As the service may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

[Note 3] There is no separate CWL or data on the waiting situation for the BPS for Private RCHDs. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCH and HMMH under the CRSRehab who have indicated acceptance of BPS, SWD will allocate BPS places to them according to their location preference.

[Note 4] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)059

(Question Serial No. 2241)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out for the past 3 years, the number of applicants, number of service users and total amount of subsidy for various vocational rehabilitation services. Please also set out the current average waiting time for such services.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 200)

Reply:

The number of applicants, the number of service users, the total amount of subsidy and the current average waiting time for various vocational rehabilitation services in each of the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of the Annex respectively.

Table 1: Number of applicants for various vocational rehabilitation services

| Service type | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|--|---------|---------|---|
| Sheltered Workshop (SW) | 2 562 | 2 416 | 2 186 |
| Supported Employment (SE) | 33 | 23 | 24 |
| Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre (IVRSC) ^[Note 1] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) ^[Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) ^[Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Day) [IVTC(Day)] ^[Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |

N.A. - Not applicable

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

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

Table 2: Number of service users of various vocational rehabilitation services

| Service type/Year | Number of service users | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|---|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| SW | 5 315 | 5 303 | 5 258 |
| SE | 1 974 | 2 036 | 2 035 |
| IVRSC | 4 944 | 5 176 | 5 488 |
| OJT | 436 | 393 | 312 |
| Sunnyway | 307 | 301 | 229 |
| IVTC(Day) | 333 | 363 | 425 |

Table 3: Total subsidy amount for various vocational rehabilitation services

| Service type | Total subsidy amount (\$ million) | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
| SW | 359.4 | 375.6 | 376.8 |
| SE | 74.8 | 100.4 | 102.3 |
| IVRSC | 278.9 | 312.7 | 357.0 |
| OJT | 16.6 | 21.9 | 21.8 |
| Sunnyway | 16.1 | 16.5 | 16.6 |
| IVTC(Day) | 32.1 | 33.3 | 33.1 |

Table 4: Average waiting time for various vocational rehabilitation services

| Service type | Average waiting time in 2018-19 (in months) [Note 3] | Average waiting time in 2019-20 (in months) [Note 3] | Average waiting time in 2020-21 (in months) [Note 3] |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| SW | 21.3 | 18.8 | Not yet available [Note 4] |
| SE | 3.8 | 1.8 | Not yet available [Note 4] |
| IVRSC [Note 1] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| OJT [Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Sunnyway [Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| IVTC(Day) [Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |

N.A. - Not applicable

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

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

[Note 3] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 4] The figures for 2020-21 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st of April of a year to the 31st of March of the next year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)060****(Question Serial No. 2242)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please set out for the past 3 years, the number of applicants, number of service users and total amount of subsidy for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS). Please also set out the current average waiting time for such services.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 201)Reply:

The number of new applicants and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are provided as follows:

| Year | No. of new applicants | Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months) (Average of the past 3 months) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 2018-19 | 5 948 | 18 |
| 2019-20 | 5 626 | 12 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 4 318 | 12 |

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

The number of service users for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS throughout the year from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are provided as follows:

| Year | IHCS(FC) | EHCCS |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| 2018-19 | 1 458 | 9 572 |
| 2019-20 | 1 387 | 11 669 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 2 847 | 11 239 |

The Social Welfare Department does not keep the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is provided as follows:

| Year | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 696.6 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 740.6 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 831.9 |

The total annual expenditure under EHCCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is provided as follows:

| Year | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 419.0 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 638.1 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 935.1 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)061

(Question Serial No. 2247)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of street sleepers in the past 3 years by district and age.

Please advise the number of cases on supporting street sleepers in the past 3 years.

Please advise the headcount of street sleepers receiving emergency fund over the past 3 years.

Please advise the total number of admissions to emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels over the past 3 years, and the actual expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 180)

Reply:

The number of street sleepers approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under subventions of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and related service units in the past 3 financial years with breakdown by district and age group is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex, and the number of street sleeper cases receiving support is set out in Table 3.

The headcount of street sleepers receiving emergency fund and the number of admissions to emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels subvented by SWD in the past 3 financial years are set out in Tables 4 and 5 of the Annex.

The Government provides integrated services for street sleepers (including emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels) through subventions to NGOs. The expenditure for such services in 2018-19(Actual), 2019-20(Actual) and 2020-21(Revised Estimate) are \$22.9 million, \$23.6 million and \$27 million respectively.

Table 1: Number of Street Sleepers by District

| District | Number of Street Sleepers | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong & Islands | 118 | 191 | 199 |
| Kowloon | 1 033 | 1 106 | 1 223 |
| New Territories | 146 | 126 | 119 |
| Total | 1 297 | 1 423 | 1 541 |

Table 2: Number of Street Sleepers by Age Group

| Age Group | Number of Street Sleepers | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 29 or below | 29 | 28 | 33 |
| 30 to 49 | 409 | 425 | 483 |
| 50 to 69 | 732 | 823 | 873 |
| 70 or above | 114 | 137 | 143 |
| Unknown | 13 | 10 | 9 |
| Total | 1 297 | 1 423 | 1 541 |

Table 3: Number of Street Sleeper Cases Receiving Support

| Year | Number of Cases |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2018-19 | 643 |
| 2019-20 | 622 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 746 |

Table 4: Headcount of Street Sleepers Receiving Emergency Fund

| Year | Headcount ^[Note] |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 1 569 |
| 2019-20 | 1 527 |
| 2020-21 (as at December 2020) | 1 119 |

[Note] Headcount is based on the number of applications.

**Table 5: Number of Admissions to Emergency/Temporary Shelters/Hostels/
Short-term Hostels**

| Year | Number of Admissions |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2018-19 | 576 |
| 2019-20 | 543 |
| 2020-21 (as at December 2020) | 457 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)062

(Question Serial No. 2826)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme), please advise the monthly number of beneficiaries and the amount of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payment disbursed since its implementation.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)063

(Question Serial No. 2870)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by the amount of cumulative Lump Sum Grant (LSG) reserve in the past 3 years.

Please advise which NGOs were required to refund to the Government owing to their cumulative LSG reserve having exceeded 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 183)

Reply:

The number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative LSG reserve from 2017-18 to 2019-20 is set out in Annex 1.

The name of those NGOs required to refund to the Government because their cumulative LSG reserves exceeded 25% of their operating expenditure for the year and the amount of the refund from 2017-18 to 2019-20 are set out in Annex 2.

**Number of NGOs by the amount of cumulative LSG Reserve
from 2017-18 to 2019-20**

| Amount of cumulative LSG Reserve (\$) | Number of NGOs | | |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|
| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| 100,000,000 or above | 9 | 8 | 14 |
| 10,000,000 to below 100,000,000 | 47 | 52 | 51 |
| 1,000,000 to below 10,000,000 | 74 | 76 | 75 |
| 100,000 to below 1,000,000 | 26 | 20 | 17 |
| 1 to below 100,000 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| Total ^[Note] | 165 | 165 | 164 |

[Note] The number of NGOs receiving LSG subvention has been adjusted from 165 to 164 since 2019-20.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2017-18

| S/N | Name of NGOs | Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2017-18 ^[Note 1] (\$) |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited | 500,390 |
| 2 | Agency for Volunteer Service | 859 |
| 3 | Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited | 263,004 |
| 4 | China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation | 91,878 |
| 5 | Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited | 732,510 |
| 6 | Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The) | 1,058,823 |
| 7 | Chung Sing Benevolent Society | 6,790,903 |
| 8 | Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China | 523,472 |
| 9 | Endeavourers Hong Kong (The) | 60,700 |
| 10 | Fung Kai Public School | 1,201,893 |
| 11 | Five Districts Business Welfare Association | 367,655 |
| 12 | Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association | 1,764,173 |
| 13 | Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited | 989,408 |
| 14 | International Women's League Limited | 168,593 |
| 15 | Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association | 350,880 |
| 16 | Lutheran Philip House Limited | 332,030 |
| 17 | New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited | 2,240,217 |
| 18 | New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The) | 848,220 |
| 19 | Superiores of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The) | 9,197 |
| 20 | Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association | 912,328 |
| 21 | Society for Community Organization | 167,354 |
| 22 | Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong | 124,066 |
| 23 | Mission Covenant Church Limited (The) | 654,647 |
| 24 | Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre | 141,321 |
| 25 | Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged | 416,834 |
| 26 | Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church | 1,143,907 |
| | Total ^[Note 2] | 21,855,261 |

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of the Social Welfare Department's (SWD) examination of the Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2018-19

| S/N | Name of NGO | Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2018-19 ^[Note 1] (\$) |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 238,282 |
| 2 | Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited | 607,182 |
| 3 | Agency for Volunteer Service | 724,555 |
| 4 | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service | 1,133,347 |
| 5 | Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited | 1,316,196 |
| 6 | China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation | 1,174,180 |
| 7 | Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The) | 1,634,682 |
| 8 | Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | 839,188 |
| 9 | Chung Sing Benevolent Society | 9,384,724 |
| 10 | Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China | 1,021,561 |
| 11 | Fung Kai Public School | 537,466 |
| 12 | Five Districts Business Welfare Association | 44,148 |
| 13 | Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association | 2,245,354 |
| 14 | Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited | 111,587 |
| 15 | Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre | 473,688 |
| 16 | Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited | 587,987 |
| 17 | Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited | 1,758,065 |
| 18 | International Women's League Limited | 335,175 |
| 19 | Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association | 714,596 |
| 20 | Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The) | 576,204 |
| 21 | New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited | 856,075 |
| 22 | New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The) | 1,889,764 |
| 23 | Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited | 260,373 |
| 24 | Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association | 2,255,438 |
| 25 | Society for Community Organization | 545,785 |
| 26 | Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong | 449,085 |
| 27 | Mission Covenant Church Limited (The) | 934,550 |
| 28 | Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association | 1,123,035 |
| 29 | Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre | 75,185 |
| 30 | Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited | 365,909 |
| 31 | Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited | 184,762 |
| 32 | Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church | 489,159 |
| | Total ^[Note 2] | 34,887,284 |

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to cumulative LSG reserve exceeding 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amounts involved for 2019-20

| S/N | Name of NGO | Amount of LSG reserve refunded in 2019-20 ^[Note 1] (\$) |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 1,485,267 |
| 2 | Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited | 744,415 |
| 3 | Agency for Volunteer Service | 1,068,064 |
| 4 | Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited | 602,772 |
| 5 | Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The) | 462,664 |
| 6 | China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation | 892,183 |
| 7 | Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | 1,075,916 |
| 8 | Chung Sing Benevolent Society | 13,645,274 |
| 9 | Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China | 532,538 |
| 10 | Emmanuel Church | 72,344 |
| 11 | Fung Kai Public School | 264,771 |
| 12 | Fung Ying Seen Koon | 408,609 |
| 13 | Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association | 1,540,175 |
| 14 | Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The) | 1,261,198 |
| 15 | Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited | 56,609 |
| 16 | Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre | 1,793,413 |
| 17 | Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited | 52,421 |
| 18 | Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power | 96,460 |
| 19 | Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children | 6,110,637 |
| 20 | Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited | 1,257,666 |
| 21 | Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association | 468,143 |
| 22 | Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The) | 160,578 |
| 23 | New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited | 1,162,769 |
| 24 | New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The) | 553,478 |
| 25 | Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association | 2,615,205 |
| 26 | Society for Community Organization | 517,284 |
| 27 | Mission Covenant Church Limited (The) | 779,959 |
| 28 | Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association | 475,886 |
| 29 | Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre | 633,070 |
| 30 | Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited | 338,197 |
| 31 | Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited | 52,545 |
| 32 | Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church | 338,498 |
| 33 | Zion Social Service Limited | 84,475 |
| | Total ^[Note 2] | 41,603,480 |

[Note 1] The amount of reserve that should be refunded to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to change with further supplementary information.

[Note 2] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)064****(Question Serial No. 2871)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please advise this Committee the number of recipients of the Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) and Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 185)

Reply:

The number of NDA and HDA recipients and the expenditure involved from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are provided as follows:

| Year ^[Note 1] | NDA | | HDA | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | Number of recipients ^[Note 2] | Expenditure (\$ million) | Number of recipients ^[Note 2] | Expenditure (\$ million) |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 129 495 | 3,331 | 17 210 | 853 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 135 124 | 3,527 | 17 694 | 852 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 139 480 | 3,625 | 18 098 | 911 |

^[Note 1] The 2018-19 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme. The 2019-20 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances and an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances.

^[Note 2] The number of recipients for 2018-19 and 2019-20 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases for 2020-21 is the figure as at the end of December 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)065

(Question Serial No. 2872)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of new and approved applications for the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the amount involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 186)

Reply:

The number of new and approved OALA applications from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 1 of the Annex, while the expenditure of OALA is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of new and approved OALA applications from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year ^[Note 1] | Number of OALA cases | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| | New applications ^[Note 1] | Approved applications ^[Note 2] |
| 2018-19 | 53 566 | 50 806 |
| 2019-20 | 50 965 | 44 233 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 41 309 | 42 894 |

[Note 1] New applications refer to the number of applications received within the year.

[Note 2] Approved applications refer to the number of applications approved within the year.

Table 2: Expenditure of OALA from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year ^[Note] | Expenditure (\$ million) |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 29,937 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 26,893 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 28,490 |

[Note] The 2018-19 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowance and the disbursement of a one-off grant to eligible Higher OALA recipients which takes retrospective effect from May 2017. The 2019-20 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance and an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance in the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)066

(Question Serial No. 2874)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases, recipients, households and new applications (excluding those under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme) in the past 3 years with a breakdown by case nature.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 188)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases (excluding those under PCSSA Scheme) (i.e. number of households), recipients and new CSSA applications (including PCSSA cases) from 2018-19 to 2020-2021 with a breakdown by case nature is set out in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the Annex respectively.

**Table 1: Number of CSSA cases (excluding those under PCSSA Scheme)
(i.e. number of households) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by case nature**

| Case nature | Year | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Old age | 140 037 | 134 083 | 129 607 |
| Permanent disability | 16 619 | 17 020 | 17 371 |
| Ill health | 22 976 | 24 464 | 25 981 |
| Single parent | 24 374 | 24 007 | 24 747 |
| Low-earnings | 3 422 | 2 954 | 2 515 |
| Unemployment | 11 688 | 14 591 | 19 481 |
| Others | 4 102 | 4 130 | 3 978 |
| Total | 223 218 | 221 249 | 223 680 |

**Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under PCSSA Scheme)
from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by case nature**

| Case nature | Year | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Old age | 166 731 | 157 452 | 152 888 |
| Permanent disability | 22 054 | 22 261 | 22 923 |
| Ill health | 34 243 | 35 232 | 37 885 |
| Single parent | 58 913 | 57 591 | 60 106 |
| Low-earnings | 11 283 | 9 450 | 8 164 |
| Unemployment | 19 552 | 21 537 | 30 643 |
| Others | 5 819 | 5 541 | 5 626 |
| Total | 318 595 | 309 064 | 318 235 |

**Table 3: Number of new CSSA applications
(intermittent CSSA cases have been counted more than once)
(including those under PCSSA Scheme) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by case nature**

| Case nature | Year | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Old age | 14 174 | 12 590 | 10 475 |
| Permanent disability | 1 475 | 1 649 | 1 421 |
| Ill health | 6 657 | 7 551 | 6 309 |
| Single parent | 3 530 | 3 858 | 4 150 |
| Low-earnings | 940 | 1 087 | 1 338 |
| Unemployment | 4 971 | 7 991 | 13 808 |
| Others | 5 092 | 4 682 | 4 517 |
| Total | 36 839 | 39 408 | 42 018 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)067

(Question Serial No. 2875)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of single parent families receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the past 3 years with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 189)

Reply:

The number of single parent families receiving CSSA from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by district is set out in the Annex.

Number of single parent families receiving CSSA by district from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| District | Number of CSSA single parent cases | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 153 | 151 | 164 |
| Eastern | 910 | 886 | 922 |
| Islands | 653 | 690 | 704 |
| Kowloon City | 1 459 | 1 385 | 1 440 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 879 | 1 827 | 1 824 |
| Kwun Tong | 3 547 | 3 431 | 3 401 |
| North | 1 432 | 1 494 | 1 596 |
| Sai Kung | 617 | 558 | 527 |
| Sha Tin | 2 042 | 2 091 | 2 217 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 445 | 2 484 | 2 607 |
| Southern | 444 | 437 | 430 |
| Tai Po | 849 | 824 | 849 |
| Tsuen Wan | 715 | 744 | 778 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 642 | 1 594 | 1 645 |
| Wan Chai | 71 | 73 | 99 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 644 | 1 537 | 1 583 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 977 | 1 016 | 1 132 |
| Yuen Long | 2 895 | 2 785 | 2 829 |
| Total | 24 374 | 24 007 | 24 747 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)068****(Question Serial No. 2876)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please advise the number of elderly persons having been changed to “inactive” cases over the past 3 years:

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 191)

Reply:

To encourage ageing in place, elderly persons assessed to be suitable for residential care services (RCS) will also be given the choice of community care services (CCS) if they wish to stay at home. Upon receiving CCS, their applications for RCS will be classified as “inactive” and will not be called for admission to RCS. However, these elderly persons may seek to re-activate their RCS option if there is a need in future. Once their applications are re-activated, these elderly persons will be called for admission to RCS according to their original application dates and subject to valid assessment results when vacancies arise. The total number of elderly persons classified as “inactive” cases from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is as follows:

| 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 13 856 | 16 104 | 18 278 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)069

(Question Serial No. 2877)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the government-funded construction of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) that are not yet in operation, please list the number of residential places to be provided by these RCHEs and the year of service commencement.

Please list the RCHEs under planning which have not secured government funding for construction.

Please list the proposals received and the number of residential places under Phase Two of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) by district.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 192)

Reply:

As at the end of December 2020, RCHE projects that were allocated with government funding for construction but not yet in operation and RCHE projects under planning which had not secured government funding for construction are set out in Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

A total of 25 proposals (excluding 1 proposal subsequently withdrawn by the non-governmental organisation (NGO) applicant) were received from 16 NGOs under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme by the closing date of application on 30 August 2019. About 7 000 additional service places for elderly, rehabilitation and child care services could be provided, subject to the smooth implementation of all the project proposals. The Social Welfare Department is discussing with NGO applicants to finalise the details of the proposals such as the service type and number of places, development parameters and project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

**RCHE projects allocated with government funding for construction
but not yet in operation
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Planned RCHE projects | Estimated no. of residential places for the elderly [Note 1] | Estimated year of service commencement |
|-----------------|---|--|---|
| Eastern | Joint User Complex at Lei King Road | 200 | 2025-26 |
| Kwun Tong | Public housing development at Wang Chiu Road (Phase 1), Kwun Tong [Note 2] | 100 | 2027-28 |
| | Public housing development at Hiu Ming Street, Kwun Tong [Note 2] | 100 | 2027-28 |
| | Public housing development at Yan Wing Street (Lei Yue Mun Estate Phase 4), Kwun Tong | 250 | 2026-27 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Re-development of Mei Tung Estate, Wong Tai Sin | 150 | 2029-30 |
| Sai Kung | Conversion of Ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School [Note 2] | 100 | 2022-23 |
| Kowloon City | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 1F Site 1 | 200 200 | 2025-26 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 1 | 200 | 2026-27 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 2 [Note 2] | 200 | 2027-28 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 4, Area 2A Site 5(B) & Area 2A Site 10 [Note 2] | 150 150 | To be confirmed [Note 3] |
| Sham Shui Po | Hoi Tat Estate Ancillary Facilities Block (Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 6) | 100 | 2022-23 |
| | Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 1 | 100 | 2026-27 |
| Sha Tin | Public housing development at Shek Mun Estate Phase II [Note 2] | 150 | 2022-23 |
| | Public housing development at Sha Tin Areas 16 & 58D, Fo Tan (Chun Yeung Estate, Fo Tan) | 100 | 2022-23 |
| | Public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan (Yan On Estate Extension) | 100 | 2024-25 |
| Tai Po | Public housing development at Chung Nga Road East and Tai Po Area 9 | 100 | 2022-23 |
| | Private residential development in a land sale site at the junction of Yau King Lane and Pok Yin Road, Pak Shek Kok | 100 | 2026-27 |
| North | Public housing development at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui | 100 | 2022-23 |
| | Public housing development at Queen's Hill, Fanling | 150 | 2023-24 |

| District | Planned RCHE projects | Estimated no. of residential places for the elderly [Note 1] | Estimated year of service commencement |
|-----------------|--|--|---|
| | Mixed housing development programme at Pak Wo Road, Fanling (Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS)) | 150 | 2027-28 |
| | Kwu Tung North New Development Area 29 Multi-welfare Services Complex [Note 2] | 1 750 | 2023-24 |
| | Public housing development at Site 1, Areas 4 & 30, Sheung Shui | 100 | 2027-28 |
| Tuen Mun | Public housing development at Tuen Mun Area 29 West | 100 | 2025-26 |
| | Private residential development at ex-Kwong Choi Market | 100 | 2021-22 |
| Kwai Tsing | Public housing development at Ching Hong Road North, Tsing Yi | 150 | 2025-26 |

[Note 1] Figures include both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

[Note 2] Including the provision of day care units for the elderly (DCUs).

[Note 3] The relevant land sale was cancelled on 13 May 2020. The estimated year of service commencement will depend on the subsequent land sale arrangements.

**RCHE projects under planning not having secured government funding
for construction
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Planned RCHE projects | Estimated no. of residential places for the elderly [Note 1] |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Eastern | Joint User Complex at Siu Sai Wan Road, Siu Sai Wan | 100 |
| | Comprehensive redevelopment of Ming Wah Dai Ha (HKHS) | 150 |
| Islands | Joint User Complex at Area 107, Tung Chung [Note 2] | 200 |
| | Public housing development at Area 42, Tung Chung | 150 |
| Kwun Tong | Public housing development at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong [Note 2] | 250 |
| Sai Kung | Public housing development at Pak Shing Kok Road, Tseung Kwan O (the site to the East of Hong Kong Movie City) | 150 |
| | Public housing development at Yau Yue Wan Village Road, Tseung Kwan O | 150 |
| | Joint-user building at Anderson Road Quarry Site G2 [Note 2] | 100 |
| Kowloon City | Public housing development at Kai Tak Area 1E Site 1 (HKHS) [Note 2] | 250 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4B Site 5 [Note 2] | 200 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 1 [Note 2] | 200 |
| Sham Shui Po | Comprehensive Development Area development encompassed by Lai Hong Street, Fat Tseung Street West, Sham Mong Road and West Kowloon Corridor and a small strip of Government land on Lai Hong Street, Cheung Sha Wan | 100 |
| Sha Tin | Private residential development at upper end of Ma On Shan Tsuen Road | 150 |
| Tai Po | Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School, Fu Shin Estate, Tai Po | 130 |
| | Private residential development at Sai Sha, Shap Sze Heung, Tai Po [Note 2] | 100 |
| | Public housing development at East of Cheung Muk Tau Village | 150 |
| North | Subsidised housing development at Jockey Club Road, Fanling (HKHS) | 100 |
| Tuen Mun | Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun | 100 |
| | Public housing development at Wu Shan Road [Note 2] | 150 |
| | Re-development of Tuen Mun Clinic | 200 |
| Tsuen Wan | Public housing development near Cheung Shan Estate [Note 2] | 100 |
| | Public housing development at ex-Kwai Chung Public School site and its adjoining Government land | 250 |

[Note 1] Figures include subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

[Note 2] Including the provision of DCUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)070

(Question Serial No. 2878)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the respective numbers of 3 types of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), namely subvented and contract homes, self-financing homes and homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), over the past 3 years.

Please set out the number of surprise inspections on the aforesaid homes and the number of special incident reports submitted over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 193)

Reply:

The number of various types of RCHEs, the number of inspections on RCHEs conducted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the number of special incident reports submitted by RCHEs over the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1, 2 and 3 respectively in the Annex.

Table 1: Number of various types of RCHEs

| Year | Types of RCHEs | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Subvented and contract homes | Self-financing homes | Private homes ^[Note] |
| 2018-19 | 151 | 36 | 549 |
| 2019-20 | 154 | 36 | 557 |
| 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020) | 155 | 36 | 571 |

[Note] Including private RCHEs participating in the EBPS.

Table 2: Number of inspections on RCHEs conducted by SWD

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Number of inspections | 5 687 | 5 308 | 4 244 |

Table 3: Number of special incident reports submitted by RCHEs

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Number of special incident reports | 556 | 472 | 225 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)071

(Question Serial No. 2879)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of subsidised places offered by various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), and the number of places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs), with a breakdown by 18 districts.

Please set out the total expenditure and the average cost per place per month for various types of subsidised residential care services for the elderly over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 194)

Reply:

As at the end of December 2020, the number of service places of DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs) with a breakdown by 18 District Council (DC) districts is set out in Annex 1. The number of subsidised places in various types of RCHEs by district is set out in Annex 2.

The total expenditure and the average cost per place per month for various types of subsidised residential care services for the elderly from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Annexes 3 and 4 respectively.

**Number of service places of DEs/DCUs
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | No. of Places |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Central & Western | 129 |
| Eastern | 256 |
| Wan Chai | 130 |
| Southern | 108 |
| Islands | 40 |
| Kwun Tong | 452 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 290 |
| Sai Kung | 225 |
| Kowloon City | 158 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 152 |
| Sham Shui Po | 280 |
| Sha Tin | 318 |
| Tai Po | 64 |
| North | 44 |
| Yuen Long | 218 |
| Tuen Mun | 208 |
| Tsuen Wan | 174 |
| Kwai Tsing | 302 |
| Total | 3 548 |

**Number of subsidised residential care places in various types of RCHEs
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Number of places | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Subvented homes operated by non-governmental organisations and self-financing homes ^[Note 1] | Private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) | Contract RCHEs ^[Note 2] | Total |
| Eastern | 448 | 320 | 150 | 918 |
| Wan Chai | 462 | 80 | 56 | 598 |
| Central & Western | 236 | 585 | 212 | 1 033 |
| Islands | 352 | - | 145 | 497 |
| Southern | 1 465 | 538 | - | 2 003 |
| Sham Shui Po | 825 | 342 | 433 | 1 600 |
| Kowloon City | 648 | 1 572 | 110 | 2 330 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 98 | 790 | 272 | 1 160 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 335 | 227 | 208 | 1 770 |
| Sai Kung | 1 281 | - | - | 1 281 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 375 | 639 | 284 | 2 298 |
| Sha Tin | 1 347 | - | 121 | 1 468 |
| Tai Po | 1 226 | 228 | - | 1 454 |
| North | 1 222 | 347 | - | 1 569 |
| Yuen Long | 941 | 787 | 149 | 1 877 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 204 | 671 | - | 1 875 |
| Tsuen Wan | 922 | 958 | 175 | 2 055 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 741 | 1 141 | 375 | 3 257 |
| Total | 17 128 | 9 225 | 2 690 | 29 043 |

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

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

**Expenditure involved in subsidised residential care services (RCS) for the elderly
(2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Year | Expenditure (\$ billion) ^[Note] |
|----------------------------|---|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 5.4222 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 6.4275 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 7.1030 |

^[Note] Including various types of residential places for the elderly and residential places under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

**Average cost per place per month for various subsidised RCS for the elderly
(2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Average cost per place per month | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|
| | 2018-19 (\$) | 2019-20 (\$) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$) |
| C&A homes providing a CoC | 16,393 | 17,373 | 18,096 |
| NHs ^[Note] | 23,788 | 24,979 | 25,689 |
| Private homes participating in the EBPS | 12,121 | 14,315 | 15,991 |
| Contract homes | 17,972 | 19,006 | 19,840 |

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)072

(Question Serial No. 2881)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of places for various types of residential care and rehabilitation services, the estimated number of additional places and the actual number of such additional places in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD); the number of planned additional places for various types of residential care and rehabilitation services, broken down by administrative district of SWD; and the number of inspections conducted on residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 197)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

Information on the number of service places, and the estimated and actual numbers of additional service places for various residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD, is set out at Tables 1 to 6 of Annex 1 respectively. In 2021-22, the number of planned additional service places for various residential rehabilitation services for PWDs, with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD, is set out at Annex 2. The number of inspections of RCHDs conducted by SWD over the past 3 years is set out at Annex 3.

**Table 1: Number of service places for various residential rehabilitation services
in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| District | HMMH | HSMH | HSPH | C&A/ SD | C&A/ AB | SGH (MMHC) [Note] | SHOS | HWH | LSCH | Private RCHD under BPS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 336 | 652 | 109 | 200 | 375 | - | 79 | 168 | 170 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 85 | 160 | 58 | 100 | - | 8 | 40 | 119 | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | 308 | 230 | 65 | - | - | 3 | 61 | 84 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 188 | 359 | 100 | 88 | - | 33 | 76 | 237 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 304 | 137 | 20 | - | 52 | - | 19 | - | - | 273 |
| Sham Shui Po | 80 | 206 | - | 32 | 78 | - | 50 | 169 | 200 | 65 |
| Sha Tin | 186 | 520 | 88 | 102 | - | 17 | 93 | 206 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 180 | 304 | - | 100 | - | 64 | 101 | 80 | - | 160 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 158 | 50 | 100 | 80 | - | 86 | 104 | 80 | 27 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 218 | 721 | 25 | 202 | - | 3 | 83 | 162 | 525 | 181 |
| Tuen Mun | 436 | 432 | 67 | 67 | 243 | - | 20 | 180 | 612 | 154 |
| Total | 2 558 | 3 879 | 582 | 991 | 828 | 128 | 708 | 1 509 | 1 587 | 860 |

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

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care and attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
BPS - Bought Place Scheme

**Table 2: Number of service places for various residential rehabilitation services
in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| District | HMMH | HSMH | HSPH | C&A/ SD | C&A/ AB | SGH (MMHC) [Note] | SHOS | HWH | LSCH | Private RCHD under BPS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 336 | 652 | 109 | 200 | 375 | - | 79 | 168 | 170 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 85 | 158 | 58 | 100 | - | 8 | 40 | 144 | - | 46 |
| Kwun Tong | 358 | 282 | 115 | 51 | - | 3 | 61 | 144 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 188 | 359 | 100 | 88 | - | 33 | 96 | 237 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong | 304 | 137 | 20 | - | 52 | - | 19 | - | - | 308 |
| Sham Shui Po | 80 | 206 | - | 32 | 78 | - | 50 | 169 | 200 | 90 |
| Sha Tin | 236 | 520 | 138 | 102 | - | 17 | 93 | 206 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 180 | 304 | - | 100 | - | 64 | 101 | 80 | - | 192 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 158 | 50 | 100 | 80 | - | 86 | 104 | 80 | 27 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 218 | 721 | 25 | 202 | - | 3 | 83 | 162 | 525 | 181 |
| Tuen Mun | 436 | 432 | 50 | 67 | 243 | - | 36 | 180 | 612 | 174 |
| Total | 2 658 | 3 929 | 665 | 1 042 | 828 | 128 | 744 | 1 594 | 1 587 | 1 018 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care and attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home

**Table 3: Number of service places for various residential rehabilitation services
in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD)
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| District | HMMH | HSMH | HSPH | C&A/ SD | C&A/ AB | SGH (MMHC) [Note] | SHOS | HWH | LSCH | Private RCHD under BPS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 376 | 682 | 109 | 200 | 375 | - | 79 | 168 | 170 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 85 | 158 | 58 | 100 | - | 8 | 40 | 144 | - | 46 |
| Kwun Tong | 409 | 332 | 165 | 101 | - | 3 | 101 | 144 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 188 | 359 | 100 | 88 | - | 33 | 96 | 237 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong | 304 | 137 | 20 | - | 52 | - | 19 | - | - | 308 |
| Sham Shui Po | 131 | 257 | - | 72 | 78 | - | 50 | 169 | 200 | 90 |
| Sha Tin | 236 | 520 | 138 | 102 | - | 17 | 93 | 206 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 180 | 304 | - | 100 | - | 64 | 101 | 80 | - | 192 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 158 | 50 | 100 | 80 | - | 86 | 104 | 80 | 27 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 218 | 721 | 25 | 202 | - | 3 | 83 | 162 | 525 | 181 |
| Tuen Mun | 436 | 432 | 50 | 67 | 243 | - | 36 | 180 | 612 | 174 |
| Total | 2 800 | 4 060 | 715 | 1 132 | 828 | 128 | 784 | 1 594 | 1 587 | 1 018 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons
C&A/AB - care and attention home for the aged blind
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
SHOS - supported hostel
HWH - halfway house
LSCH - long stay care home
BPS - Bought Place Scheme

**Table 4: Estimated and actual numbers of additional service places
for various residential rehabilitation services in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| Service type | Estimated no. of additional places | Actual no. of additional places | SWD's administrative district |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| HMMH | 50 | 50 | Yuen Long: 50 |
| HSMH | 280 | 280 | Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 30 |
| | | | Sha Tin: 50 |
| | | | Tai Po/North: 200 |
| SGH(MMHC) [Note] | 48 | 48 | Tai Po/North: 32 |
| | | | Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung: 16 |
| Private RCHD under BPS | 260 | 260 | Tai Po/North: 160 |
| | | | Tuen Mun: 100 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
SGH(MMHC) - small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children
BPS - Bought Place Scheme

**Table 5: Estimated and actual numbers of additional service places
for various residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| Service type | Estimated no. of additional places | Actual no. of additional places | SWD's administrative district |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| HWH | 85 | 85 | Eastern/Wan Chai: 25 Kwun Tong: 60 |
| HMMH | 100 | 100 | Kwun Tong: 50 Sha Tin: 50 |
| HSMH | 52 | 50 | Kwun Tong: 52 |
| HSPH | 100 | 100 | Kwun Tong: 50 Sha Tin: 50 |
| C&A/SD | 51 | 51 | Kwun Tong: 51 |
| SHOS | 36 | 36 | Wong Tai Sin: 20 Tuen Mun: 16 |
| Private RCHD under BPS | 300 | 158 | Sham Shui Po: 25 Tuen Mun: 20 Eastern/Wan Chai: 46 Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong: 35 Tai Po/North: 32 |

Legend

HWH - halfway house
HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons
SHOS - supported hostel
BPS - Bought Place Scheme

**Table 6: Estimated and actual numbers of additional service places
for various residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD)
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service type | Estimated no. of additional places | Actual no. of additional places | SWD's administrative district |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| HMMH | 142 | 142 | Kwun Tong: 51 Sham Shui Po: 51 Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 40 |
| HSMH | 131 | 131 | Kwun Tong: 50 Sham Shui Po: 51 Central/Western/Southern & Islands: 30 |
| HSPH | 50 | 50 | Kwun Tong: 50 |
| C&A/SD | 90 | 90 | Kwun Tong: 50 Sham Shui Po: 40 |
| SHOS | 60 | 40 ^[Note 1] | Kwun Tong: 40 |
| Private RCHD under BPS | 300 | - ^[Note 2] | - - - |

[Note 1] Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the progress of the fitting-out works, the commencement of service of an SHOS with 20 service places has to be deferred to 2021-22.

[Note 2] Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on plans to improve their manpower, equipment and use of space, some of the private RCHDs could hardly vacate places to be bought under the BPS as scheduled, and thus were unable to participate in the BPS in 2020-21 in time. SWD has launched a new round of BPS. The supply of places is expected to gradually increase in 2021-22.

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons
C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons
SHOS - supported hostel
BPS - Bought Place Scheme

**Number of planned additional service places for
various residential rehabilitation services in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| Service type | No. of places | SWD's administrative district |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| LSCH | 400 | Tuen Mun: 400 |
| HMMH | 145 | Sham Shui Po: 50 |
| | | Tuen Mun: 75 |
| | | Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing: 20 |
| HSMH | 461 | Sham Shui Po: 50 |
| | | Tuen Mun: 400 |
| | | Sai Kung: 11 |
| HSPH | 75 | Tuen Mun: 75 |
| C&A/SD | 200 | Tuen Mun: 200 |
| SHOS | 80 | Sham Shui Po: 50 |
| | | Sha Tin: 30 |
| Private RCHD under BPS | 300 | Location to be determined |

Legend

LSCH - long stay care home

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

C&A/SD - care and attention home for severely disabled persons

SHOS - supported hostel

BPS - Bought Place Scheme

Number of inspections of RCHDs conducted by SWD

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| No. of inspections | 2 518 | 2 157 | 1 386 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)073

(Question Serial No. 2882)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of places for various types of vocational rehabilitation services, the estimated number of additional places and the actual number of such additional places in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD); and the number of planned additional places for various types of vocational rehabilitation services, broken down by administrative district of SWD.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 199)

Reply:

The number of service places and the planned and actual number of additional places for various types of vocational rehabilitation services in each of the past 3 years with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD are set out in the Annex. Since On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities are provided on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of service places by district.

Table 1a: Number of service places for various types of rehabilitation services in 2018-19 (by administrative district of SWD)

| District | Sheltered workshop (SW) | Supported employment (SE) | Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre (IVRSC) | Integrated vocational training centre (day) [IVTC(Day)] |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 333 | 115 | 580 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 618 | 378 | 200 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 680 | 185 | 170 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 325 | 370 | 693 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 635 | 95 | 317 | 220 |
| Sham Shui Po | 545 | 120 | 210 | - |
| Sha Tin | 276 | 20 | 794 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 321 | 65 | 180 | 233 |
| Yuen Long | 247 | 70 | 621 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 776 | 180 | 450 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 633 | 35 | 607 | - |
| Total | 5 389 | 1 633 | 4 822 | 453 |

Table 1b: Number of service places for various types of rehabilitation services in 2019-20 (by administrative district of SWD)

| District | SW | SE | IVRSC | IVTC(Day) |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 333 | 115 | 580 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 618 | 378 | 200 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 680 | 185 | 466 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 325 | 370 | 693 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 635 | 95 | 317 | 220 |
| Sham Shui Po | 545 | 120 | 210 | - |
| Sha Tin | 276 | 20 | 964 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 321 | 65 | 180 | 233 |
| Yuen Long | 247 | 70 | 621 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 786 | 180 | 450 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 633 | 35 | 607 | - |
| Total | 5 399 | 1 633 | 5 288 | 453 |

Table 1c: Number of service places for various types of rehabilitation services in 2020-21 (by administrative district of SWD) (As at 31 December 2020)

| District | SW | SE | IVRSC | IVTC(Day) |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 333 | 115 | 666 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 618 | 378 | 200 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 680 | 185 | 466 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 325 | 370 | 718 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 635 | 95 | 317 | 220 |
| Sham Shui Po | 545 | 120 | 334 | - |
| Sha Tin | 276 | 20 | 964 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 321 | 65 | 180 | 233 |
| Yuen Long | 247 | 70 | 621 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 786 | 180 | 450 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 633 | 35 | 607 | - |
| Total | 5 399 | 1 633 | 5 523 | 453 |

**Table 2a: Planned and actual number of additional places for
SW, IVRSC and Work Extension Programme in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| District | SW ^[Note 1] | | IVRSC ^[Note 1] | | Work Extension Programme (WEP) ^[Note 3] | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| | Planned number of additional places ^[Note 2] | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places ^[Note 2] | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places ^[Note 2] | Actual number of additional places |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | 8 | - | 15 | - | 35 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 20 | - | - | - | 35 |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | - | 5 | - | 20 | - | 25 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 20 | - | - | - | 35 |
| Sham Shui Po | - | 10 | - | - | - | 10 |
| Sha Tin | - | 5 | - | 20 | - | 25 |
| Tai Po/North | - | 15 | 85 | 85 | - | 15 |
| Yuen Long | - | - | 170 | 170 | - | 10 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | - | 15 | - | - | - | 35 |
| Tuen Mun | - | 15 | - | 5 | - | 25 |
| Total | 120 | 113 | 315 | 315 | 305 | 280 |

[Note 1] Including WEP places.

[Note 2] Since the planned number of additional places for WEP is allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of planned number of additional places by administrative district.

[Note 3] WEP is attached to SW/IVRSC. The number of additional service places includes those converted from SW/IVRSC and additional places.

**Table 2b: Planned and actual number of additional places for
SW, IVRSC and WEP in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| District | SW ^[Note 1] | | IVRSC | | WEP | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | 296 | 296 | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sha Tin | - | - | 170 | 170 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | - | 10 | - | - | - | 10 |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | 10 | 466 | 466 | - | 10 |

[Note 1] Including WEP places.

**Table 2c: Planned and actual number of additional places for
SW, IVRSC and WEP in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD)**

| District | SW | | IVRSC | | WEP | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | - | - | 86 | 86 | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | - | - | 25 | 25 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | - | - | 124 | 124 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | 235 | 235 | - | - |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)074

(Question Serial No. 2883)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the number of places for day care service for persons with disabilities, number of users of the service and the total amount of subsidy in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 202)

Reply:

The day care services for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are currently attached to 11 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of SWD and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of users and the total amount of subsidy for day care services.

Number of service places and the utilisation rate of day care services for persons with severe disabilities in each year from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| District | Number of service places ^[Note 1] | | |
|--|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) |
| Central/Western/ Southern & Islands | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Eastern & Wan Chai | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Kwun Tong | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sham Shui Po | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Sha Tin | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Tai Po & North | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Yuen Long | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Tuen Mun | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Total | 229 | 234 | 239 |
| Utilisation rate % | 81.8% | 85.1% | 29.1% ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] The number of service places is broken down by district in which service units are set up, and the service targets of some units are not exclusive to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

[Note 2] SWD continues to provide day care services to persons with severe disabilities in need during the COVID-19 epidemic. Some service users choose to reduce their service utilisation to minimise the risk of infection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)075****(Question Serial No. 2913)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the number of places, average utilisation rate and number of service users of standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), extended hours service (EHS), occasional child care service (OCCS), mutual help child care centres (MHCCCs) and Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) in the past 3 years.

Please advise the number of service users and service hours under NSCCP in the past 3 years.

Please advise the additional places anticipated for the above services in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 181)

Reply:

The number of service places and average utilisation rate/number of users of various types of day child care services (including standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, EHS, OCCS, MHCCCs and NSCCP) in the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

The number of service users (including home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group service (CCG)) and service hours under NSCCP in the past 3 financial years are set out in the table below:

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of service users | 12 586 | 10 704 | 5 668 |
| Number of service hours | 850 220 | 743 484 | 511 045 |

The number of additional places expected from aided standalone CCCs in 2020-21 is 105.

Number of places/average utilisation rate/number of service users of standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, EHS, OCCS, MHCCCs and NSCCP

| Year | CCCs | | | | EHS | | OCCS | | MHCCCs | | NSCCP | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Standalone CCCs ^[Note 1] | | CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 3] | | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places ^[Note 4] | Number of service users |
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | 3 626 | 70 | 31 854 | 63 | 2 260 | 49 | 446 | 56 | 261 | 9.0 | 954 | 12 586 |
| 2019-20 | 3 402 | 64 ^[Note 2] | 30 966 | 63 | 2 286 | 38 ^[Note 2] | 449 | 49 ^[Note 2] | 261 | 8.4 ^[Note 2] | 954 | 10 704 ^[Note 2] |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 3 248 | 44 ^[Note 2] | 32 260 | 50 ^[Note 2] | 2 286 | 7 ^[Note 2] | 449 | 10 ^[Note 2] | 261 | 2.8 ^[Note 2] | 954 | 5 668 ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] Including aided and non-aided CCCs.

[Note 2] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the average utilisation rate/number of service users.

[Note 3] The information is provided by the Education Bureau in September every year.

[Note 4] Service operators are required to provide no less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should not be less than 954). Operators can flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)076

(Question Serial No. 2914)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise on the number of the top three-tier executives of non-governmental organisations having received cash allowance under Lump Sum Grant subvention from the Social Welfare Department and the amount involved in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 184)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the table below:

| Reporting year | No. of staff having received cash allowance | Total amount of cash allowance (\$) |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2017-18 | 399 | 7,136,381 |
| 2018-19 | 397 | 7,675,521 |
| 2019-20 | 607 | 11,323,060 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)077

(Question Serial No. 2217)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the progress of the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare services with the allocation of \$20 billion last year, how many properties have been purchased so far? What are their welfare uses?
2. Has the Department received any complaints so far, involving owners suspected of forcing existing tenants to move out of their premises and selling the properties to the Government? If so, how many complaints are there? If not, are there any measures to prevent the occurrence of such a situation?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

On 30 June 2020, the Government obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres (CCCs), day care centres for the elderly (DEs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. The details of welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in premises to be purchased are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has completed the consultation with the 18 District Councils on the welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in purchased premises for the districts concerned in mid-November 2020 and has started the purchase exercise. With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), SWD is currently identifying suitable non-domestic premises for purchase through different channels, including open invitations to owners of potentially suitable non-domestic premises available for sale in 18 districts to submit their sale proposals to GPA for consideration. SWD is assessing the suitability of offered premises for purchase and will update the GPA's website with regard to the information on welfare facilities for which suitable premises have been purchased.

SWD has not received any complaints mentioned in the question.

Purchase of Premises for the Provision of Welfare Facilities
List of Welfare Facilities Proposed to be Accommodated in Premises to be Purchased

| Type of facilities | Number of facilities |
|---|----------------------|
| Family and child care facilities | |
| (a) CCC | 28 |
| (b) Co-parenting Support Centre | 5 |
| (c) Integrated Family Service Centre | 6 |
| Elderly facilities | |
| (d) DE | 15 |
| (e) NEC | 48 |
| (f) District Elderly Community Centre | 7 |
| Rehabilitation facilities | |
| (g) Day Activity Centre | 3 |
| (h) Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre | 3 |
| (i) Special Child Care Centre (SCCC) | 5 |
| (j) OPRS | 12 |
| (k) Support Centre for Persons with Autism | 3 |
| (l) District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities | 5 |
| (m) Parents/Relatives Resource Centre | 9 |
| (n) Community Rehabilitation Day Centre | 1 |
| (o) SCCC cum Early Education and Training Centre | 1 |
| Youth facilities | |
| (p) Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre | 1 |
| (q) Youth Outreaching Team | 1 |
| (r) Cyber Youth Support Team | 5 |
| Total: | 158 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)078****(Question Serial No. 2952)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please advise the number of persons applying for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) due to unemployment and the number of approved applications since 1 June 2019.
2. Among them, how many cases have successfully applied for unemployment CSSA through the newly launched Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme) since 1 June 2020.
3. Please provide the age group distribution of unemployed CSSA recipients, as well as their type of trade and monthly income level before unemployment since 1 June 2019.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA new applications under unemployment (UT) category from 2019-20 to 2020-21 is provided in the table below:

| Year | CSSA new applications under UT category ^[Note] |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2019-20 | 7 991 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 13 808 |

^[Note] Intermittent CSSA cases have been counted more than once.

2. To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at end-December 2020, the number of CSSA UT cases amounts to around 19 500, an

increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

3. The number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by age and occupation is set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

**Table 1: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by age group
from 2019-20 to 2020-21**

| Age group | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| 15 to 19 | 336 | 463 |
| 20 to 29 | 909 | 1 345 |
| 30 to 39 | 1 152 | 2 090 |
| 40 to 49 | 4 104 | 5 977 |
| 50 to 59 | 6 260 | 7 043 |
| 60 to 64 | 2 006 | 3 910 |
| Total | 14 767 | 20 828 |

**Table 2: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by occupation
from 2019-20 to 2020-21**

| Occupation | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|----------------|--|
| Cleaner | 186 | 184 |
| Clerk | 10 | 18 |
| Construction worker/ labourer/fitting-out worker | 20 | 32 |
| Delivery worker | 76 | 113 |
| Domestic helper/baby sitter | 63 | 66 |
| Driver | 42 | 56 |
| General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works) | 272 | 341 |
| Salesperson | 60 | 76 |
| Waiter/waitress | 57 | 112 |
| Watchman/guard | 19 | 19 |
| Others | 311 | 384 |
| Jobless | 13 651 | 19 427 |
| Total | 14 767 | 20 828 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)079

(Question Serial No. 1283)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), would the Government please inform this Committee of:

1. the yearly figures of cases served and service places provided by the 6 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating HCS across the territory in the past 3 years;
2. the number of users of HCS by service type in the past 3 years; and
3. the manpower and expenditure involved for HCS in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The 6 NGOs operating HCS across the territory served a total of 4 730, 4 473 and 4 133 cases in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) respectively. The number of places under HCS was about 3 550 in 2020-21.
2. The output of HCS by service type from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is set out in Annex 1.
3. The notional staffing establishment (NSE) for and the service expenditure on the HCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 2 respectively.

Output of various services utilised by HCS users

| Service | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) [Note 1] |
|---|----------------|----------------|--|
| Nursing care service (no. of hours) | 39 502 | 38 804 | 28 553 |
| Rehabilitation training (no. of hours) | 73 552 | 64 737 | 37 689 |
| Personal care service (no. of hours) | 84 730 | 75 660 | 53 509 |
| Escort service (no. of hours) | 61 629 | 58 164 | 27 961 |
| Carer support activities (no. of activities) | 162 | 129 | 54 |
| Home respite service (headcount of users) | 11 666 | 12 056 | 7 996 |
| Social work service (no. of users) | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |
| Meal support service (no. of users) | 76 | 157 [Note 2] | 131 [Note 2] |
| Household cleaning service (no. of users) | 16 | 25 | 42 |

[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users of individual items over previous years.

[Note 2] Among the users of meal support service in 2019-20, 80 of them only used the service once; while among those service users in 2020-21, 12 of them only used the service once.

Table 1: NSE for HCS ^[Note]
(estimated on the basis of each home care team serving 550 cases)

| Rank/Post | No. of staff members | |
|--|----------------------|--|
| | 2018-19 | From 2019-20 to 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Social Work Officer | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Occupational Therapist I/Physiotherapist I | - | 1 |
| Assistant Social Work Officer | 2 | 3 |
| Social Work Assistant | 12 | 12 |
| Physiotherapist II | 6 | 6 |
| Occupational Therapist II | 6 | 6 |
| Occupational Therapist Assistant | 12 | 13 |
| Speech Therapist | - | 1 |
| Registered Nurse | - | 1 |
| Enrolled Nurse | 4 | 4 |
| Health Worker | 4 | 4 |
| Personal Care Worker | 84 | 84 |
| Clerical Assistant | 4 | 5 |
| Motor Driver | - | 1 |

[Note] Starting from March 2020, there has been an addition of 0.1 Social Work Officer, 1 Occupational Therapist I/Physiotherapist I, 1 Assistant Social Work Officer, 1 Occupational Therapist Assistant, 1 Speech Therapist, 1 Registered Nurse, 1 Clerical Assistant and 1 Motor Driver in the NSE for each home care team, so as to cope with the increasing service demand. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the FSAs. NSE is only used by SWD for calculating the subventions for subvented services and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services.

Table 2: Service expenditure on HCS

| Service | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| HCS | 287.0 | 305.3 | 330.4 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)080

(Question Serial No. 1305)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the statistics of integrated home care services (IHCS) with the introduction of IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)) supplementary information sheets (SISs), please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the number of applicants requesting to be waitlisted for various types of primary services and the respective percentages among the services as shown in the form(s);
2. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the number of persons duly assessed for services and the percentage it represents as shown in the form(s);
3. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the number of applications from elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families newly waitlisted for IHCS(OC) among those already waitlisted;
4. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the number of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families whose applications for IHCS(OC) were rejected or who withdrew their own applications among those already waitlisted;
5. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the number of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families who have been admitted to IHCS(OC) among those already waitlisted;
6. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the main reasons for applications being withdrawn by the applicant or rejected while being arranged for IHCS(OC) waitlisting;
7. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the type of primary and secondary services requested by applicants being arranged for IHCS(OC) waitlisting; and
8. for each quarter from 2015 to date, the number of current IHCS(OC) users whose requests for other services were pending arrangements.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), in collaboration with the welfare sector, drew up the SISs, which have been formally introduced since July 2015, to facilitate front-line social workers in processing case applications/admission/review. Having regard to the introduction of SISs, SWD subsequently revised the IHCS(OC) quarterly statistical forms for use by IHCS teams, and began to collect statistical data on ordinary cases from IHCS teams through the revised quarterly statistical forms starting from 1 April 2016. The headcount of the persons waitlisted for various types of primary services under the IHCS(OC) in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2020 is set out in Annex 1.
2. The number of cases assessed by IHCS teams using the SISs in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2020 is set out in Annex 2.
- 3, 6 & 7. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations operating the service. SWD has not kept the number of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy families newly waitlisted for IHCS(OC), the main reasons for applications being withdrawn by the applicant or rejected while waiting for IHCS(OC), and the type of primary and secondary services the applicant was being waitlisted for.
4. The number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals and families waiting for IHCS(OC) whose applications were rejected or who withdrew their own applications in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2020 is set out in Annex 3.
5. The number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals and families receiving IHCS(OC) in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2020 is set out in Annex 4.
8. The number of cases of current IHCS(OC) users whose requests for other services were pending arrangements in each quarter between April 2016 and December 2020 is set out in Annex 5.

**Headcount ^[Note] of persons waitlisted for
various types of primary services under IHCS(OC)
(April 2016 to December 2020)**

| Quarter | Headcount ^[Note] of persons waitlisted for various types of primary services | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| | General household or domestic duties | Provision of meals service | Escort | Personal care | Purchase and delivery of daily necessities |
| April to June 2016 | 2 196 | 1 351 | 889 | 131 | 44 |
| July to September 2016 | 2 173 | 1 468 | 960 | 131 | 43 |
| October to December 2016 | 2 144 | 1 415 | 993 | 138 | 41 |
| January to March 2017 | 2 130 | 1 412 | 1 029 | 124 | 41 |
| April to June 2017 | 2 104 | 1 436 | 1 066 | 134 | 49 |
| July to September 2017 | 2 316 | 1 896 | 1 260 | 161 | 61 |
| October to December 2017 | 2 291 | 1 930 | 1 302 | 137 | 64 |
| January to March 2018 | 2 048 | 1 911 | 1 237 | 175 | 60 |
| April to June 2018 | 1 547 | 1 619 | 1 055 | 158 | 45 |
| July to September 2018 | 1 278 | 1 660 | 1 044 | 159 | 53 |
| October to December 2018 | 1 158 | 1 720 | 1 007 | 150 | 41 |
| January to March 2019 | 1 203 | 1 741 | 1 121 | 193 | 41 |
| April to June 2019 | 1 236 | 1 844 | 1 176 | 169 | 57 |
| July to September 2019 | 1 209 | 1 829 | 1 204 | 157 | 62 |
| October to December 2019 | 1 195 | 1 771 | 1 190 | 145 | 61 |
| January to March 2020 | 1 337 | 2 063 | 1 294 | 166 | 63 |
| April to June 2020 | 1 280 | 1 854 | 1 258 | 171 | 63 |
| July to September 2020 | 1 482 | 2 179 | 1 369 | 209 | 86 |
| October to December 2020 | 2 537 | 1 584 | 1 522 | 236 | 96 |

^[Note] Elderly persons may be waitlisted for more than 1 service according to their needs.

**Number of cases assessed by IHCS teams using the SISs
(April 2016 to December 2020)**

| Quarter | Number of cases |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| April to June 2016 | 3 233 |
| July to September 2016 | 3 010 |
| October to December 2016 | 2 938 |
| January to March 2017 | 2 954 |
| April to June 2017 | 3 189 |
| July to September 2017 | 3 483 |
| October to December 2017 | 3 112 |
| January to March 2018 | 3 267 |
| April to June 2018 | 3 409 |
| July to September 2018 | 3 179 |
| October to December 2018 | 3 215 |
| January to March 2019 | 3 097 |
| April to June 2019 | 3 396 |
| July to September 2019 | 3 143 |
| October to December 2019 | 2 921 |
| January to March 2020 | 2 266 |
| April to June 2020 | 3 004 |
| July to September 2020 | 2 954 |
| October to December 2020 | 3 303 |

**Number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and needy individuals
and families waiting for IHCS(OC) whose applications were rejected
or who withdrew their own applications
(April 2016 to December 2020)**

| Quarter | Number of cases | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Elderly persons | Persons with disabilities | Needy individuals and families |
| April to June 2016 | 620 | 65 | 19 |
| July to September 2016 | 448 | 27 | 9 |
| October to December 2016 | 532 | 35 | 20 |
| January to March 2017 | 515 | 28 | 14 |
| April to June 2017 | 540 | 29 | 14 |
| July to September 2017 | 545 | 19 | 19 |
| October to December 2017 | 457 | 18 | 12 |
| January to March 2018 | 1 464 | 22 | 6 |
| April to June 2018 | 1 552 | 34 | 21 |
| July to September 2018 | 1 419 | 31 | 22 |
| October to December 2018 | 933 | 29 | 20 |
| January to March 2019 | 813 | 22 | 12 |
| April to June 2019 | 855 | 37 | 17 |
| July to September 2019 | 892 | 28 | 14 |
| October to December 2019 | 831 | 29 | 17 |
| January to March 2020 | 442 | 17 | 15 |
| April to June 2020 | 924 | 32 | 21 |
| July to September 2020 | 605 | 15 | 16 |
| October to December 2020 | 760 | 25 | 10 |

**Number of cases of elderly persons, persons with disabilities
and needy individuals and families receiving IHCS(OC)
(April 2016 to December 2020)**

| Quarter | Number of cases | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Elderly persons | Persons with disabilities | Needy individuals and families |
| April to June 2016 | 17 300 | 1 290 | 254 |
| July to September 2016 | 17 235 | 1 248 | 264 |
| October to December 2016 | 17 221 | 1 235 | 273 |
| January to March 2017 | 17 194 | 1 214 | 256 |
| April to June 2017 | 17 349 | 1 186 | 254 |
| July to September 2017 | 17 363 | 1 164 | 255 |
| October to December 2017 | 17 294 | 1 152 | 242 |
| January to March 2018 | 17 124 | 1 118 | 221 |
| April to June 2018 | 16 936 | 1 123 | 231 |
| July to September 2018 | 16 851 | 1 116 | 252 |
| October to December 2018 | 16 684 | 1 099 | 249 |
| January to March 2019 | 16 614 | 1 091 | 232 |
| April to June 2019 | 16 521 | 1 058 | 227 |
| July to September 2019 | 16 552 | 1 053 | 244 |
| October to December 2019 | 16 307 | 1 040 | 240 |
| January to March 2020 | 15 740 | 999 | 241 |
| April to June 2020 | 15 815 | 990 | 244 |
| July to September 2020 | 15 846 | 979 | 228 |
| October to December 2020 | 15 593 | 962 | 224 |

**Number of cases of current IHCS(OC) users whose requests for
other services were pending arrangements
(April 2016 to December 2020)**

| Quarter | Number of cases |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| April to June 2016 | 464 |
| July to September 2016 | 557 |
| October to December 2016 | 541 |
| January to March 2017 | 545 |
| April to June 2017 | 531 |
| July to September 2017 | 582 |
| October to December 2017 | 592 |
| January to March 2018 | 574 |
| April to June 2018 | 560 |
| July to September 2018 | 458 |
| October to December 2018 | 487 |
| January to March 2019 | 476 |
| April to June 2019 | 439 |
| July to September 2019 | 488 |
| October to December 2019 | 434 |
| January to March 2020 | 429 |
| April to June 2020 | 407 |
| July to September 2020 | 409 |
| October to December 2020 | 396 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)081

(Question Serial No. 1306)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Supplementary information sheets (SISs) for integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) have been introduced since July 2015. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) also has quarterly statistical forms to compile statistics on the overall situation of elderly persons receiving or waiting for the services. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. the number of referral forms and application forms with SISs attached in each quarter;
2. the number of people provided with immediate services, being waitlisted or having been turned down in each quarter; and
3. whether the effectiveness of using SISs has been evaluated; if yes, what are the details and has it facilitated the formulation of development and waitlisting indicators? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:

To facilitate service providers to process applications for IHCS(OC) by elderly persons with a set of consistent assessment standards, SWD drew up SISs in collaboration with the welfare sector to facilitate front-line social workers in processing case applications/admission/ review. Officially introduced since July 2015, the SISs are mainly concerned with the social and health conditions of the elderly applicants. Service teams are not required to submit them to SWD. As reflected by the IHCS teams, the SISs are useful in setting consistent standards for processing applications and enabling suitable services to be provided to elderly persons with pressing needs as soon as possible.

Having regard to the introduction of SISs, SWD subsequently revised the IHCS(OC) quarterly statistical forms used by IHCS teams, and have been collecting more statistical data on ordinary cases from IHCS teams through the revised quarterly statistical forms starting from 1 April 2016, with a view to achieving a more systematic record of the overall situation of elderly persons receiving and waiting for the services. The respective numbers of elderly applicants provided with immediate services, registered on the waiting list, turned down or

having withdrawn their own applications in each quarter from April 2016 to December 2020 are shown in the Annex.

**Number of applicants for IHCS(OC) in each quarter by assessment result
(April 2016 to December 2020)**

| Quarter | Assessment Result | | | | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Provided with immediate services | Registered on the waiting list | Application turned down | Application withdrawn by applicant | |
| April to June 2016 | 1 092 | 1 145 | 109 | 645 | 2 991 |
| July to September 2016 | 1 005 | 1 042 | 82 | 656 | 2 785 |
| October to December 2016 | 977 | 1 026 | 90 | 613 | 2 706 |
| January to March 2017 | 1 015 | 1 029 | 76 | 606 | 2 726 |
| April to June 2017 | 1 120 | 1 103 | 82 | 669 | 2 974 |
| July to September 2017 | 1 074 | 1 419 | 130 | 616 | 3 239 |
| October to December 2017 | 934 | 1 303 | 88 | 587 | 2 912 |
| January to March 2018 | 862 | 1 493 | 106 | 609 | 3 070 |
| April to June 2018 | 931 | 1 533 | 121 | 611 | 3 196 |
| July to September 2018 | 947 | 1 311 | 125 | 578 | 2 961 |
| October to December 2018 | 881 | 1 339 | 94 | 682 | 2 996 |
| January to March 2019 | 914 | 1 301 | 86 | 581 | 2 882 |
| April to June 2019 | 983 | 1 456 | 76 | 654 | 3 169 |
| July to September 2019 | 921 | 1 312 | 67 | 629 | 2 929 |
| October to December 2019 | 849 | 1 258 | 60 | 565 | 2 732 |
| January to March 2020 | 598 | 1 001 | 71 | 446 | 2 116 |
| April to June 2020 | 844 | 1 317 | 97 | 581 | 2 839 |
| July to September 2020 | 778 | 1 370 | 121 | 529 | 2 798 |
| October to December 2020 | 835 | 1 546 | 148 | 581 | 3 110 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)082****(Question Serial No. 1307)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), would the Government inform this Committee:

1. please set out the details in the following table

| | No. of recognised service providers (RSPs) | No. of service places | | | | Annual Subsidy for CCSVs (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month |
|---------|--|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| | | Day care | Home care | Mixed Mode | Residential respite | Dementia services | Speech therapy |
| 2013-14 | | | | | | | |
| 2014-15 | | | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | | | | | | | |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | | |

2. the average time taken for the elderly to receive the CCSVs, counting from the time they applied for the Pilot Scheme;
3. the average time taken for the elderly to receive the services, counting from the time they obtained the CCSVs;
4. the progress of evaluation of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by a commissioned consultant; when and how the evaluation results will be published; and the subsequent arrangement for the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017, while the second phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented from October 2016. The third phase of the Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2020. The information sought is tabulated in the Annex.

2. & 3. As the statistical data collected from the Pilot Scheme does not include the waiting time taken for the elderly to receive CCSVs and the services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant information sought.
4. The evaluation on the second phase of the Pilot Scheme conducted by the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong (Sau Po Centre) revealed that the Pilot Scheme had effectively enhanced the quality of life of frail elderly persons, and had reduced carers' stress and burden. Having regard to the evaluation of the Sau Po Centre and the operational experience of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, SWD commenced the third phase of the Pilot Scheme in October 2020 so as to introduce more enhancement measures, further increase service supply and provide more diversified choices for frail elderly persons. SWD will make reference to the experience of implementing the third phase of the Pilot Scheme in considering the way forward for the Pilot Scheme.

Table 1: First phase of the Pilot Scheme

| Year | No. of RSPs | No. of places ^[Note] | | Subsidies for CCSVs [actual expenditure] (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month (\$) |
|---------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | | Day care | Home care | | |
| 2013-14 | 62 | 881 | N.A. | 3.1 | 5,123 |
| 2014-15 | 62 | 923 | N.A. | 41.6 | 5,236 |
| 2015-16 | 62 | 993 | N.A. | 66.9 | 5,019 |
| 2016-17 | 62 | 998 | N.A. | 55.1 | 5,564 |
| 2017-18 | 62 | 998 | N.A. | 9.1 | 5,044 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The first phase of the Pilot Scheme did not provide residential respite service and speech therapy service. It provided (i) day care services (part- time) (single mode) or (ii) day care services (part-time) and home care services. The figures in the above table indicate the maximum number of day care service places to be provided by RSPs, with no separate number of home care service places. Service units might provide home care services to CCSV holders in need of day care services.

Day care service places include service places for CCSV holders with dementia. Some RSPs were designated to provide services to CCSV holders with dementia.

Table 2: Second phase of the Pilot Scheme

| Year | No. of RSPs | Service places ^[Note 1] | | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month (\$) |
|---------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | Day care | Home care | | |
| 2016-17 | 124 | 2 081 | 2 944 | 119.9 ^[Note 2] | 5,564 |
| 2017-18 | 125 | 2 254 | 3 040 | | 5,044 |
| 2018-19 | 153 | 2 815 | 4 861 | 201.9 | 5,293 |
| 2019-20 | 173 | 3 210 | 6 806 | 226.0 | 5,474 |
| 2020-21 | 179 | 3 250 | 7 123 | 147.8 | 5,298 |

[Note 1] Under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, RSPs could decide whether to provide residential respite service or speech therapy service (from July 2019) and set the number of service places. CCSV holders might choose either the single mode or mixed mode of day care and home care services.

Day care and home care service places include dementia service places. CCSV holders with dementia may choose to receive services in designated RSPs or other RSPs.

[Note 2] The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was launched in October 2016. The subsidy expenditure for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 is reflected in the 2017-18 Actual Expenditure.

Table 3: Third phase of the Pilot Scheme (from 1 October to end-December 2020)

| Year | No. of RSPs | Service places ^[Note 1] | | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month (\$) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | Day care | Home care | | |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 227 | 3 804 | 10 542 | 46 ^[Note 2] | 5,672 |

[Note 1] Under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme, RSPs can decide whether to provide residential respite service and/or speech therapy service and set the number of service places. CCSV holders may choose either the single mode or mixed mode of day care and home care services.

Day care and home care service places include dementia service places. CCSV holders with dementia may choose to receive services in designated RSPs or other RSPs.

[Note 2] 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the third phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)083

(Question Serial No. 1308)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), would the Government please advise:

1. please set out the details in the following table:

| | No. of invitation letters issued | Annual no. of applicants for services | Annual no. of eligible cases | Annual no. of ineligible cases | Annual no. of rejected cases | No. of cases yet to respond |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2016-17 | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | |

2. please set out the number of CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme in the following table:

| | Cumulative no. of participants in the Pilot Scheme | Annual no. of persons issued with CCSVs | No. of CCSV holders | | Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme | |
|---------|--|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | | who had used CCSVs | who had not yet used CCSVs | who had used CCSVs | who had not used CCSVs |
| 2016-17 | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | |

3. distribution of elderly persons having left the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving.
4. distribution of CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by co-payment level.
5. distribution of CCSV holders by different values of CCSV issued in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

6. please set out the distribution of CCSV holders by service type used each year in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme in the following table:

| | Day care service | Home care service | Day care and home care services | Residential respite service | Dementia service | Speech therapy service |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 2016-17 | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of invitations issued, the number of eligible or ineligible cases, the number of rejected cases and the number of cases yet to respond.

The information sought on the utilisation of CCSVs under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme is set out in Tables 1 to 5 in the Annex.

Table 1: Number of CCSV applicants and holders

| Year | Cumulative no. of applicants for CCSV | Cumulative no. of participants in the Pilot Scheme (cumulative no. of persons issued with CCSVs) | No. of CCSV holders | | Cumulative no. of persons having left the Pilot Scheme | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | | | who had used CCSVs | who had not yet used CCSVs | who had used CCSVs | who had not yet used CCSVs |
| 2016-17 | 3 902 | 3 373 | 1 871 | 1 185 | 109 | 208 |
| 2017-18 | 6 588 | 6 520 | 3 031 | 1 357 | 831 | 1 301 |
| 2018-19 | 8 892 | 8 813 | 3 608 | 1 535 | 1 745 | 1 925 |
| 2019-20 | 11 284 | 11 222 | 4 237 | 1 787 | 2 722 | 2 476 |
| 2020-21 | 12 217 | 12 154 | 4 379 | 1 780 | 3 289 | 2 706 |

Table 2: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving

| Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme | Number of persons |
|---|-------------------|
| Natural turnover | |
| Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service | 2 739 |
| Deceased | 1 808 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers | 680 |
| Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town) | 473 |
| Service-related | |
| No suitable service units/service packages | 295 |
| Total | 5 995 |

Table 3: Distribution of CCSV holders by co-payment level

| Co-payment Level ^[Note] | No. of CCSV holders |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| I | 2 081 |
| II | 5 745 |
| III | 1 156 |
| IV | 1 173 |
| V | 208 |
| VI | 1 791 |
| Total | 12 154 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI), being 5%(I), 8%(II), 12%(III), 16%(IV), 25%(V) and 40%(VI) of CCSV value.

Table 4: Distribution of CCSV holders by different values of CCSV used (as at end-September 2020)

| CCSV values (\$) | Number of users |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 4,130 | 2 327 |
| 5,970 | 674 |
| 7,460 | 257 |
| 8,380 | 151 |
| 9,870 | 970 |
| Total | 4 379 |

Table 5: Distribution of CCSV holders by service type used each year ^[Note]

| Year | Day care service | Home care service | Day care and home care services |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2016-17 | 905 | 278 | 688 |
| 2017-18 | 1 409 | 680 | 942 |
| 2018-19 | 1 605 | 1 043 | 960 |
| 2019-20 | 1 774 | 1 398 | 1 065 |
| 2020-21 | 1 725 | 1 599 | 1 055 |

^[Note] Speech therapy service has been provided under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme since July 2019. As at end-September 2020, the cumulative number of service users was 261, and the cumulative number of elderly persons who had procured residential respite service with CCSVs was 229. SWD does not have the number of elderly service users with dementia.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)084

(Question Serial No. 1309)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please advise:

1. the number of service places for various types of services, the number of service vacancies, the number of service users in the whole year, the number of cases served yearly and the total number of such cases in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by service unit;
2. the number of CCSV service places, the number of elderly voucher users, the number of elderly persons having left, the number of invitation letters issued, the number of service users under mixed mode, and the number of service users under single mode in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by district;
3. the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of service places for various types of services (including day care services, home care services, services delivered in mixed mode, residential respite services, dementia services, speech therapy service) and their vacancy rates in each of the years since its introduction, with a breakdown by district; and
4. the number of replies received in response to the invitation letters issued since its introduction, with a breakdown by type of reply.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information broken down by service unit, year and service type, or information on utilisation broken down by district, year and service. The number of CCSV users by geographical distribution is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.
3. SWD does not have the number of service places and vacancy rate broken down by district, year and service type. The number of RSPs and the number of service places by district are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

4. Upon receipt of invitation letters, eligible elderly persons may lodge their applications at different time slots according to their needs. From October 2016 to September 2020, a cumulative total of 12 217 elderly persons applied for participation in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

Table 1: Number of CCSV users under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme (as at end-September 2020) ^[Note 1]

| District | | No. of CCSV users | | Total |
|---------------|-------------------|--|---|--------------|
| | | Service users of single mode ^[Note 2] | Service users of mixed mode ^[Note 3] | |
| 1. | Eastern | 249 | 145 | 394 |
| 2. | Wan Chai | 153 | 23 | 176 |
| 3. | Central & Western | 83 | 11 | 94 |
| 4. | Southern | 95 | 15 | 110 |
| 5. | Islands | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 6. | Kwun Tong | 507 | 132 | 639 |
| 7. | Wong Tai Sin | 412 | 123 | 535 |
| 8. | Sai Kung | 108 | 40 | 148 |
| 9. | Sham Shui Po | 192 | 38 | 230 |
| 10. | Kowloon City | 232 | 54 | 286 |
| 11. | Yau Tsim Mong | 101 | 31 | 132 |
| 12. | Sha Tin | 290 | 55 | 345 |
| 13. | Tai Po | 168 | 73 | 241 |
| 14. | North | 71 | 39 | 110 |
| 15. | Kwai Tsing | 206 | 102 | 308 |
| 16. | Tsuen Wan | 244 | 109 | 353 |
| 17. | Tuen Mun | 144 | 47 | 191 |
| 18. | Yuen Long | 62 | 15 | 77 |
| Total: | | 3 324 | 1 055 | 4 379 |

^[Note 1] As at the end of September 2020, the cumulative total of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme was 5 995.

^[Note 2] Services delivered in the single mode include day care service (single mode) and home care service (single mode).

^[Note 3] Services delivered in the mixed mode include day care service and home care service.

Table 2: Number of RSPs and service places under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme (as at end-September 2020)

| District | | No. of RSPs | Service places ^[Note] | |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | Day care | Home care |
| 1. | Eastern | 17 | 234 | 504 |
| 2. | Wan Chai | 7 | 116 | 550 |
| 3. | Central & Western | 7 | 90 | 275 |
| 4. | Southern | 9 | 130 | 152 |
| 5. | Islands | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| 6. | Kwun Tong | 19 | 447 | 610 |
| 7. | Wong Tai Sin | 14 | 278 | 666 |
| 8. | Sai Kung | 6 | 172 | 465 |
| 9. | Sham Shui Po | 15 | 203 | 488 |
| 10. | Kowloon City | 14 | 237 | 910 |
| 11. | Yau Tsim Mong | 7 | 89 | 220 |
| 12. | Sha Tin | 10 | 221 | 278 |
| 13. | Tai Po | 7 | 134 | 304 |
| 14. | North | 5 | 112 | 150 |
| 15. | Kwai Tsing | 16 | 312 | 496 |
| 16. | Tsuen Wan | 10 | 166 | 455 |
| 17. | Tuen Mun | 9 | 199 | 425 |
| 18. | Yuen Long | 6 | 90 | 155 |
| Total: | | 179 | 3 250 | 7 123 |

^[Note] Service places for day care and home care services include dementia service places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)085

(Question Serial No. 1310)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the day care service for persons with disabilities, would the Government please inform this Committee:

1. by type of disability, of the number of service places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of participants having left and reasons for their leaving;
2. by District Council (DC) district, of the number of service places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of participants having left, number of users of different age groups and reasons for their leaving; and
3. by age group, of the number of places, number of cases, number of served persons, number of waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of users of different age groups and reasons for their leaving of each type of service.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

The day care services for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are currently attached to 11 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of day care service places, cases, served persons and waitlisted persons, utilisation rate, number of users of different age groups, and persons having left service and their reasons for leaving broken down by type of disabilities, DC district and age group.

**Yearly number of service places and utilisation rate of day care services
for persons with severe disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21**

| District | Number of service places ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at end- December 2020) |
| Central/Western/ Southern & Islands | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Kwun Tong | 20 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung | 15 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sham Shui Po | 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Sha Tin | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Tai Po/North | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Yuen Long | 15 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing | 17 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Tuen Mun | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Total | 149 | 224 | 229 | 234 | 239 |
| Utilisation rate% | 88.8% | 81.8% | 81.8% | 85.1% | 29.1% ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] The number of service places is broken down by district in which service units are set up, and the service targets of some units are not exclusive to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

[Note 2] SWD continues to provide day care services to persons with severe disabilities in need during the COVID-19 epidemic. Some service users choose to reduce their service utilisation to minimise the risk of infection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)086

(Question Serial No. 1311)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the day care service for persons with disabilities, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of service places, quarterly number of users, number of waitlisted persons, service utilisation rate, number of persons who have left the service, and their reasons for leaving of each day care service unit over the past 5 years (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
2. the number of users and number of waitlisted persons of each day care service unit for each quarter broken down by type of disabilities (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only); and
3. the number of users and number of waitlisted persons of each day care service unit broken down by District Council (DC) district (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only).

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

The day care service for persons with severe disabilities (day care services) are currently attached to 11 care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons, 14 district support centres for persons with disabilities and 4 community rehabilitation day centres. From 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020), the number of service places for day care services by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the utilisation rate of each year are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of day care services users per quarter, number of persons waitlisted, number of persons who have left service and their reasons for leaving. SWD also does not have information on the number of users and waitlisted persons of each day care service unit, broken down by type of disabilities and DC district.

**Yearly number of service places and utilisation rate of day care services
for persons with severe disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21**

| District | Number of service places ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at end- December 2020) |
| Central/Western/ Southern & Islands | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Kwun Tong | 20 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung | 15 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sham Shui Po | 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Sha Tin | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Tai Po/North | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Yuen Long | 15 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing | 17 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| Tuen Mun | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Total | 149 | 224 | 229 | 234 | 239 |
| Utilisation rate % | 88.8% | 81.8% | 81.8% | 85.1% | 29.1% ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] The number of service places is broken down by district in which service units are set up, and the service targets of some units are not exclusive to persons with disabilities living in those districts.

[Note 2] SWD continues to provide day care services to persons with severe disabilities in need during the COVID-19 epidemic. Some service users choose to reduce their service utilisation to minimise the risk of infection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)087

(Question Serial No. 1312)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has adopted a case management service (CMS) approach for home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs). Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of case managers, yearly number of persons served, yearly expenditure, details of the service and evaluation of service effectiveness of the relevant service?

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

SWD has implemented the CMS for HCS, ISS and DSCs since 2014. Case managers coordinate necessary services for service users, covering personal care, rehabilitation training and nursing care services, and make timely referrals so that service users can be provided with appropriate social and medical services. Joining forces with a multi-disciplinary team (comprising allied health staff, nurses, social workers, etc.), case managers draw up individual care plans with service users and/or their families. They also collaborate with social and medical service units that accept referrals to enable service users and their families to obtain appropriate services. In July 2014, SWD set up a working group on case management, with members comprising academics from universities, and representatives from non-governmental organisations, groups for persons with disabilities and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. The working group completed the formulation of the Handbook on CMS in March 2016 to give case managers a more lucid understanding of their role and scope of work, and for them to be equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills for the provision of quality CMS. Following consultation with the relevant service operators, the Handbook on CMS came into full implementation in September 2016.

In 2020-21, 3 550, 900 and 1 760 persons with disabilities were expected to receive CMS under HCS, ISS and DSCs respectively. As at the end of December 2020, 4 133, 1 098 and 1 712 persons with disabilities have received the service they needed through CMS, meaning that the number of persons served has surpassed/approached the full-year service target.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy the resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the

Funding and Service Agreements. SWD does not have information on the number of case managers in HCS, ISS and DSCs and the yearly expenditure on CMS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)088

(Question Serial No. 3217)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs), supported hostels (SHOSs), private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGHs(MMHC)) for mentally handicapped persons, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of service places, the estimated increase and actual increase in the number of service places, the longest, shortest and average waiting time (with a breakdown by priority and normal waiting list) and the median waiting time (with a breakdown by priority and normal waiting list) in each of the past 3 years;
2. the average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services in the past 3 years;
3. the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence and age group in the past 3 years; and
4. the age of service users of residential rehabilitation services.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

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

2. The average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in each of the past 3 years is set out in Annex 4. In view of the diversity of residential places for persons with disabilities, SWD can only provide the average cost of all residential places for reference.
3. The number of applicants for the above residential rehabilitation services with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD and age group and the number of service users in each of the past 3 years are set out in Annexes 5 and 6 respectively. There is no separate central waiting list or data on the waiting time for the BPS for private RCHDs. SWD does not have information on the number of service users of the above residential rehabilitation services and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation for the past 3 years by district of residence and age.
4. The age distribution of service users of the above residential rehabilitation services is set out in Annex 7.

**Number of service places for various residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Type of Service | Number of service places | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020) |
| HSMH | 3 879 | 3 929 | 4 060 |
| HMMH | 2 558 | 2 658 | 2 800 |
| C&A/SD | 991 | 1 042 | 1 132 |
| SHOS | 708 | 744 | 784 |
| Private RCHD participating in the BPS | 860 | 1 018 | 1 018 |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 128 | 128 | 128 |

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

**Planned and actual number of additional places of residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Year | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020) | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places | Planned number of additional places | Actual number of additional places |
| HSMH | 280 | 280 | 52 | 50 | 131 | 131 |
| HMMH | 50 | 50 | 100 | 100 | 142 | 142 |
| C&A/SD | - | - | 51 | 51 | 90 | 90 |
| SHOS | - | - | 36 | 36 | 60 | 40 ^[Note 1] |
| Private RCHD participating in the BPS | 260 | 260 | 300 | 158 | 300 | - ^[Note 2] |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 48 | 48 | - | - | - | - |

[Note 1] Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the progress of the fitting-out works, the commencement of service of an SHOS with 20 service places has to be deferred to 2021-22.

[Note 2] Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on plans to improve their manpower, equipment and use of space, some of the private RCHDs could hardly vacate places to be bought under the BPS as scheduled, and thus were unable to participate in the BPS in 2020-21 in time. SWD has launched a new round of BPS. The supply of places is expected to gradually increase in 2021-22.

[Note 3] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Average waiting time for residential rehabilitation services from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Type of service | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1] | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| HSMH | 185.6 | 160.5 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| HMMH | 114.1 | 144.3 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| C&A/SD | 68.1 | 68.4 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| SHOS | 39 | 47.3 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |
| Private RCHD participating in the BPS | N.A. ^[Note 3] | N.A. ^[Note 3] | N.A. ^[Note 3] |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 4] | 15 | 8.7 | Not yet available ^[Note 2] |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

^[Note 2] The figures for 2020-21 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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

^[Note 4] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Year | Average cost per place per month (\$) |
|----------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 16,336 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 18,221 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 18,588 |

**Table 1: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 2: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 28 | 69 | 39 | 14 | 20 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 30 | 88 | 44 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 7 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 45 | 86 | 57 | 19 | 19 | 14 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 47 | 129 | 55 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 2 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 46 | 82 | 44 | 24 | 16 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 31 | 53 | 39 | 11 | 19 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 25 | 69 | 36 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 3 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 38 | 99 | 32 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | - |
| Yuen Long | 42 | 105 | 33 | 25 | 25 | 12 | 2 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 41 | 97 | 61 | 35 | 25 | 17 | 2 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 22 | 61 | 64 | 27 | 30 | 20 | 1 | - |
| Total | 395 | 938 | 504 | 220 | 217 | 125 | 28 | - |

**Table 3: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 33 | 58 | 40 | 15 | 19 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 29 | 84 | 50 | 19 | 20 | 10 | 7 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 41 | 88 | 55 | 19 | 20 | 12 | 3 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 47 | 135 | 56 | 17 | 19 | 23 | 2 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 40 | 83 | 39 | 22 | 14 | 5 | 2 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 32 | 55 | 38 | 12 | 21 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 26 | 67 | 37 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 3 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 38 | 100 | 33 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 4 | - |
| Yuen Long | 48 | 107 | 38 | 24 | 23 | 15 | 2 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 41 | 94 | 64 | 32 | 26 | 21 | 2 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 26 | 57 | 65 | 32 | 24 | 24 | 3 | - |
| Total | 401 | 928 | 515 | 214 | 211 | 135 | 30 | - |

**Table 4: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 5: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 30 | 71 | 37 | 19 | 20 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 25 | 69 | 68 | 40 | 14 | 14 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 32 | 94 | 47 | 44 | 31 | 16 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 64 | 119 | 62 | 29 | 28 | 13 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 54 | 51 | 42 | 28 | 20 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 34 | 56 | 40 | 25 | 22 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 23 | 71 | 65 | 33 | 20 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 32 | 72 | 44 | 27 | 21 | 6 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 47 | 79 | 43 | 15 | 22 | 6 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 34 | 101 | 72 | 32 | 31 | 15 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 40 | 80 | 57 | 30 | 9 | 2 | - | - |
| Total | 415 | 863 | 577 | 322 | 238 | 92 | 9 | - |

**Table 6: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 32 | 71 | 32 | 20 | 19 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 22 | 67 | 66 | 39 | 19 | 13 | 2 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 43 | 88 | 53 | 37 | 33 | 13 | 1 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 67 | 125 | 56 | 33 | 25 | 9 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 44 | 54 | 45 | 31 | 17 | 13 | - | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 32 | 54 | 34 | 25 | 10 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Sha Tin | 27 | 69 | 61 | 32 | 18 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 32 | 67 | 53 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 1 | - |
| Yuen Long | 44 | 85 | 49 | 16 | 18 | 6 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 38 | 107 | 64 | 33 | 37 | 13 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 42 | 84 | 58 | 30 | 8 | 2 | - | - |
| Total | 423 | 871 | 571 | 323 | 223 | 89 | 9 | 1 |

**Table 7: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 8: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 29 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 8 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 2 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 15 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 25 | 8 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 4 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 8 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 5 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 17 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 13 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 7 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 6 | 9 | - | 3 | 11 | 9 | 3 | - |
| Total | 101 | 88 | 40 | 83 | 195 | 57 | 16 | 1 |

**Table 9: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 23 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 7 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 2 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 17 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 6 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 5 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 10 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 7 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 16 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 18 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 14 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 22 | 9 | 2 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 4 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 5 | 3 | - |
| Total | 102 | 66 | 41 | 79 | 176 | 57 | 15 | - |

**Table 10: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

**Table 11: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 8 | 32 | 43 | 34 | 32 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 5 | 31 | 37 | 39 | 36 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 27 | 53 | 48 | 49 | 37 | 11 | 1 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 24 | 69 | 96 | 66 | 66 | 17 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 9 | 18 | 22 | 21 | 23 | 8 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 10 | 28 | 42 | 27 | 38 | 8 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 14 | 36 | 60 | 51 | 22 | 9 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 21 | 71 | 64 | 28 | 27 | 2 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 16 | 55 | 51 | 34 | 26 | 1 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 31 | 60 | 73 | 56 | 39 | 10 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 17 | 52 | 66 | 38 | 30 | 7 | - | - |
| Total | 182 | 505 | 602 | 443 | 376 | 90 | 5 | - |

**Table 12: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 7 | 37 | 51 | 40 | 33 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 4 | 30 | 31 | 39 | 28 | 9 | 1 | - |
| Kwun Tong | 25 | 56 | 51 | 40 | 32 | 12 | 1 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 26 | 64 | 91 | 65 | 57 | 20 | - | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 8 | 23 | 23 | 16 | 23 | 8 | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 11 | 28 | 42 | 29 | 38 | 7 | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 9 | 44 | 61 | 61 | 20 | 8 | - | - |
| Tai Po/North | 17 | 76 | 64 | 37 | 26 | 3 | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 16 | 55 | 54 | 33 | 28 | 2 | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 33 | 56 | 87 | 57 | 37 | 12 | 1 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 17 | 57 | 69 | 41 | 29 | 7 | - | - |
| Total | 173 | 526 | 624 | 458 | 351 | 97 | 4 | - |

**Table 13: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2018-19
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

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

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 14: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 2 | 7 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 2 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Sha Tin | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 3 | 2 | 3 | - |
| Yuen Long | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | 1 | - |
| Total | 9 | 11 | 26 | 4 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 15: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | Number of applicants | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | - | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 | 2 | 14 | - |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 3 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | - | 1 | 3 | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Sha Tin | - | 2 | 5 | - |
| Tai Po/North | 2 | 1 | 4 | - |
| Yuen Long | - | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| Tuen Mun | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Total | 12 | 14 | 44 | 4 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Number of service users of various residential rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2020-21**

| Type of service | Number of service users | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020) |
| HSMH | 3 620 | 3 854 | 3 937 |
| HMMH | 2 544 | 2 580 | 2 683 |
| C&A/SD | 982 | 1 010 | 1 056 |
| SHOS | 697 | 709 | 735 |
| Private RCHD participating in the BPS | 583 | 798 | 883 |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 124 | 127 | 125 |

[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 1: Age distribution of service users of various residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020)

| Type of Service | Number of service users | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| HSMH | 11 | 345 | 976 | 1 009 | 900 | 578 | 109 | 9 |
| HMMH | 9 | 151 | 544 | 689 | 782 | 428 | 80 | - |
| C&A/SD | 1 | 240 | 219 | 170 | 178 | 166 | 66 | 16 |
| SHOS | 1 | 68 | 160 | 209 | 225 | 68 | 4 | - |
| Private RCHD participating in the BPS | - | 29 | 82 | 219 | 298 | 218 | 37 | - |

Table 2: Age distribution of service users of SGHs(MMHC) ^[Note] in 2020-21 (As at 31 December 2020)

| Type of Service | Number of service users | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 8 | 18 | 63 | 36 |

^[Note] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)089

(Question Serial No. 3218)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS) and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS), would the Government advise this Committee:

1. the number of service places and the actual number of services users of the 60 service teams in Hong Kong over the past 3 years;
2. the number of users throughout the year of IHCS (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) and IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) and the number of persons waitlisted over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
3. the number of EHCCS users throughout the year and the number of persons waitlisted over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by DC district; and
4. the average waiting time for IHCS and EHCCS over the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

The numbers of IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) places from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are set out at Annexes 1 to 3 respectively.

The number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year and the number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) from 2018-19 to 2020-21, with a breakdown by DC district, are set out at Annexes 4 and 5 respectively. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations currently operating the services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the waiting time for IHCS(OC).

The number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year from 2018-19 to 2020-21, with a breakdown by DC district, are set out at Annex 6.

The number of EHCCS users throughout the year from 2018-19 to 2020-21, with a breakdown by DC district, are set out at Annex 7.

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS in the territory without a breakdown by DC district. The numbers of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | No. of persons waitlisted ^[Note] | Average waiting time (in months) (average of previous 3 months) |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 2018-19 | 7 930 | 18 |
| 2019-20 | 5 595 | 12 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 4 191 | 12 |

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

**Number of service places for IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC)
(2018-19)**

| District | Name of organisation | No. of places | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----|
| | | OC ^[Note] | FC |
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 167 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 137 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 259 | 10 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 232 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 338 | 20 |
| | Methodist Centre | 86 | 10 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 471 | 30 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 404 | 20 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | 284 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 208 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 108 | 10 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 466 | 50 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 406 | 30 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 81 | 20 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 291 | 10 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | 199 | 10 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 134 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 516 | 30 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 279 | 20 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 224 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 148 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | 43 | 10 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 692 | 60 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | 118 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 714 | 40 |
| | Salvation Army | 240 | 40 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 153 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | 463 | 20 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | 296 | 10 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 133 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 981 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 201 | 10 |

| District | Name of organisation | No. of places | |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--------------|
| | | OC ^[Note] | FC |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 122 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | 450 | 15 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 267 | 10 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 315 | 15 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | 194 | 10 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 115 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 96 | 20 |
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 421 | 20 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 229 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 301 | 40 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 351 | 40 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 179 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | 277 | 10 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | 110 | 10 |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 187 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | 797 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 213 | 10 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 348 | 30 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 178 | 10 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | 246 | 20 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | 355 | 30 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 165 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 253 | 30 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 587 | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 344 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 269 | 20 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 490 | 15 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 606 | 15 |
| Total | | 17 937 | 1 120 |

^[Note] Individual service providers of IHCS(OC) set their own capacity. Figures listed in the table refer to the number of persons receiving the services at the end of each year.

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

| District | Name of organisation | No. of places | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----|
| | | OC ^[Note] | FC |
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 132 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 119 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 255 | 10 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 213 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 315 | 20 |
| | Methodist Centre | 91 | 10 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 497 | 30 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 372 | 20 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | 250 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 194 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 101 | 10 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 455 | 50 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 395 | 30 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 78 | 20 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 243 | 10 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | 205 | 10 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 132 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 491 | 30 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 260 | 20 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 226 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 159 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | 40 | 10 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 660 | 60 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | 131 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 670 | 40 |
| | Salvation Army | 243 | 40 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 138 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | 443 | 20 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | 298 | 10 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 130 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 917 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 188 | 10 |

| District | Name of organisation | No. of places | |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--------------|
| | | OC ^[Note] | FC |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 114 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | 410 | 15 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 253 | 10 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 308 | 15 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | 185 | 10 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 105 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 99 | 20 |
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 427 | 20 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 241 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 265 | 40 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 363 | 40 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 175 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | 268 | 10 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | 105 | 10 |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 195 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | 727 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 202 | 10 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 308 | 30 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 181 | 10 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | 236 | 20 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | 316 | 30 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 144 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 217 | 30 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 524 | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 276 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 267 | 20 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 421 | 15 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 607 | 15 |
| Total | | 16 980 | 1 120 |

^[Note] Individual service providers of IHCS(OC) set their own capacity. Figures listed in the table refer to the number of persons receiving the services at the end of each year.

**Number of service places for IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC)
(2020-21)**

| District | Name of organisation | No. of places | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|-----|
| | | OC ^[Note] | FC |
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 126 | 30 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 114 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 247 | 20 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 221 | 25 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited ^[Note 2] | 73 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 280 | 35 |
| | Methodist Centre | 92 | 30 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 497 | 65 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 370 | 40 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | 238 | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 203 | 35 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 95 | 40 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 477 | 75 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 437 | 55 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 71 | 45 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 227 | 40 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | 191 | 40 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 135 | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 455 | 50 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 242 | 45 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 231 | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 140 | 40 |
| | Salvation Army | 39 | 25 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 677 | 110 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | 115 | 65 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 676 | 90 |
| | Salvation Army | 198 | 90 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 110 | 30 |
| | Salvation Army | 440 | 35 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | 302 | 15 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 131 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 934 | 35 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 153 | 35 |

| District | Name of organisation | No. of places | |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--------------|
| | | OC ^[Note] | FC |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 94 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | 424 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 258 | 15 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | 304 | 20 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | 181 | 30 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 124 | 15 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 109 | 30 |
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 401 | 50 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 241 | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 247 | 70 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 361 | 60 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 138 | 30 |
| | Salvation Army | 281 | 30 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | 122 | 40 |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 164 | 35 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | 735 | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 184 | 35 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 304 | 35 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 176 | 25 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | 230 | 40 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | 305 | 35 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 146 | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 256 | 70 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 554 | 100 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 267 | 70 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 246 | 70 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 411 | 60 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | 579 | 55 |
| Total | | 16 779 | 2 620 |

[Note 1] Individual service provider of IHCS(OC) set their own capacity. Figures listed in the table refer to the number of ordinary case persons receiving the services at the end of each year.

[Note 2] The only Home Help Team has been upgraded to IHCS team since 1 October 2020, and there are a total of 61 IHCS teams in the territory.

**Number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service users throughout the year | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 741 | 717 | 623 |
| Eastern | 2 047 | 1 970 | 1 799 |
| Wan Chai | 557 | 562 | 456 |
| Southern | 1 281 | 1 196 | 1 148 |
| Islands | 323 | 316 | 354 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 270 | 2 256 | 2 077 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 981 | 1 826 | 1 626 |
| Sai Kung | 547 | 571 | 504 |
| Kowloon City | 1 716 | 1 612 | 1 452 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 220 | 1 235 | 1 070 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 074 | 1 968 | 1 827 |
| Sha Tin | 1 737 | 1 724 | 1 575 |
| Tai Po | 801 | 761 | 716 |
| North | 1 643 | 1 553 | 1 364 |
| Yuen Long | 1 566 | 1 413 | 1 263 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 479 | 1 369 | 1 220 |
| Tsuen Wan | 595 | 572 | 524 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 774 | 1 769 | 1 461 |
| Total | 24 352 | 23 390 | 21 059 |

**Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of persons waitlisted | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 28 | 47 | 66 |
| Eastern | 106 | 146 | 166 |
| Wan Chai | 56 | 69 | 108 |
| Southern | 84 | 85 | 115 |
| Islands | - | - | 93 |
| Kwun Tong | 761 | 861 | 988 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 577 | 609 | 663 |
| Sai Kung | 87 | 125 | 150 |
| Kowloon City | 110 | 104 | 102 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 82 | 82 | 99 |
| Sham Shui Po | 251 | 292 | 363 |
| Sha Tin | 416 | 506 | 598 |
| Tai Po | 103 | 140 | 148 |
| North | 55 | 61 | 105 |
| Yuen Long | 122 | 151 | 196 |
| Tuen Mun | 302 | 261 | 337 |
| Tsuen Wan | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Kwai Tsing | 112 | 70 | 50 |
| Total | 3 261 | 3 614 | 4 353 |

**Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service users throughout the year | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 61 | 51 | 77 |
| Eastern | 113 | 100 | 238 |
| Wan Chai | 43 | 35 | 71 |
| Southern | 104 | 101 | 144 |
| Islands | 26 | 25 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 184 | 184 | 381 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 132 | 115 | 286 |
| Sai Kung | 34 | 39 | 116 |
| Kowloon City | 41 | 36 | 100 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 56 | 51 | 87 |
| Sham Shui Po | 130 | 119 | 181 |
| Sha Tin | 155 | 153 | 260 |
| Tai Po | 40 | 37 | 105 |
| North | 35 | 41 | 119 |
| Yuen Long | 117 | 119 | 149 |
| Tuen Mun | 32 | 33 | 119 |
| Tsuen Wan | 46 | 43 | 126 |
| Kwai Tsing | 109 | 105 | 243 |
| Total | 1 458 | 1 387 | 2 847 |

**Number of EHCCS users throughout the year
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Year | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-August 2020) | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team [Note 4] | | | |
| Central & Western | 221 | | 254 | | 223 | | 303 | | | |
| Eastern | 268 | 238 | 307 | 286 | 285 | 240 | 292 | 734 | | |
| Wan Chai | 208 | | 226 | | 199 | | | 284 | | |
| Southern | 209 | | 246 | | 226 | | | 262 | | |
| Islands | 118 | N.A. | 145 | N.A. | 123 | N.A. | 137 | | | |
| Kwun Tong | 566 | 440 | 203 | 699 | 539 | 298 | 597 | 467 | 287 | 1 512 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 528 | 1 012 [Note 1] | | 627 | 1 226 [Note 1] | | 561 | 1 063 [Note 1] | | 1 435 |
| Sai Kung | 308 | | | 340 | | | 298 | | | 672 |
| Kowloon City | 376 | 524 [Note 2] | | 423 | 620 [Note 2] | | 361 | 554 [Note 2] | | 671 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 256 | | | 274 | | | 231 | | | 409 |
| Sham Shui Po | 319 | | 195 | 395 | | 245 | 363 | | 213 | 800 |
| Sha Tin | 244 | | | 320 | | | 273 | | | 875 |
| Tai Po | 181 | 280 | 237 | 225 | 325 | 348 | 200 | 298 | 304 | 245 |
| North | 186 | | | 229 | | | 210 | | | 279 |
| Yuen Long | 240 | | | 284 | | | 244 | | | 409 |
| Tuen Mun | 205 | 1 041 [Note 3] | | 272 | 1 255 [Note 3] | | 215 | 1 098 [Note 3] | | 471 |
| Tsuen Wan | 306 | | | 343 | | | 306 | | | 579 |
| Kwai Tsing | 439 | | | 589 | | | 502 | | | 1 162 |
| Total | 9 572 | | 11 669 | | 10 233 | | 11 239 | | | |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

[Note 4] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)090

(Question Serial No. 3219)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding matters related to residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Government please advise this Committee:

1. the number of subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs, the actual increase in the number of places and the average waiting time for the places over the past 3 years;
2. the average cost per place per month of various types of RCHEs over the past 3 years;
3. the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly by age group and gender over the past 3 years;
4. the number of persons whose applications for residential care services being classified as "inactive" cases over the past 3 years;
5. the number of waitlisted elderly persons for subsidised residential care places for the elderly who had refused care and attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places offered over the past 3 years;
6. the respective numbers of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places and NH places having passed away over the past 3 years; and
7. the number of elderly persons who withdrew from the services of subsidised C&A homes and NHs over the past 3 years and their reasons for withdrawal.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. There was an actual total increase of 1 711 places in the number of subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020). Information on the number of subsidised services offered by various types of RCHEs and the average waiting time for such places are set out at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.
2. The average cost per place per month for various types of RCHEs from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out at Annex 3.

3. The number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) with a breakdown by age group and gender is set out at Annex 4.
4. The total number of elderly persons whose cases were classified as “inactive” ones from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is as follows:

| 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 13 856 | 16 104 | 18 278 |

5. The number of elderly persons who were waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly but refused the allocation of C&A or NH places from 2018 to 2020 is as follows:

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 3 355 | 2 333 | 2 259 |

6. The number of elderly persons having passed away while waiting for subsidised C&A places from 2018 to 2020 is as follows:

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 4 878 | 4 963 | 4 898 |

The number of elderly persons having passed away while waiting for subsidised NH places in the same period is as follows:

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 988 | 2 082 | 2 126 |

7. The number of elderly persons having withdrawn from the services of subvented C&A homes from 2018 to 2020 and their reasons are as follows:

| Reason for withdrawal from the services of subvented C&A homes | No. of elderly persons | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Admitted to other homes/services ^[Note] | 350 | 120 | 69 |
| Withdrawn on own accord | 269 | 309 | 315 |
| Health improved and does not need the services | 2 | 13 | 7 |
| Deceased | 3 538 | 3 659 | 3 813 |
| Total | 4 159 | 4 101 | 4 204 |

^[Note] They include residential care services and community care and support services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the relevant figures.

The number of elderly persons having withdrawn from the services of subvented NHs from 2018 to 2020 and their reasons are as follows:

| Reason for withdrawal from the services of subvented NHs | No. of elderly persons | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Admitted to other homes/services ^[Note] | 3 | 19 | 4 |
| Withdrawn on own accord | 19 | 19 | 23 |
| Health improved and does not need the services | - | 1 | - |
| Deceased | 973 | 1 019 | 1 144 |
| Total | 995 | 1 058 | 1 171 |

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

Annex 1

**Subsidised places offered by various types of RCHEs
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | No. of places | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Subvented RCHEs ^[Note 1] | 15 360 | 15 426 | 15 425 |
| Subvented NHs | 1 574 | 1 574 | 1 574 |
| Self-financing homes participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS) | 289 | 287 | 286 |
| Contract RCHEs ^[Note 2] | 2 390 | 2 616 | 2 690 |
| Private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) ^[Note 3] | 7 991 | 8 616 | 9 225 |
| Total | 27 604 | 28 519 | 29 200 |

[Note 1] They include places at homes for the aged (H/As), C&A places, C&A places with a continuum of care (CoC) and places under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

[Note 2] They include C&A places with a CoC and NH places.

[Note 3] The number of places in 2019-20 and 2020-21 excludes those for the residential respite service for the elderly (designated places) which has been regularised since October 2019.

**Average waiting time for various types of subsidised residential care places
for the elderly**

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of previous 3 months) ^[Note 1] | | |
|---|--|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| C&A places | | | |
| - Subvented/ contract RCHEs | 40 | 41 | 41 |
| - Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Overall | 24 | 21 | 21 |
| NH places ^[Note 2] | 25 | 27 | 26 |

^[Note 1] It refers to the average number of months taken (from waitlist date to admission date) for normal application cases to be admitted to service in the previous 3 months. Cases which were accorded priority in place allocation, those classified as “inactive” ones and admitted to service in the previous 3 months, and those transferred from H/A places to converted C&A places with a CoC in the same RCHE have been excluded in the calculation, as their waiting time might have been either extraordinarily long or extraordinarily short in comparison with that for normal application cases.

^[Note 2] They include subsidised NH places provided at subvented NHs, self-financing NHs and contract homes.

**Average cost per place per month for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | Average cost per place per month | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (\$) | 2019-20 (\$) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$) |
| C&A homes with a CoC | 16,393 | 17,373 | 18,096 |
| NHs ^[Note] | 23,788 | 24,979 | 25,689 |
| Contract RCHEs | 17,972 | 19,006 | 19,840 |
| Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS | 12,121 | 14,315 | 15,991 |

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

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

Table 1: 2018-19

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

Table 2: 2019-20

| Age group | Gender | | Total |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | |
| 60 to 69 | 2 131 | 1 571 | 33 702 |
| 70 to 79 | 3 953 | 3 979 | 7 932 |
| 80 to 89 | 7 122 | 11 311 | 18 433 |
| 90 or above | 2 782 | 6 806 | 9 588 |
| Total | 15 988 | 23 667 | 39 655 |

Table 3: 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020)

| Age group | Gender | | Total |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | |
| 60 to 69 | 1 994 | 1 515 | 3 509 |
| 70 to 79 | 3 957 | 4 023 | 7 980 |
| 80 to 89 | 6 710 | 10 778 | 17 488 |
| 90 or above | 2 493 | 6 055 | 8 548 |
| Total | 15 154 | 22 371 | 37 525 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 3225)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of places, number of users, headcount of users, average waiting time for the services, the overall annual expenditure and the average expenditure per service user for each service of each unit or district centre in each of the past 5 years; and
2. the number of places, number of users and headcount of users broken down by service type over each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)

Reply:

In 2020-21, there were 3 550 and 900 places under HCS and ISS respectively. As DSCs and ICCMWs are operated on a membership system, there is no information on the number of places. The number of service users under DSCs, HCS, ISS and ICCMWs by unit/district each year from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is set out in Table 1 to Table 4 of Annex. The expenditure on these services is set out in Table 5 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the waiting time for the services and the average cost per service user.

Table 1: Number of DSC service users from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by district

| Service unit | Number of service users (members) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | 627 | 676 | 622 | 528 | 491 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | 379 | 305 | 273 | 252 | 233 |
| Kwun Tong | 665 | 752 | 755 | 581 | 760 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 912 | 890 | 1 045 | 1 047 | 993 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | 216 | 242 | 238 | 246 | 230 |
| Sham Shui Po | 476 | 351 | 349 | 317 | 239 |
| Sha Tin | 369 | 381 | 362 | 347 | 350 |
| Tai Po and North | 656 | 732 | 559 | 542 | 541 |
| Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 782 | 860 | 969 | 1 025 | 716 |
| Tuen Mun | 235 | 267 | 273 | 302 | 294 |
| Yuen Long | 670 | 692 | 744 | 653 | 864 |
| Total | 5 987 | 6 148 | 6 189 | 5 840 | 5 711 |

Table 2: Number of HCS users from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by unit

| Service unit | Number of service users | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 668 | 809 | 801 | 724 | 622 |
| Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 788 | 828 | 886 | 832 | 833 |
| Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 595 | 649 | 637 | 634 | 678 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 742 | 899 | 994 | 947 | 875 |
| Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 587 | 706 | 753 | 708 | 583 |
| Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 549 | 616 | 659 | 628 | 542 |
| Total | 3 929 | 4 507 | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |

Table 3: Number of ISS users from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by unit

| Service unit | Number of service users | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | 500 | 566 | 554 | 529 | 496 |
| New Territories | 482 | 582 | 639 | 628 | 602 |
| Total | 982 | 1 148 | 1 193 | 1 157 | 1 098 |

Table 4: Number of ICCMW service users (members) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by district

| Service unit | Number of service users (members) | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | 2 807 | 2 950 | 3 187 | 3 177 | 3 003 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | 2 738 | 2 519 | 2 903 | 2 688 | 2 760 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 614 | 2 725 | 2 769 | 2 738 | 2 801 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 3 359 | 3 358 | 3 351 | 3 419 | 3 779 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | 2 453 | 2 628 | 2 618 | 2 216 | 2 261 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 203 | 1 264 | 1 246 | 1 214 | 1 118 |
| Sha Tin | 2 227 | 2 322 | 2 311 | 2 223 | 2 224 |
| Tai Po and North | 2 691 | 2 761 | 2 624 | 2 718 | 2 811 |
| Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 3 044 | 2 979 | 3 271 | 3 353 | 3 268 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 945 | 2 115 | 2 066 | 2 033 | 1 986 |
| Yuen Long | 1 938 | 2 030 | 1 966 | 1 873 | 1 923 |
| Total | 27 019 | 27 651 | 28 312 | 27 652 | 27 934 |

Table 5: Expenditure on DSCs, HCS, ISS and ICCMWs from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Service type | 2016-17 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2017-18 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| DSCs | 172.3 | 179.6 | 200.3 | 211.5 | 276.6 |
| HCS | 254.1 | 262.8 | 287.0 | 305.3 | 330.4 |
| ISS | 61.9 | 61.6 | 64.9 | 68.8 | 68.6 |
| ICCMWs | 310.0 | 330.9 | 381.2 | 458.0 | 488.7 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3226)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the support services for persons with disabilities, please inform this Committee of:

1. the age distribution of service users of various services for persons with disabilities with a breakdown by age group of 0 to 18, 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 64, 70 or above; and
2. the waiting situation and the situation of service provision of various community support services, care services and training services for persons with disabilities, including the number of waitlisted persons, the average, the longest and the shortest waiting time, geographical distribution, unit cost and number of service places over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The age distribution of service users of various services for persons with disabilities is set out in Annex 1.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD), through non-governmental organisations, provides persons with disabilities and their carers/families with various community support services including integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) and community rehabilitation day centres (CRDCs), so as to help persons with disabilities living in the community integrate into society and receive the care services they need. In 2020-21, there were 900 and 3 550 places under ISS and HCS respectively; as for the other services, the number of designated places had not been set. The geographical distribution of the above services is set out in Table 1 to Table 4 of Annex 2. As community support services may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have information on the age distribution of service users and their waiting situation. As the services required by individual service users vary, SWD does not have information on the unit cost per case of the above services. The number of persons waitlisted, average waiting time, number of service places and average cost per place per month regarding pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD are set out in Table 5 to Table 9 of Annex 2. On-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) has been regularised since October 2018, providing a total of 8 074 service places as at 31 December 2020. OPRS is allocated

on an agency basis and hence SWD does not have information on the geographical distribution of OPRS places.

Table 1: Age distribution of service users of residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020)

| Type of service | Number of service users | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons | 11 | 345 | 976 | 1 009 | 900 | 578 | 109 | 9 |
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons | 9 | 151 | 544 | 689 | 782 | 428 | 80 | - |
| Supported hostel | 1 | 68 | 160 | 209 | 225 | 68 | 4 | - |
| Halfway house | 9 | 196 | 384 | 412 | 362 | 104 | 2 | - |
| Long stay care home | - | 5 | 23 | 128 | 375 | 647 | 305 | 78 |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons | - | 49 | 124 | 187 | 164 | 100 | 20 | - |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons | 1 | 240 | 219 | 170 | 178 | 166 | 66 | 16 |
| Care and attention home for the aged blind | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | 62 | 106 | 617 |

N.A. - Not applicable

Table 2: Age distribution of service users of day rehabilitation services in 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020)

| Type of service | Number of service users | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 15 to 19 | Aged 20 to 29 | Aged 30 to 39 | Aged 40 to 49 | Aged 50 to 59 | Aged 60 to 69 | Aged 70 to 79 | Aged 80 or above |
| Day Activity Centre | 45 | 1 064 | 1 444 | 1 210 | 1 010 | 648 | 122 | 9 |
| Sheltered Workshop | 33 | 919 | 1 174 | 1 119 | 1 233 | 683 | 95 | 2 |
| Supported Employment | 6 | 301 | 641 | 571 | 390 | 123 | 3 | - |
| Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre | 42 | 1 042 | 1 354 | 1 180 | 1 193 | 598 | 78 | 1 |
| On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities ^[Note] | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities ^[Note] | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Day) ^[Note] | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

^[Note] These services may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the age distribution of service users.

Table 3: Age distribution of service users of pre-school rehabilitation services in 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020)

| Type of service | Number of service users | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Aged 0 to 2 | Aged 3 to 4 | Aged 5 to 6 |
| Early education and training centre (EETC) | 687 | 1 486 | 1 405 |
| Special child care centre (SCCC) | 60 | 761 | 1 281 |
| Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) | 62 | 822 | 925 |
| OPRS | 99 | 3 681 | 3 744 |

Table 4: Age distribution of service users of Small Group Homes for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children [SGHs(MMHC)] in 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020)

| Type of service | Number of service users | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 6 to 8 | Aged 9 to 11 | Aged 12 to 15 | Aged 16 or above |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note] | 8 | 18 | 63 | 36 |

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

**Table 1: Geographical distribution of HCS and ISS
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | | Number of HCS service units | Number of ISS service units |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | Central/Western/Southern & Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 1 | 1 |
| | Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 1 | |
| | Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin | 1 | |
| New Territories | Sha Tin, Tai Po & North and Sai Kung | 1 | 1 |
| | Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai | 1 | |
| | Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi and Tuen Mun | 1 | |
| Total | | 6 | 2 |

**Table 2: Geographical distribution of DSCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 1 |
| Eastern and Wan Chai | 1 |
| Kwun Tong East | 1 |
| Kwun Tong West | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 |
| Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung | 1 |
| Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 |
| Sha Tin | 1 |
| Tai Po | 1 |
| North | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi | 1 |
| Kwai Chung | 1 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 1 |
| Tin Shui Wai | 1 |
| Total | 16 |

**Table 3: Geographical distribution of subvented PRCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Central & Western | 1 |
| Southern | 1 |
| Islands | 1 |
| Eastern | 1 |
| Wan Chai | 1 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 |
| Sai Kung | 1 |
| Kowloon City | 1 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 |
| Sha Tin | 1 |
| Tai Po | 1 |
| North | 1 |
| Tsuen Wan | 1 |
| Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi | 1 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 1 |
| Hong Kong as a whole | 1 |
| Total | 19 |

**Table 4: Geographical distribution of CRDCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Hong Kong Island | 1 |
| Kowloon | 1 |
| New Territories East | 1 |
| New Territories West | 1 |
| Total | 4 |

Table 5: Number of persons waitlisted for pre-school rehabilitation services

| Type of service | Number of waitlisted persons | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| EETC | 5 217 | 5 533 | 2 867 ^[Note 3] | 1 472 ^[Note 3] | 1 001 ^[Note 3] |
| IP | 2 048 | 1 855 | 870 ^[Note 3] | 575 ^[Note 3] | 455 ^[Note 3] |
| SCCC | 1 790 | 2 007 | 1 550 ^[Note 3] | 1 454 ^[Note 3] | 997 ^[Note 3] |
| OPRS ^[Note 1] | N.A. | N.A. | 1 096 ^[Note 3] | 2 276 ^[Note 3] | 1 347 ^[Note 3] |
| Occasional child care service (OCCS) ^[Note 2] | - | - | - | - | - |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

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

^[Note 3] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 6: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

| Type of service | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| EETC | 17.9 | 16.8 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 11.2 |
| IP | 12.3 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 7.5 |
| SCCC | 18.8 | 18.2 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 17.5 |
| OPRS ^[Note 2] | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | 4.8 |
| OCCS ^[Note 3] | - | - | - | - | - |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. Moreover, as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2020-21 is not yet available.

^[Note 2] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

^[Note 3] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

Table 7a: Number of service places of EETCs

| District | Number of service places of EETCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 205 | 385 | 385 | 448 | 448 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 401 | 401 | 401 | 401 | 401 |
| Kwun Tong | 262 | 262 | 328 | 390 | 390 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 416 | 416 | 416 | 416 | 416 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 231 | 231 | 231 | 231 | 231 |
| Sham Shui Po | 274 | 274 | 274 | 400 | 400 |
| Sha Tin | 291 | 291 | 291 | 291 | 291 |
| Tai Po/North | 237 | 387 | 387 | 387 | 387 |
| Yuen Long | 172 | 172 | 172 | 172 | 172 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 406 | 406 | 406 | 406 | 406 |
| Tuen Mun | 229 | 229 | 229 | 229 | 229 |
| Total | 3 124 | 3 454 | 3 520 | 3 771 | 3 771 |

Table 7b: Number of service places of IP

| District | Number of service places of IP | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 |
| Kwun Tong | 228 | 228 | 228 | 228 | 228 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 |
| Sham Shui Po | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| Sha Tin | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 |
| Tai Po/North | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 |
| Yuen Long | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 198 | 198 | 198 | 198 | 198 |
| Tuen Mun | 156 | 156 | 156 | 156 | 156 |
| Total | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 | 1 980 |

Table 7c: Number of service places of SCCCs

| District | Number of service places of SCCCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 199 | 199 | 253 | 253 | 313 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 216 | 216 | 216 | 216 | 216 |
| Kwun Tong | 66 | 66 | 66 | 126 | 186 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 333 | 333 | 333 | 333 | 333 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Sham Shui Po | 205 | 205 | 205 | 205 | 235 |
| Sha Tin | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 |
| Tai Po/North | 227 | 227 | 299 | 299 | 299 |
| Yuen Long | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 | 168 |
| Tuen Mun | 144 | 144 | 144 | 144 | 144 |
| Total | 1 834 | 1 834 | 1 960 | 2 020 | 2 170 |

Table 7d: Number of places of OCCS for disabled children

| District | Number of places of OCCS for disabled children | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Kwun Tong | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 10 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sham Shui Po | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| Sha Tin | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| Tai Po/North | 13 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Tuen Mun | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Total | 94 | 96 | 97 | 97 | 102 |

Table 8a: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 468 | 344 | 216 | 116 | 59 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 494 | 526 | 259 | 121 | 98 |
| Kwun Tong | 518 | 646 | 356 | 148 | 74 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 681 | 748 | 381 | 162 | 119 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 535 | 584 | 336 | 203 | 108 |
| Sham Shui Po | 309 | 303 | 174 | 107 | 50 |
| Sha Tin | 614 | 664 | 298 | 171 | 144 |
| Tai Po/North | 425 | 387 | 180 | 106 | 79 |
| Yuen Long | 329 | 406 | 246 | 144 | 116 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 597 | 584 | 251 | 129 | 75 |
| Tuen Mun | 247 | 341 | 170 | 65 | 79 |
| Total | 5 217 | 5 533 | 2 867 ^[Note] | 1 472 ^[Note] | 1 001 ^[Note] |

^[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8b: Number of persons waitlisted for IP

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for IP | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 119 | 105 | 43 | 27 | 11 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 132 | 121 | 55 | 50 | 37 |
| Kwun Tong | 179 | 166 | 87 | 69 | 69 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 229 | 172 | 91 | 54 | 36 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 200 | 160 | 108 | 82 | 50 |
| Sham Shui Po | 129 | 139 | 67 | 66 | 43 |
| Sha Tin | 248 | 231 | 98 | 54 | 39 |
| Tai Po/North | 285 | 244 | 97 | 68 | 47 |
| Yuen Long | 237 | 199 | 91 | 47 | 56 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 181 | 201 | 75 | 40 | 32 |
| Tuen Mun | 109 | 117 | 58 | 18 | 35 |
| Total | 2 048 | 1 855 | 870 ^[Note] | 575 ^[Note] | 455 ^[Note] |

^[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8c: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCCs

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for SCCCs | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 127 | 138 | 82 | 133 | 61 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 140 | 137 | 108 | 111 | 87 |
| Kwun Tong | 197 | 201 | 143 | 137 | 80 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 223 | 295 | 219 | 173 | 125 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 168 | 190 | 159 | 138 | 102 |
| Sham Shui Po | 115 | 142 | 91 | 79 | 68 |
| Sha Tin | 189 | 252 | 172 | 136 | 94 |
| Tai Po/North | 153 | 150 | 117 | 110 | 73 |
| Yuen Long | 149 | 170 | 174 | 188 | 136 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 234 | 236 | 190 | 156 | 99 |
| Tuen Mun | 95 | 96 | 95 | 93 | 72 |
| Total | 1 790 | 2 007 | 1 550 ^[Note] | 1 454 ^[Note] | 997 ^[Note] |

^[Note] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 8d: Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS ^[Note 1]

| District | Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 90 | 175 | 78 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 106 | 171 | 92 |
| Kwun Tong | 122 | 256 | 151 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 159 | 285 | 142 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 107 | 227 | 110 |
| Sham Shui Po | 58 | 138 | 83 |
| Sha Tin | 88 | 286 | 148 |
| Tai Po/North | 118 | 201 | 125 |
| Yuen Long | 75 | 187 | 175 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 107 | 184 | 138 |
| Tuen Mun | 66 | 166 | 105 |
| Total | 1 096 ^[Note 2] | 2 276 ^[Note 2] | 1 347 ^[Note 2] |

[Note 1] OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

[Note 2] The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now attending transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 9: Cost per place per month of pre-school rehabilitation services

| Type of service | Cost per place per month | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 (Actual) (\$) | 2017-18 (Actual) (\$) | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$) |
| Pre-school rehabilitation services | 8,298 | 8,893 | 8,811 | 9,544 | 10,637 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)093****(Question Serial No. 1658)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is stated under Programme (2) of the Social Welfare Department that the Department will administer the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme to provide Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) to eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who choose to reside in GD and FJ. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who have received OAA and OALA through the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme respectively in the past year.
2. further to the above, the amount involved.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The number of cases and the expenditure on OAA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in 2020-21 are provided as follows:

| Type of allowances | | Number of cases in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 2020-21 Revised Estimate ^[Note] (\$ million) |
|--------------------|------|---|---|
| GD Scheme | OAA | 7 696 | 167 |
| | OALA | 11 589 | 626 |
| FJ Scheme | OAA | 615 | 28 |
| | OALA | 1 331 | 139 |

^[Note] 2020-21 Revised Estimate includes payment of 1 additional month of the allowances in the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)094

(Question Serial No. 1659)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under Programme (2) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) that the Department will implement the time-limited Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the specific measures of the Special Scheme?
2. What is the total number of beneficiaries of the Special Scheme?
3. Further to the above, what is the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. SWD will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)095

(Question Serial No. 1722)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the enhancement measures to strengthen After School Care Programme (ASCP), please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of service places, the number of users and the utilisation rate of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in the past 2 years, broken down by the 18 districts in Hong Kong. Please also advise on the enhancement measures taken.
2. whether the Government has discussed with the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned to increase ASCP places in the coming financial year. If yes, please set out the names of NGOs concerned and additional resources required.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 74)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places, number of users and utilisation rate under the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP in the 18 districts in Hong Kong in the past 2 years (i.e. from 2019-20 to 2020-21) are set out in the Annex.

The Government has regularised the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under the Community Care Fund (CCF) and introduced a host of enhancement measures to strengthen the services and further support the needy families. They include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxation of application eligibility, increase of subsidy level, provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, and streamlining means-test procedures. The enhancement measures were rolled out in October 2020, following the completion of the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under CCF. The additional recurrent expenditure involved is \$65 million. More than 5 700 students and their families are expected to benefit from these measures.

2. The Social Welfare Department will review the demand for the ASCP in each district on a regular basis, and will, in consultation with the relevant NGOs operating the services, provide additional places as necessary having regard to the actual utilisation of fee-waiving places. Furthermore, ASCP centres operated by NGOs can redeploy the service places flexibly to benefit more service users.

Number of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP places and utilisation by district

| District | 2019-2020 | | | | | | 2020-2021 (as at end-December 2020) ^[Note 1] | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | ASCP | | | Enhanced ASCP | | | ASCP | | | Enhanced ASCP | | |
| | No. of places | No. of users | Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] | No. of places | No. of users ^[Note 3] | Utilisation rate ^[Note 4] | No. of places | No. of users | Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] | No. of places | No. of users ^[Note 3] | Utilisation rate ^[Note 4] |
| Central & Western | 90 | 85 | 94% | - | N.A. | | 90 | 29 | 32% | - | N.A. | |
| Southern | 286 | 247 | 86% | 16 | 18 | 73% | 306 | 201 | 66% | 16 | 14 | 5% |
| Islands | 248 | 217 | 88% | 42 | 75 | 82% | 254 | 120 | 47% | 52 | 46 | 70% |
| Eastern | 365 | 298 | 82% | 44 | 67 | 79% | 405 | 282 | 70% | 44 | 57 | 54% |
| Wan Chai | 174 | 153 | 88% | 8 | 10 | 80% | 220 | 169 | 77% | 8 | 7 | 37% |
| Kowloon City | 211 | 175 | 83% | 8 | 19 | 89% | 194 | 148 | 76% | 8 | 12 | 47% |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 171 | 148 | 87% | 20 | 37 | 74% | 155 | 120 | 77% | 20 | 20 | 69% |
| Sham Shui Po | 262 | 225 | 86% | 43 | 80 | 57% | 329 | 237 | 72% | 43 | 42 | 24% |
| Kwun Tong | 485 | 438 | 90% | 14 | 27 | 72% | 557 | 345 | 62% | 14 | 11 | 48% |
| Wong Tai Sin | 387 | 356 | 92% | 12 | 11 | 74% | 374 | 227 | 61% | 12 | 11 | 61% |
| Sai Kung | 125 | 115 | 92% | - | N.A. | | 142 | 121 | 85% | - | N.A. | |
| Sha Tin | 623 | 592 | 95% | 54 | 102 | 83% | 688 | 406 | 59% | 54 | 72 | 45% |
| Tai Po | 203 | 199 | 98% | 6 | 2 | 15% | 224 | 130 | 58% | 6 | 4 | 34% |
| North | 315 | 224 | 71% | 28 | 22 | 29% | 208 | 160 | 77% | 24 | 5 | 8% |
| Yuen Long | 412 | 355 | 86% | 91 | 94 | 70% | 502 | 300 | 60% | 95 | 100 | 59% |
| Tsuen Wan | 175 | 153 | 87% | 8 | 11 | 53% | 191 | 90 | 47% | 8 | 13 | 59% |
| Kwai Tsing | 503 | 425 | 84% | 69 | 77 | 69% | 458 | 358 | 78% | 76 | 93 | 79% |
| Tuen Mun | 494 | 411 | 83% | 35 | 32 | 78% | 476 | 273 | 57% | 35 | 38 | 85% |
| Total | 5 529 | 4 816 | 87.1% | 498 | 684 | 70.1% | 5 773 | 3 716 | 64% | 515 | 545 | 55% |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users and utilisation rate over 2019-20.

[Note 2] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 3] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 4] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)096

(Question Serial No. 1726)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list the number of places and average utilisation rate of aided child care centres (CCCs) providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 across the territory in the past 3 years, and details of additional resources required for the next financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)

Reply:

The number of places providing long full-day child care service in aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) and the average utilisation rate by 18 districts in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at December 2020) are set out in the Annex. The estimated expenditure for aided day CCCs in 2021-22 is about \$220 million.

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate in aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service (2018-19)

| District | Aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | Aided standalone CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note] | |
| | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 462 | 33 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 294 | 67 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 284 | 36 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 356 | 65 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100 | 158 | 77 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 563 | 85 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 405 | 79 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 758 | 39 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 517 | 53 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 217 | 95 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100 | 307 | 70 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 425 | 85 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 182 | 76 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 315 | 62 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 367 | 91 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 100 | 210 | 81 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 374 | 81 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 511 | 70 |
| Total | 747 | 100 | 6 705 | 66 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2018. They only include service places of aided CCCs attached to KGs providing long full-day service for children aged below 3.

**Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate
in aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service
(2019-20)**

| District | Aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | Aided standalone CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note] | |
| | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 459 | 30 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 343 | 60 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 195 | 35 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 361 | 63 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 99 | 161 | 76 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 582 | 83 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 379 | 78 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 609 | 49 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 479 | 56 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 240 | 87 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 99 | 304 | 69 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 450 | 82 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 189 | 65 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 282 | 61 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 340 | 92 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 99 | 223 | 76 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 410 | 64 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 510 | 67 |
| Total | 747 | 100 | 6 516 | 66 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019. They only include service places of aided CCCs attached to KGs providing long full-day service for children aged below 3.

**Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate
in aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service
(April to December 2020)**

| District | Aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | Aided standalone CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note] | |
| | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 509 | 25 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 342 | 54 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 311 | 23 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 347 | 53 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 96 | 170 | 63 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 527 | 75 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 363 | 79 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 907 | 30 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 99 | 536 | 45 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 98 | 276 | 73 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100 | 299 | 62 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 98 | 458 | 72 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 297 | 41 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 331 | 49 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 343 | 87 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 83 | 241 | 69 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 432 | 60 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 455 | 64 |
| Total | 747 | 98 | 7 144 | 54 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020. They only include service places of aided CCCs attached to KGs providing long full-day service for children aged below 3.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)097

(Question Serial No. 1728)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With regard to enhancing clinical psychological support for children under foster care and strengthening supervisory support for subsidised child care centres (CCCs), please inform this Committee of:

1. the funding and staffing establishment involved;
2. the details and services covered; and
3. the additional resources required for the next financial year.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

To support children and youth with special learning needs/emotional and behavioural problems receiving foster care service, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has taken forward "Agency-based Enhancement of Clinical Psychological Support Services for Children under Foster Care" since October 2020 so that they can receive related services and support while waiting for long-term clinical psychological service. The services provided include case assessments, clinical consultations/treatments, and training for foster care workers and foster parents. The annual provision involved is about \$3.7 million.

To further strengthen the supervisory support for aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens), SWD has provided Subsidy for Assistant Supervisor to aided CCCs since February 2021 to improve their service quality. Aided CCCs receiving the subsidy should employ additional child care worker or nominate existing child care worker to assist the child care supervisor in handling supervision and administration work. The annual provision involved is about \$37.9 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)098****(Question Serial No. 0865)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the information required in the table below:

- (i) the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants paid for various items under “grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear” in the past 3 years (from 2018-19 to 2020-21);
- (ii) the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants paid for various items under “primary producer grants” in the past 3 years (from 2018-19 to 2020-21); and
- (iii) the number of cases where grants were paid by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants paid for various items under “special grants” in the past 3 years (from 2018-19 to 2020-21).

| | 2018-19 | | | 2019-20 | | | 2020-21 | | |
|--|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | No. of cases | Average amount of grants per case (\$) | Total amount of grants paid | No. of cases | Average amount of grants per case (\$) | Total amount of grants paid | No. of cases | Average amount of grants per case (\$) | Total amount of grants paid |
| Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary producer grants | | | | | | | | | |
| Special grants | | | | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

| | 2018-19 | | | 2019-20 | | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | | |
|--|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | No. of cases | Average amount of grants per case (\$) | Total amount of grants paid (\$) | No. of cases | Average amount of grants per case (\$) | Total amount of grants paid (\$) | No. of cases | Average amount of grants per case (\$) | Total amount of grants paid (\$) |
| (i) Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear | 104 | 13,055 | 1,357,752 | 3 | 80,183 | 240,549 | - | - | - |
| (ii) Primary producer grants | 3 306 | 5,733 | 18,954,634 | 1 223 | 3,516 | 4,299,517 | 1 | 27,792 | 27,792 |
| (iii) Special grants | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)099

(Question Serial No. 0530)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has implemented the measure of “two school social workers for each school” in secondary schools since the 2019/20 school year. At that time, there were 463 eligible schools, involving an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of around \$313.2 million. Additional resources were allocated among 34 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating secondary school social work services. Would the Government advise this Committee:

- (a) the estimated expenditure on school social work services for 2021/22, and of which, the estimated expenditure involved in secondary school social work services;
- (b) the number of NGOs having been allocated with resources to operate secondary school social work services; please also set out in table form the name of each NGO having been allocated with resources and the amount of allocation received; and
- (c) the service output and outcome achieved by each school social worker; please also set out in table form the respective overall compliance rates for each indicator in the 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 school years (if applicable).

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) & (b) NGOs are subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to provide school social work service in secondary schools. The estimated expenditure on school social work service in secondary schools in 2021-22 is \$774.6 million. The resources will be allocated to 34 NGOs operating school social work service in secondary schools. The names of the NGOs are set out in the Annex.
- (c) The current output and outcome standards required for each school social worker are set out below:

| Output standard | Agreed level of output indicator |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Total number of cases handled in a year: 50 ^[Note 1] |
| 2 | Total number of cases closed having achieved the agreed |

| Output standard | Agreed level of output indicator |
|-----------------|---|
| | goal within a year: 16 ^[Note 1] |
| 3 | Total number of group/programme sessions conducted within a year (excluding orientation programmes): 40 |
| 4 | Total number of consultations within a year: 380 |
| 5 | Total number of collaboration meetings with school personnel within a year: 5 ^[Note 1] |

^[Note 1] In view of the increasing complexity and diversity of student problems, school social workers have to provide students with more in-depth counselling and support services. After reviewing the service performance standards with 34 NGOs operating secondary school social work service, SWD has adjusted the agreed level of output indicators since 2019-20.

| Outcome standard | Agreed level of outcome indicator |
|------------------|--|
| 1 | Percentage of cases closed having achieved the goal agreed with service users in a year: 75% |
| 2 | Percentage of groups completed having achieved the goal agreed with group members in a year: 60% |

The overall compliance rates for output and outcome indicators achieved by school social workers are set out below:

| Year | Overall compliance rates for each output and outcome indicator |
|---------|--|
| 2018-19 | 100 |
| 2019-20 | N.A. ^[Note 2] |
| 2020-21 | N.A. ^[Note 3] |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 2] SWD has implemented the measure of “two school social workers for each school” in secondary schools starting from the 2019/20 school year, and adjusted the agreed level of output indicators accordingly since 2019-20. To meet the special needs of secondary school students arising from social incidents, some schools have advanced the implementation of the new measure and adopted the agreed adjusted level of output indicators at different times of the summer holiday. Therefore, a standardised calculation for valid compliance rates is unavailable.

^[Note 3] As 2020-21 has not yet ended, the overall compliance rates of the services for the year is not available at the moment.

NGOs Operating School Social Work Service in Secondary Schools

| S/N | Name of NGOs |
|-----|--|
| 1 | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre |
| 2 | The ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association |
| 3 | Asbury Methodist Social Service |
| 4 | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service |
| 5 | The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong |
| 6 | The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong |
| 7 | Caritas - Hong Kong |
| 8 | Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong |
| 9 | Christian Family Service Centre |
| 10 | The Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited |
| 11 | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong |
| 12 | Hong Kong Children and Youth Services |
| 13 | Hong Kong Christian Service |
| 14 | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society |
| 15 | The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups |
| 16 | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited |
| 17 | Hong Kong PHAB Association |
| 18 | Hong Kong Playground Association |
| 19 | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited |
| 20 | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association |
| 21 | International Social Service Hong Kong Branch |
| 22 | Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service |
| 23 | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare |
| 24 | The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council |
| 25 | Po Leung Kuk |
| 26 | The Salvation Army |
| 27 | Scout Association of Hong Kong |
| 28 | St. James' Settlement |
| 29 | Stewards |
| 30 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals |
| 31 | Yan Chai Hospital |
| 32 | Yan Oi Tong |
| 33 | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service |
| 34 | Zion Social Service Limited |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)100

(Question Serial No. 1748)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government is currently implementing 66 new projects to provide about 8 800 residential care additional places for the elderly and about 2 800 subsidised day care service places for the elderly in the coming few years. In this connection, please advise this Committee the following:

1. whether the Government will collaborate with non-profit-making organisations for some of the aforesaid new projects; if yes, the number of these projects;
2. the manpower and expenditure involved for the aforesaid new projects;
3. whether consultancy firms have been engaged for the aforesaid new projects; if yes, the expenditure involved; and
4. the distribution of the 8 800 residential care places for the elderly and about 2 800 subsidised day care service places for the elderly in various districts.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Regarding the new residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), the Government will select operators that can provide the best services for the elderly residents through open tender to ensure the service quality. All eligible private organisations and non-governmental organisations can participate in the tender.

As regards the new day care centres for the elderly (DEs), the Government will invite eligible non-profit-making charitable institutions, which are exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112), to submit operation proposals. Service operators will then be selected by a vetting committee.

As the tendering work for the new projects/selection of operators has yet to be commenced, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of collaborating organisations.

2. As calculations of the manpower and expenditure involved in the new projects will be subject to the official service commencement of the facilities concerned and the number of service places, etc., SWD does not have the relevant information.
3. The Government is implementing 66 development projects. SWD has undertaken the role as the works agent for 2 of these development projects. Both projects have engaged consultancy to conduct technical feasibility studies, detailed design and project management work, involving an expenditure of about \$7.8 million.
4. About 8 800 residential care places for the elderly (including subsidised and non-subsidised places) and about 2 800 day care service places for the elderly are expected to come on stream progressively in the coming few years under the aforesaid 66 development projects. The information on the relevant projects is set out in the Annex.

Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs (as at end-December 2020)

| District | Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs/DEs & day care units for the elderly (DCUs) | Estimated number of additional care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and nursing home places [Note] | Estimated number of additional DE/DCU places |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Eastern | Joint User Complex at Lei King Road | 200 | - |
| | Joint User Complex at Siu Sai Wan Road, Siu Sai Wan | 100 | 60 |
| | Comprehensive redevelopment of Ming Wah Dai Ha (Hong Kong Housing Society) | 150 | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Cheung Man Road, Chai Wan | - | 60 |
| Wan Chai | Private development in a land sale site at Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay | - | 60 |
| Central & Western | Joint User Complex at Chung Kong Road, Sheung Wan | - | 120 |
| Islands | Public housing development at Area 100, Tung Chung | - | 40 |
| | Joint User Complex at Area 107, Tung Chung | 200 | 30 |
| | Public housing development at Area 42, Tung Chung | 150 | - |
| Kwun Tong | Public housing development at Wang Chiu Road (Phase 1), Kwun Tong | 100 | 20 |
| | Public housing development at Hiu Ming Street, Kwun Tong | 100 | 30 |
| | URA development at Hang On Street, Kwun Tong | - | 4 |
| | Public housing development at Yan Wing Street (Lei Yue Mun Estate Phase 4), Kwun Tong | 250 | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong | 250 | 20 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Public housing redevelopment at Mei Tung Estate, Wong Tai Sin | 150 | 80 |
| Sai Kung | Conversion of Ex-Sai Kung Central Primary School | 100 | 30 |
| | Public housing development at Ying Yip Road, Tseung Kwan O | - | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Pak Shing Kok Road, Tseung Kwan O (the site to the East of Hong Kong Movie City) | 150 | - |
| | Public housing development at Yau Yue Wan Village Road, Tseung Kwan O | 150 | - |
| | Private development at Area 86 LOHAS Park, Tseung Kwan O | - | 48 |
| | Joint-user building at Anderson Road Quarry Site G2 (1 planned DCU and 1 planned DE) | 100 | 30 40 |
| | Joint-user building at Area 67 (junction of Po Yap Road and Tong Yin Street), Tseung Kwan O | - | 60 |
| Kowloon City | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 1F Site 1, Kowloon City (2 planned RCHE projects and 2 planned DEs) | 200 | 60 |
| | | 200 | 60 |

| District | Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs/DEs & day care units for the elderly (DCUs) | Estimated number of additional care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and nursing home places [Note] | Estimated number of additional DE/DCU places |
|---------------|---|--|--|
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 1 | 200 | - |
| | Public housing development of the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) at Kai Tak Area 1E Site 1 (1 planned DCU and 1 planned DE) | 250 | 30 60 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4A Site 2 (1 planned DCU and 1 planned DE) | 200 | 30 60 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 4B Site 5 | 200 | 30 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 4, Area 2A Site 5(B) & Area 2A Site 10 (2 planned RCHE projects and 2 planned DCUs) | 150 150 | 30 30 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at Kai Tak Area 2A Site 1 | 200 | 30 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Private development at Sai Yee Street and Mong Kok East Station | - | 60 |
| | Private development in a land sale site at the junction of Soy Street and Shanghai Street | - | 40 |
| Sham Shui Po | Hoi Tat Estate Ancillary Facilities Block (Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 6) | 100 | - |
| | Seaside Sonata (URA development at Hai Tan Street/Kweilin Street/Pei Ho Street) | - | 4 |
| | Treasury Building, Cheung Sha Wan | - | 40 |
| | Public housing development at North West Kowloon Reclamation Site 1 | 100 | - |
| | Public housing redevelopment at Pak Tin Estate (Phase 13) | - | 40 |
| | Comprehensive Development Area development encompassed by Lai Hong Street, Fat Tseung Street West, Sham Mong Road and West Kowloon Corridor and a small strip of Government land on Lai Hong Street, Cheung Sha Wan | 100 | 60 |
| | Joint-user building at Po Lun Street | - | 60 |
| Sha Tin | Public housing development at Shek Mun Estate Phase II | 150 | 30 |
| | Public housing development at Sha Tin Areas 16 & 58D, Fo Tan (Chun Yeung Estate, Fo Tan) | 100 | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Hang Tai Road, Ma On Shan (Yan On Estate Extension) | 100 | 60 |
| | Private residential development at upper end of Ma On Shan Tsuen Road | 150 | - |
| | Public housing development at lower end of Ma On Shan Tsuen Road | - | 80 |
| Tai Po | Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Ching Primary School, Fu Shin Estate | 130 | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Chung Nga Road East and Tai Po Area 9 | 100 | 60 |

| District | Sites earmarked for constructing new contract RCHEs/DEs & day care units for the elderly (DCUs) | Estimated number of additional care-and-attention places providing a continuum of care and nursing home places [Note] | Estimated number of additional DE/DCU places |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| | Private residential development in a land sale site at the junction of Yau King Lane and Pok Yin Road, Pak Shek Kok | 100 | - |
| | Private residential development at Sai Sha, Shap Sze Heung | 100 | 30 |
| | Public housing development at East of Cheung Muk Tau Village | 150 | 80 |
| North | Public housing development at Choi Yuen Road, Sheung Shui | 100 | 40 |
| | Public housing development at Queen's Hill, Fanling | 150 | 60 |
| | Mixed housing development at Pak Wo Road, Fanling | 150 | - |
| | Joint user development of the North District Community Health Centre | - | 60 |
| | Kwu Tung North New Development Area 29 Multi-welfare Services Complex | 1 750 | 40 |
| | Public housing development at Site 1, Areas 4 & 30, Sheung Shui | 100 | - |
| | Subsidised housing development at Jockey Club Road, Fanling | 100 | - |
| Tuen Mun | Conversion of Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School, Leung King Estate | 100 | - |
| | Private residential development at ex-Kwong Choi Market | 100 | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Tuen Mun Area 29 West | 100 | - |
| | Public housing development at Site 1&1A in Tuen Mun Area 54 | - | 60 |
| | Public housing development at Wu Shan Road | 150 | 20 |
| | Re-development of Tuen Mun Clinic | 200 | - |
| Yuen Long | Private residential development at Kam Tin North | - | 60 |
| Kwai Tsing | Public housing development at Ching Hong Road North, Tsing Yi | 150 | 60 |
| | Public housing development at San Kwai Street | - | 60 |
| Tsuen Wan | Public Housing development near Cheung Shan Estate (1 planned DCU and 1 planned DE) | 100 | 30 60 |
| | Public housing development at Ex-Kwai Chung Public School site and its adjoining Government land | 250 | 60 |
| Total | 66 projects | 8 780 | 2 766 |

[Note] Figures include both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places for the elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)101

(Question Serial No. 1749)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) was set up in December 2018 to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and try out technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users and reduce the burden and pressure of care staff and carers. The Government has earmarked \$1 billion for setting up the I&T Fund. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

1. of the number of applications received from elderly and rehabilitation service units and the administrative cost involved in the past 3 years; and
2. whether statistics have been compiled on the main types of technology products procured by elderly and rehabilitation service units; if yes, the details.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

The Government launched the \$1 billion I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure/rent and try out technology products, with a view to improving the life of service users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. As at December 2020, about 600 residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities, and over 1 000 service units providing subsidised community care and support services/day rehabilitation and community support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities were eligible for applying for the Fund. 3 tranches of grants totalling over \$200 million had been approved for about 970 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 4 200 items of technology products. The types of products that got more applications for procurement from the service units included smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment and assessment tools for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, tilt-in-space/height adjustable commode/shower chair, wireless health monitoring equipment, companion robot, and anti-wandering system, etc. For fourth tranche application closed on 2 November 2020, applications for a total of about 3 000 items of technology products from about 640 service units were received. Vetting is underway.

In 2018-19, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up a secretariat to co-ordinate operation of the I&T Fund and support the Assessment Panel, involving 11 time-limited posts covering social work officer grade and general supporting grades, in order to cope with the operational need of the secretariat. SWD has also commissioned the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) to promote the use of technology products among social welfare organisations and carers. In this connection, SWD has allocated an additional recurrent funding of about \$3.75 million to HKCSS to increase manpower.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)102

(Question Serial No. 1763)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In view of manpower shortage of care staff and the ageing problem, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of different ranks of care staff employed in subsidised elderly service units, their age and salary over the past 3 years;
2. the number of training places for front-line care staff and that of graduates over the past 3 years;
3. the number of new recruits of front-line care staff and their turnover rate; and
4. how the Government will attract young people to join the elderly service sector.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on different ranks of care staff and new recruits of front-line care staff in subsidised elderly service units.
2. As at 31 December 2020, a total of 29 training organisations were approved by the Director of Social Welfare under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation to organise 43 health worker training courses applicable to residential care homes for the elderly. Currently, there are different organisations in Hong Kong offering other elderly service training courses for different types of front-line care staff. Since these courses are not provided or approved by SWD, SWD does not have the number of training places and graduates.
4. The Government has implemented the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) since July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at the end of December 2020, the Navigation Scheme recruited a total of 1 158 trainees. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young people participating in the Navigation Scheme were also provided with government

subsidies to pursue a relevant two-year part-time diploma course. SWD continues to provide a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies have started recruiting trainees under the enhanced scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting about 400 trainees so far.

The Government has allocated additional recurrent provision since June 2018 for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, ward attendants and home helpers, thereby enabling these subsidised service units to recruit and retain front-line care staff more effectively.

In addition, the Government launched the \$1 billion “Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care” in December 2018 to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units in the procurement/rental and trial use of technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers.

SWD arranged a series of publicity work, including advertising on newspapers, in November 2020 to promote the care sector so as to attract more individuals to join the sector.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)103

(Question Serial No. 1764)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will provide an additional 1 500 subsidised places under home care services for the elderly this year, involving an annual expenditure of about \$150 million. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. the distribution of the 1 500 subsidised places in various districts; and
2. the manpower and expenditure involved for the subsidised places?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The Government will provide an additional 1 500 service places for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in April 2021, involving an additional full-year expenditure of \$150 million. The geographical distribution of the additional service places is set out in the Annex.

Number of additional service places for IHCS(FC)

| District ^[Note] | No. of service places |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Central & Western | 40 |
| Eastern | 140 |
| Wan Chai | 30 |
| Southern | 60 |
| Kwun Tong | 220 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 160 |
| Sai Kung | 70 |
| Kowloon City | 65 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 30 |
| Sham Shui Po | 60 |
| Sha Tin | 120 |
| Tai Po | 70 |
| North | 80 |
| Yuen Long | 40 |
| Tuen Mun | 90 |
| Tsuen Wan | 80 |
| Kwai Tsing | 145 |
| Total | 1 500 |

[Note] 25 additional service places have been provided in the Islands District since October 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)104

(Question Serial No. 0419)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects) under the Programme, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The number of applications, beneficiaries and meal-days served under the Projects in the past 2 years;
2. further to the above, please set out the information by service area under the Projects;
3. in the past 2 years, among the cases receiving food assistance at an average duration under the Projects, how many of them needed to extend the service duration to more than 8 weeks? What was the percentage of reapplication within a year out of the total number of cases under the Projects;
4. whether the benefits under the Projects would continue in the light of the economic situation, including a service period of up to 16 weeks for the needy and eligible citizens to help them tide over the difficult period;
5. whether the Government would integrate the resources provided under the Projects and by the society to facilitate people in need to seek food assistance;
6. the details of providing additional resources and regularising the Projects as mentioned under the Programme. What is the annual budget involved?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Projects have been implemented since 2009. The number of applications, beneficiaries and meal-days provided by the operating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) over the past 2 years by service area are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.
3. & 4. The Projects provide a one-off basic food assistance to eligible individuals or families for a period of up to 8 weeks. The operating NGOs may extend the period beyond 8 weeks, depending on the special needs of individual applicants and their families. Among the cases granted, the number of cases given an

extension of service (including those cases receiving first round of food assistance for less than 8 weeks) in 2019-20 and 2020-21 totalled 20 472. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have other information sought. To aid the unemployed and underemployed during the epidemic, starting from 1 June 2021, the Government will relax the asset limit requirements of the Projects, pitching to those of the Working Family Allowance Scheme, for a limited period of 12 months, subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee. The relaxed measure is expected to benefit about 120 000 additional service users.

5. At present, there are 8 Projects operated by NGOs and funded by SWD that provide territory-wide services. The Government does not have plans to integrate community-driven food assistance into the Projects for the time being.
6. The Government will regularise the Projects upon completion of the existing service contracts in August 2021, and has earmarked a sum of \$415 million to meet its recurrent expenditure. The provision is expected to benefit about 60 000 to 80 000 service users each year. Upon regularisation, the Projects will be included in the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System to provide steady financial and manpower resources.

Table 1: Number of Applications by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Applications | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 2 553 | 3 028 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 086 | 2 463 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 1 308 | 1 627 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 2 414 | 2 120 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 518 | 2 102 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 2 192 | 2 472 |
| Tuen Mun | 602 | 625 |
| Yuen Long | 1 617 | 1 295 |
| Total | 14 290 | 15 732 |

Table 2: Number of Beneficiaries by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Beneficiaries ^[Note] | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 7 351 | 8 905 |
| Kwun Tong | 6 505 | 7 523 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 3 895 | 4 863 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 6 928 | 6 020 |
| Sham Shui Po | 4 524 | 6 025 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 6 158 | 6 375 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 734 | 1 809 |
| Yuen Long | 4 703 | 3 636 |
| Total | 41 798 | 45 156 |

[Note] Service users may use the service for more than once.

Table 3: Number of Meals Provided by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Meals Served | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 392 360 | 478 634 |
| Kwun Tong | 528 217 | 611 379 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung | 334 295 | 456 631 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 341 347 | 333 833 |
| Sham Shui Po | 254 675 | 322 598 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 320 145 | 320 449 |
| Tuen Mun | 159 509 | 180 613 |
| Yuen Long | 401 316 | 329 157 |
| Total | 2 731 864 | 3 033 294 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)105

(Question Serial No. 0554)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding “the launch of a five-year scheme to provide full subsidies for private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to join accreditation schemes” mentioned under the Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of private RCHEs receiving accreditation each year since the launch of the scheme, and its percentage of all private RCHEs;
2. the effectiveness of the scheme over the past year, and how the Government will encourage accredited homes to remain accredited and the percentage of homes having remained accredited;
3. whether the number of accredited homes will be set as an indicator for the scheme; and
4. the number of accredited homes among the private homes providing EA1 places, the number of such homes applying for accreditation, and the number of such homes not having applied for accreditation; whether the Department has requested unaccredited RCHEs providing bought places to apply for accreditation or taken any follow-up actions?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service. The subsidy scheme aims at encouraging private RCHEs to improve their service quality on a continuous basis through joining independent accreditation schemes for an objective assessment of their services by certification bodies.

Over 500 private RCHEs throughout the territory can participate in the subsidy scheme. As at the end of February 2021, there were 162 private RCHEs (including 73 EA1 homes participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)) registered for joining approved accreditation schemes included under the subsidy scheme. These include the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology

Accreditation Division and the Residential Care Home for the Elderly Certification Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency.

The Government has all along encouraged the sector to actively join independent accreditation schemes. In the selection of RCHEs for participating in the EBPS, SWD will consider whether the RCHE concerned has participated in any accreditation scheme as one of the selection criteria. Starting from April 2020, SWD has also included a condition in the service agreement of EBPS, requiring operators of all private RCHEs participating in the EBPS to join approved accreditation schemes provided by approved certification bodies and be accredited during the contract period.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)106

(Question Serial No. 2755)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under this Programme that the Department “enhanced the provision of cross-boundary social service”. Please provide:

1. the number of Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above taking up long-term residence in Guangdong and Fujian Provinces in the past 3 years;
2. the number of Hong Kong residents taking up long-term residence in the Mainland in the past 3 years;
3. the details of the cross-boundary social service, service target and the number of persons served, as well as the expenditure involved in various services by the Department in the past 3 years; and
4. What projects does the Government plan to undertake to enhance “the provision of cross-boundary social service” in the future? Please list the details of the cross-boundary social service to be enhanced, service target and the estimated expenditure for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above taking up long-term residence in Guangdong, Fujian and Hong Kong residents in other parts of the Mainland.
3. & 4. A non-governmental organisation is subvented by SWD to provide support services for cross-boundary families, so as to assist individuals and families in tackling and resolving issues arising from separation of family members (in the Mainland/other countries). Services include intake enquiries, counselling, various groups and activities as well as referrals so as to identify and guard against family problems at an early stage. The service agency also operates an enquiry hotline to offer professional advice, counselling and referral services for new arrivals of Hong Kong so that social workers can tender suitable assistance and follow-up on their service needs. The service agency tasked to handle cross-

boundary families had handled 379, 644 and 1 001 cases (including repeat use of the service delivery) in the 3 financial years of 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) respectively. The 2018-19 Actual Expenditure, 2019-20 Actual Expenditure and 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the above services are \$7.7 million, \$8 million and \$9 million respectively. To enhance cross- boundary support service, SWD has provided additional manpower support to the service agency tasked to handle cross-boundary family service in 2020-21, which involved a recurrent expenditure of about \$1.86 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)107

(Question Serial No. 2756)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under the Programme that the Department provided “subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to enrol in Qualifications Framework-based training courses.” Please advise:

1. the number of home managers, health workers and care workers of RCHEs and RCHDs who have obtained relevant qualifications each year since the implementation of the scheme, and their percentage of the total number of practitioners;
2. the number of home managers, health workers and care workers of RCHEs and RCHDs who have enrolled in approved courses each year since the implementation of the scheme, and the passing rate of the examinations;
3. the average wage level of home managers, health workers and care workers of RCHEs and RCHDs in the past 3 years, and whether the Department has assessed and reviewed the correlation between the pay trend and the qualifications attained;
4. whether the Department will provide relevant training courses for lay persons so that they can work as home managers, health workers and care workers in residential care homes; if yes, the details; and
5. the number of training places of the above courses in the future, the expenditure to be involved, the expected increase in the number of professionals working in residential care homes; whether the future amendments of requirements in the ordinances and codes of practice in respect of residential care homes can be met.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 73)

Reply:

To continuously enhance the service quality of RCHEs and RCHDs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched a five-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs in the territory to enrol in Qualifications Framework-based training courses. SWD will provide training subsidies for the homes concerned so that proper manpower arrangements

can be made to maintain the operation while the health workers and care workers are taking the courses. As at the end of December 2020, a total of about 1 200 home staff had enrolled in the training courses under the scheme. During the COVID-19 epidemic, RCHEs and RCHDs have to focus on stepping up various anti-epidemic measures. It is expected that more home staff will enrol in the training courses under the scheme when the epidemic subsides.

As at the end of December 2020, a total of 29 training organisations were approved by SWD to organise 53 health worker training courses applicable to RCHEs and/or RCHDs for the enrolment of individuals intending to apply for registration as health workers.

SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places starting from 2015-16 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young people participating in the Navigation Scheme were also provided with government subsidies to pursue a relevant two-year part-time diploma course. As at the end of December 2020, the Navigation Scheme recruited a total of 1 158 trainees, of whom 529 have graduated.

The Government continues with the operation of the Navigation Scheme to provide a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and has rolled out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies have started recruiting trainees under the enhanced scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting about 400 trainees so far.

There are different organisations in Hong Kong offering elderly and rehabilitation service training courses for different types of front-line care staff. Since these courses are not provided or approved by SWD, SWD does not have the relevant information.

SWD does not have information on the average salaries of home managers, health workers and care workers of the RCHEs and RCHDs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)108

(Question Serial No. 2757)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme under the Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of elderly persons joining the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, and the amount of assistance paid over the past 3 years;
2. further to the above, the number of elderly persons receiving the Old Age Allowance (OAA), the Normal Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) and the Higher OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.
2. the number of elderly persons who left the schemes because of death and those who have switched to receiving assistance in Hong Kong (HK) over the past 3 years;
3. the number of cases involving elderly persons residing in the Mainland seeking support from the Department over the past 3 years, and the amount and increase of expenditure on such service in the coming year;
4. Cross-boundary travel between HK and Mainland China has been put to a halt since last year due to the epidemic. As a result, some elderly persons are unable to meet the requirement of applying for the schemes (i.e. having resided in HK continuously for at least 1 year before the date of application). In view of the situation, will the Government exercise discretion to allow eligible elderly persons who have met the age requirement to apply for the schemes?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of elderly recipients under the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, and the expenditure involved from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.
2. The number of elderly recipients under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by the type of allowance are set out in Table 2 of the Annex. Statistics on the number of elderly persons under the PCSSA Scheme, the GD

Scheme and the FJ Scheme having passed away or returned to HK for personal reasons from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.

3. The Cross-boundary and Inter-country Social Service, subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), assists HK residents in tackling individual and family issues arising from separation of family members. HK residents (including elderly persons currently residing in the Mainland) may seek assistance as necessary from the service provider. Service content includes enquiry, counselling and referral services. The 2018-19 Actual Expenditure, 2019-20 Actual Expenditure and 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the service are \$7.7 million, \$8 million and \$9 million respectively. SWD does not have statistics on cases involving HK elderly persons residing in the Mainland seeking support from the Department.
4. In view of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Director of Social Welfare will give consideration to disregard absences from HK of applicants or recipients of the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme (including OAA, OALA, Disability Allowance, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) who, owing to the epidemic, fail to satisfy the relevant HK residence requirement.

Table 1: Number of elderly recipients and expenditure involved

| Year ^[Note 1] | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | Number of elderly recipients ^[Note 2] | Total expenditure (\$ million) | Number of elderly recipients ^[Note 2] | Total expenditure (\$ million) | Number of elderly recipients ^[Note 2] | Total expenditure (\$ million) |
| PCSSA Scheme | 1 206 | 69 | 1 089 | 64 | 964 | 55 |
| GD Scheme ^[Note 3] | 16 568 | 336 | 18 465 | 360 | 19 285 | 793 |
| FJ Scheme ^[Note 3] | 1 656 | 22 | 1 795 | 37 | 1 946 | 167 |

[Note 1] The 2018-19 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme. The 2019-20 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 2] The number of cases in 2018-19 and 2019-20 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2020-21 is the figure as at end-December 2020.

[Note 3] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is effective from 1 January 2020.

Table 2: Number of elderly recipients under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme by type of allowance

| Year | GD Scheme ^[Note] | | | FJ Scheme ^[Note] | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | OAA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA | OAA | Normal OALA | Higher OALA |
| 2018-19 | 16 568 | N.A. | N.A. | 1 656 | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2019-20 | 9 776 | 629 | 8 060 | 785 | 31 | 979 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 7 696 | 787 | 10 802 | 615 | 45 | 1 286 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is effective from 1 January 2020.

Table 3: Number of cases leaving the schemes

| Year ^[Note 1] | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| | (i) Death | (ii) Return to HK for personal reasons | (i) Death | (ii) Return to HK for personal reasons | (i) Death | (ii) Return to HK for personal reasons |
| PCSSA Scheme | 142 | 60 | 118 | 36 | 79 | 19 |
| GD Scheme ^[Note 2] | 627 | 1 147 | 588 | 1 898 | 376 | 2 820 |
| FJ Scheme ^{[Note 2][Note 3]} | 20 | 19 | 31 | 915 | 39 | 290 |

[Note 1] The number of cases in 2018-19 and 2019-20 is the figure as at the end of the respective financial years, whereas the number of cases in 2020-21 is the figure as at end-December 2020.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is effective from 1 January 2020.

[Note 3] 2018-19 is the first year of implementation of the FJ Scheme (effective from 1 April 2018).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)109

(Question Serial No. 2758)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, the Guangdong (GD) Scheme, the Fujian (FJ) Scheme and the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Scheme) under the Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of elderly persons participating in the Scheme over the past 3 years;
2. elderly persons participating in the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme, the FJ Scheme and the Scheme are unable to return to Hong Kong (HK) to attend follow-up consultation and receive other government services due to the epidemic. Their relatives in HK are also unable to pay them a visit. Before the full resumption of border crossing arrangements, how will the Government enhance care support for the elderly persons and maintain close contact with them, and what is the estimated expenditure for the relevant support measures?
3. whether the Government will collaborate with Mainland authorities or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to allow family members or NGOs to pay regular visits to elderly persons from HK residing in the Mainland before resumption of border crossing arrangements;
4. elderly persons from HK residing in the Mainland may not be able to return to HK to participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme due to border crossing arrangements. Will the Government liaise with Mainland authorities or the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital (HKUSZH) to provide free vaccination for elderly persons from HK? If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong in June 2014, and has regularised it since January 2020 to continue to provide an alternative for elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised care-and-attention places. As at the end of December 2020, 225 elderly persons have chosen to reside in the Hong Kong Jockey Club

Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights, and 34 in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly.

In 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), a total of 147, 164 and 157 elderly persons participating in the Scheme were admitted to the 2 homes respectively.

2. & 3. SWD has appointed non-governmental organisation through contracts as SWD's Agent for implementing the PCSSA Scheme, and the Old Age Allowance and Old Age Living Allowance under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme. During the epidemic, SWD's Agent has continued to provide assistance to elderly persons who are unable to travel to Hong Kong for the application procedures, conduct case reviews and provide enquiry services, etc.

During the epidemic, the 2 homes under the Scheme have assisted elderly residents in need to maintain communication with their families through video or telephone calls, and have arranged mainland volunteers to care for elderly residents.

4. According to the information provided by the Food and Health Bureau/ Department of Health, the Government's goal is to provide COVID-19 vaccines for the majority of the Hong Kong population within 2021 for free and on a voluntary basis. There are 4 channels for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, namely at (i) Community Vaccination Centres in the 18 districts across the territory, (ii) private doctors participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, (iii) 18 general out-patient clinics under the Hospital Authority, and (iv) residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities. The Government's priority at this juncture is to provide vaccines for citizens residing in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)110

(Question Serial No. 2759)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, please advise the following:

1. the number of elderly recipients of OALA in the past 2 years, the number of additional cases each year, and the percentage of these recipients out of elderly persons over the age of 65, with a breakdown by Higher OALA and Normal OALA;
2. the number of OALA applications rejected by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) broken down by reason of rejection in the past 2 years;
3. the number of reviews on OALA cases conducted last year, the number of such cases requiring in-depth investigation, and the manpower and expenditure involved;
4. the number of abuse reports concerning OALA and other allowances under the SSA Scheme received in the past 2 years, the number of such cases requiring follow-up actions by the Department, and the number of such cases which ended up with payments suspended or prosecution;
5. the Chief Executive proposed to reform the OALA scheme in January 2020 by combining Normal and Higher OALA into one. However, the latest news reveals that the implementation timetable of this policy initiative will be reviewed again. What are the future review and implementation timetable? Would it be deferred indefinitely?
6. further to the question above, regarding combining both OALA with a standard monthly payment rate, what will be the manpower and expenditure involved in the review? What will be the estimated additional expenditure if the combined OALA with a standard monthly payment rate is implemented?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of OALA cases and additional cases from 2019-20 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 1 of the Annex

2. The reasons for OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected and the breakdown from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
3. SWD conducted reviews for about 176 000 OALA recipients in 2020-21 to verify their continuous eligibility for the allowance. Since social security staff is responsible for handling cases under various social security schemes (including the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the SSA Scheme, and OALA is one of the allowances under the SSA Scheme), SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of social security staff responsible for handling OALA cases, or the expenditure involved.
4. The number of SSA fraud cases from 2019-20 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex.
5. & 6. In January 2020, the Government proposed that the Normal and Higher OALA (currently at \$2,845 and \$3,815 per month respectively) would be combined and the higher payment rate of OALA would be adopted, as well as to significantly relax the asset limits of OALA (to \$500,000 for elderly singletons and \$750,000 for elderly couples). Some 50 000 current recipients of Normal OALA can receive Higher OALA upon implementation of the aforesaid proposal. Meanwhile, it is estimated that an additional of around 100 000 elderly persons will become eligible for OALA due to the upward adjustment of asset limit. It is estimated that an additional recurrent expenditure amounting to \$5 billion will be incurred by the enhancement measure.

In light of the financial implications of the above measures, it is stated in the 2020 Policy Address that the timing of implementation will be reassessed.

Table 1: Number of OALA cases and additional cases from 2019-20 to 2020-21

| Year | Normal OALA | | Higher OALA | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of cases (Percentage of elderly persons aged 65 or above) | Number of additional cases [Note] | Number of cases (Percentage of elderly persons aged 65 or above) | Number of additional cases [Note] |
| 2019-20 | 50 083 (4%) | 9 358 | 521 946 (38%) | 41 607 |
| 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) | 49 690 (4%) (as at end- December 2020) | 7 996 (as at end- December 2020) | 548 193 (39%) (as at end- December 2020) | 33 313 (as at end- December 2020) |

[Note] The number of additional cases refers to the number of new applications and re-applications for OALA in the year.

Table 2: Reason for OALA new applications and re-applications being rejected and the breakdown from 2019-20 to 2020-21

| Reason | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Excess in assets | 58 | 85 |
| Excess in income | 90 | 107 |
| Not meeting the age requirement | 36 | 56 |
| Not meeting the residence requirement | 2 202 | 253 |
| Absence from Hong Kong [Note] | 72 | 9 |
| Withdrawal | 729 | 721 |
| Lost contact [Note] | 96 | 76 |
| Deceased [Note] | 293 | 241 |
| Switched to CSSA Scheme | 72 | 64 |
| Other reasons | 98 | 85 |
| Total | 3 746 | 1 697 |

[Note] As these applicants failed to complete the application procedures, SWD could not verify if they had met the eligibility criteria.

Table 3: Number of SSA fraud cases from 2019-20 to 2020-21

| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of reports of suspected fraud received | 759 | 662 |
| Number of cases requiring follow-up investigations | 293 | 196 |
| Number of cases successfully prosecuted | 13 | 4 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)111****(Question Serial No. 2760)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the subsidised residential care services for the elderly under this Programme, please provide figures over the past 3 years:

- (1) the number of eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list (CWL) for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places, the additional number of such elderly persons each year, and the annual percentage change;
- (2) the number of elderly persons allocated with residential care places;
- (3) the number of elderly persons having withdrawn their applications;
- (4) the number of cases changed to "inactive" by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for reasons such as applicants having received other care services; and
- (5) the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for the services.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) As at the end of December 2018, the end of December 2019 and the end of December 2020, there were respectively 40 569, 41 011 and 37 525 eligible elderly persons on the CWL for subsidised C&A places and NH places, representing an increase/a decrease of 2 283 (6.0%), 442 (1.1%) and -3 486 (-8.5%) respectively in each of the years.
- (2) to (5) Among the applicants waitlisted for subsidised C&A places and NH places, the numbers of elderly persons having been allocated places, having withdrawn their applications, whose cases were changed to "inactive" and who passed away while waiting for the service from 2018 to 2020 are as follows:

| | No. of elderly applicants | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Allocated with places | 5 384 | 5 786 | 5 584 |
| Applications withdrawn | 2 606 | 1 640 | 1 734 |
| Cases changed to "inactive" | 7 431 | 9 411 | 9 114 |
| Passed away | 6 866 | 7 045 | 7 024 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)112

(Question Serial No. 2761)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme under this Programme, please provide the following figures with a breakdown by the 18 districts:

| | Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients aged 65 to 69 | | OALA recipients aged 70 or above | | Disability Allowance (DA) recipients aged 60 to 64 | DA recipients aged 65 to 69 | DA recipients aged 70 or above | CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64 | CSSA recipients aged 65 to 69 | CSSA recipients aged 70 or above | Old Age Allowance (OAA) recipients aged 70 or above | | Total no. of elderly population |
|-------------------|--|--------|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------|---------------------------------|
| | Normal | Higher | | | | | | | | | Normal | Higher | |
| Central & Western | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) recipients aged 65 to 69 | | OALA recipients aged 70 or above | | Disability Allowance (DA) recipients aged 60 to 64 | DA recipients aged 65 to 69 | DA recipients aged 70 or above | CSSA recipients aged 60 to 64 | CSSA recipients aged 65 to 69 | CSSA recipients aged 70 or above | Old Age Allowance (OAA) recipients aged 70 or above | | Total no. of elderly population |
|----------|--|--------|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------|---------------------------------|
| | Normal | Higher | | | | | | | | | Normal | Higher | |
| North | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

The number of CSSA (excluding Portable CSSA), OAA, DA, Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients aged 60 or above as at the end of December 2020 by age group and district is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex. Based on the information from the Planning Department, the population aged 65 or above as at mid-2020 by District Council district is set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable CSSA Scheme) aged 60 or above as at the end of December 2020 by age group and district

| District | Number of CSSA recipients | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 60 to 64 | Aged 65 to 69 | Aged 70 or above |
| Central & Western | 227 | 257 | 1 438 |
| Eastern | 1 126 | 1 097 | 5 776 |
| Islands | 519 | 471 | 1 358 |
| Kowloon City | 1 216 | 1 391 | 5 998 |
| Kwai Tsing | 2 332 | 2 545 | 10 660 |
| Kwun Tong | 3 460 | 3 885 | 16 450 |
| North | 1 366 | 1 373 | 5 084 |
| Sai Kung | 894 | 822 | 3 032 |
| Sha Tin | 2 051 | 2 044 | 7 263 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 477 | 2 573 | 9 435 |
| Southern | 662 | 642 | 3 578 |
| Tai Po | 835 | 847 | 3 754 |
| Tsuen Wan | 580 | 661 | 3 379 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 095 | 2 342 | 7 923 |
| Wan Chai | 116 | 124 | 595 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 874 | 1 945 | 7 958 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 881 | 845 | 2 998 |
| Yuen Long | 2 719 | 2 667 | 8 146 |
| Total | 25 430 | 26 531 | 104 825 |

Table 2: Number of OAA and DA recipients as at the end of December 2020 by age group and district

| District | Number of recipients | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | OAA recipients aged 70 or above | DA recipients aged 60 to 64 | DA recipients aged 65 to 69 | DA recipients aged 70 or above |
| Central & Western | 15 359 | 562 | 354 | 1 215 |
| Eastern | 37 968 | 1 989 | 1 040 | 2 743 |
| Islands | 4 887 | 558 | 176 | 257 |
| Kowloon City | 22 233 | 980 | 519 | 1 534 |
| Kwai Tsing | 15 265 | 2 089 | 747 | 1 290 |
| Kwun Tong | 19 726 | 2 451 | 752 | 1 685 |
| North | 8 586 | 1 391 | 488 | 714 |
| Sai Kung | 14 038 | 1 403 | 533 | 929 |
| Sha Tin | 24 993 | 2 696 | 1 150 | 2 015 |
| Sham Shui Po | 15 682 | 1 442 | 578 | 1 263 |
| Southern | 12 659 | 1 147 | 538 | 1 255 |
| Tai Po | 9 910 | 1 400 | 565 | 792 |
| Tsuen Wan | 13 068 | 781 | 349 | 995 |
| Tuen Mun | 13 006 | 2 176 | 830 | 1 091 |
| Wan Chai | 12 177 | 245 | 170 | 869 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 13 648 | 1 696 | 575 | 1 130 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 16 763 | 642 | 410 | 1 193 |
| Yuen Long | 15 820 | 2 327 | 740 | 1 158 |
| Total | 285 788 | 25 975 | 10 514 | 22 128 |

Table 3: Number of Normal OALA and Higher OALA recipients as at the end of December 2020 by age group and district

| District | Number of recipients | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Normal OALA recipients aged 65 to 69 | Normal OALA recipients aged 70 or above | Higher OALA recipients aged 65 to 69 | Higher OALA recipients aged 70 or above |
| Central & Western | 273 | 873 | 1 603 | 6 591 |
| Eastern | 1 236 | 2 997 | 8 582 | 31 399 |
| Islands | 230 | 441 | 2 855 | 6 092 |
| Kowloon City | 737 | 1 655 | 5 592 | 19 482 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 441 | 2 670 | 14 300 | 38 974 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 763 | 3 354 | 17 969 | 52 185 |
| North | 864 | 1 173 | 7 258 | 14 479 |
| Sai Kung | 1 045 | 1 662 | 8 416 | 20 635 |
| Sha Tin | 2 052 | 3 527 | 16 141 | 39 458 |
| Sham Shui Po | 894 | 1 744 | 8 980 | 22 745 |
| Southern | 615 | 1 273 | 4 380 | 15 662 |
| Tai Po | 944 | 1 170 | 7 414 | 14 845 |
| Tsuen Wan | 575 | 1 263 | 4 621 | 15 193 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 834 | 2 137 | 14 863 | 27 275 |
| Wan Chai | 133 | 442 | 716 | 3 346 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 239 | 2 471 | 11 051 | 33 767 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 455 | 1 297 | 3 550 | 10 841 |
| Yuen Long | 1 432 | 1 680 | 12 797 | 23 910 |
| Total | 17 762 | 31 829 | 151 088 | 396 879 |

Table 4: Population aged 65 or above as at mid-2020 by District Council district

| District Council district | Population |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Central & Western | 45 300 |
| Eastern | 103 700 |
| Islands | 31 500 |
| Kowloon City | 78 800 |
| Kwai Tsing | 97 500 |
| Kwun Tong | 131 800 |
| North | 56 300 |
| Sai Kung | 83 000 |
| Sha Tin | 126 400 |
| Sham Shui Po | 78 800 |
| Southern | 50 700 |
| Tai Po | 55 600 |
| Tsuen Wan | 55 500 |
| Tuen Mun | 90 000 |
| Wan Chai | 32 900 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 83 700 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 57 800 |
| Yuen Long | 112 300 |
| Total | 1 371 600 |

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

Source: Planning Department

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)113

(Question Serial No. 2762)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the “pro-employment” measures and other improvement measures under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please advise the following:

1. the number of CSSA recipients participating in the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), case nature of participants, average time of participation, number of participants successfully securing employment for over 1 month and 3 months respectively, and the number of CSSA recipients leaving the CSSA net because of IEAPS in the past 3 years;
2. the number of CSSA recipients entitled to the disregard of 100% and 50% of their earnings from employment under the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement, and the average amount of DE benefits for each of these CSSA recipients under such arrangement in the past 3 years;
3. further to the above, among the CSSA recipients applying for DE benefits, how many of them have left the CSSA net in the past 3 years;
4. in view of the challenging job market and an increasing number of CSSA recipients, how will the Government enhance the “pro-employment” measures and other arrangements in the coming year so as to help the unemployed return to the job market;
5. the estimated expenditure involved in the improvements to the “pro-employment” measures and other measures under the CSSA Scheme in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to increase the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. As one of the improvement measures announced in the 2019 Policy Address, enhanced employment support services have been launched starting from April 2020 to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in increasing the employability of service users. As individual participants of IEAPS and employment support services

may leave or re-join owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), SWD does not maintain the number of participants, average length of time of service received or a breakdown by financial year.

SWD has information on the cumulative headcount of participants. From January 2013 to end-December 2020, a cumulative headcount of 118 574 persons had participated in the IEAPS or employment support services, with 23 346 participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling. Among them, 5 568 participants left the CSSA net.

2. & 3. The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement and the average amount of DE benefits for each CSSA recipient at the end of each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.
4. & 5. The Government announced a series of improvements to the CSSA Scheme in 2019, including a significant increase of the maximum rent allowance and the maximum level of monthly DE, enhancement of employment support services, and extension of coverage of various supplements and special grants to eligible non-elderly able-bodied recipients. Upon approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Government had commenced the gradual implementation of the improvement measures starting from 2020 as planned and has achieved full implementation since February 2021. In particular, to encourage CSSA recipients to find and sustain employment, the Government has raised the maximum level of DE from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per month and increased the maximum level of earnings to be totally disregarded from a new job from the first month's income to a maximum of the first 2 months' income every 2 years starting from February 2021.

Regarding the enhancement of employment support services, as stated in part 1 of the reply, the Government has launched the enhanced employment support services starting from April 2020. In specifics, SWD has enhanced collaborations with the Labour Department (LD), the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs, including the installation of ERB's Training Net and LD's Vacancy Search Terminals in employment assistance service centres and establishing a mechanism to arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs operating employment assistance services. SWD has also relaxed the arrangement for Temporary Financial Aid to cover more job seeking-related activities such as purchasing mobile phone SIM cards, taking meals away from home, etc.

In view of the varying circumstances and individual needs of each person facing economic difficulties, SWD is unable to make an accurate estimate of the number of beneficiaries and expenditure of the relevant improvement measures.

The recurrent expenditure (Revised Estimate) of the CSSA Scheme in 2020-21 is around \$21.6 billion, an increase of 8.2% and 6.2% over 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.

Annex

The number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement and the average amount of DE benefits for each CSSA recipient at the end of each financial year are provided as follows:

| Year | Number of CSSA recipients benefiting from the DE arrangement | Average amount of DE benefits for each CSSA recipient at the end of each financial year (\$) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2018-19 | 16 329 | 1,548 |
| 2019-20 | 14 361 | 1,488 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 13 063 | 1,419 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)114

(Question Serial No. 2763)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government's residential care services for elderly persons, please advise the following:

1. the number of persons passing away while residing in various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) (including self-financing and private ones) in the past 3 years; their percentage out of the number of persons residing in RCHEs;
2. the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE); the number of cases receiving follow-up services provided by service operators with a breakdown by social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, that of RCHEs and that of the elderly persons involved in the past 2 years;
3. whether the above outreach services include life and death education and hospice care planning; if not, how elderly persons in RCHEs can obtain relevant information for their funeral arrangements;
4. with visiting arrangements suspended in quite a number of RCHEs amid the epidemic, whether the Government has provided support to the elderly persons living in isolation to enable them to stay connected to the outside world, including strengthening their liaison with close relatives, as well as enhancing outreach services to care about those in RCHEs; and
5. the budget and the number of service places of MOSTE in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Under the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons), an RCHE shall establish and maintain a comprehensive and regularly updated record system, including information in respect of death of the residents. These records will be examined during inspections conducted by inspectors of the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly under the Social Welfare Department (SWD). As SWD does not collect statistics on the number of deaths among RCHE residents, these figures are not available.

- 2 & 5. SWD has progressively implemented the four-year MOSTE since mid-February 2019. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 629 RCHEs were participating in MOSTE, which accounts for 98% of the total number of various types of RCHEs. The number of beneficiaries of MOSTE was about 32 800, including about 24 700 participants of linkage activities provided by social workers, about 8 100 physiotherapy service recipients, 6 800 occupational therapy service recipients and about 9 000 speech therapy service recipients. Service users may receive more than one service items on a need basis. The total expenditure involved in MOSTE is about \$873 million. It is expected to provide outreach services to about 45 000 residents of RCHEs.
3. MOSTE provides outreach services to service users so as to address their social and rehabilitation needs. Based on the needs of service users, social workers of the service teams will arrange life education programmes, such as creating life story books for elderly persons and introducing funeral services to carers.
4. During the epidemic, when situation permits, service teams have still provided rehabilitation training and support services to service users through various means, including paying visits to RCHEs, video communication, short clips, online platforms and telephone consultation, etc. Social workers of the service teams have also provided assistance to needy elderly persons in maintaining communication with their relatives through video or telephone calls. Besides, SWD has reminded RCHEs from time to time amid the epidemic to continue to step up various infection control and personal and environmental hygiene measures, and take prudent measures when arranging visits under special circumstances and on compassionate ground, with reference to the “Guidelines for Residential Care Homes for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities for the Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)” issued by Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health. SWD has also advised RCHEs to give every possible assistance to family members/relatives of their residents as far as practicable so that they can maintain contact with the residents through other means (such as telephone and video communication), or send videos of everyday life of family members/relatives to the residents.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)115

(Question Serial No. 3246)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The financial provision under this Programme shows that the Estimate for the government sector will increase by 11.4% while that for the subvented/private sectors will substantially increase by 40.2% in the coming year. According to the note, "certain payments originally grouped under 'Government sector' have been re-grouped under 'Subvented/private sectors' from 2020-21 onwards". In this connection, please advise:

1. the service items involved in the certain re-grouped payments as well as the amount of the payments;
2. the reason for the above re-grouping and that for the substantial increase in the provision after the re-grouped payments; and
3. a breakdown on the use of the estimated additional provision and the amount involved regarding the government sector and subvented/private sectors under this Programme.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 68)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been commissioning non-governmental organisations to assist in implementing the "pro-employment" measures under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, the Portable CSSA Scheme, the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme, and the expenses involved are originally grouped under "Government sector". From 2020-21 onwards, the aforesaid expenses have been re-grouped under "Subvented/private sectors" by SWD. After re-grouping, the accounts can better reflect the category of Actual Expenditure. The re-grouping of expenses does not involve additional expenses.
3. The 2021-22 Estimate of "Government sector" under the Programme on Social Security has increased by 11.4% compared to the 2020-21 Revised Estimate. This is mainly due to the anticipated increase in expenditure under the Social Security Allowance Scheme including those arising from the increase in the number of Higher Old Age Living Allowance cases. Meanwhile, the 2021-22 Estimate of "Subvented/private sectors" has increased by 40.2% compared to the 2020-21 Revised Estimate. This is mainly due to the anticipated increase in the number of cases under portable social security schemes and employment support services as handled by the agencies commissioned by SWD.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)116

(Question Serial No. 3247)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The additional provision under Programme (3) for the coming year is about \$2.4 billion, representing a growth of 20.5%, of which the provision for the government sector will increase substantially by 200% and that for the subvented/private sectors by 10%. It is stated under this Programme that this is mainly due to the continued implementation of anti-epidemic measures and the full-year effect of new initiatives implemented in the year. Please advise:

1. the amount of the additional provision for the implementation of anti-epidemic measures, with a breakdown of the expenditure involved by item;
2. the reason for the additional provision for the government sector being higher than that for the subvented/private sectors; please set out the number in the government sector and subvented/private sectors in relation to the estimated additional provision.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

The estimate for government sector under the Programme in 2021-22 is \$1.22 billion higher than that of the revised estimate for 2020-21. The increase is mainly due to the additional provision for continued implementation of anti-epidemic measures including the operation of quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), and implementation of the Targeted Group Testing Scheme for staff/residents/service users of RCHEs, RCHDs and nursing homes, etc. The estimate for these measures accounts for about \$1.11 billion under the government sector of this Programme.

The estimate for subvented/private sectors under the Programme in 2021-22 is \$1.19 billion higher than that of the revised estimate for 2020-21. The increase is mainly due to the additional provision for the full-year effect of new initiatives to be implemented in 2021-22, including provision of an additional 1 500 service places for integrated home care services (frail cases), continued purchase of additional EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, continued provision of soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing problems in subvented RCHEs and community care services units, and additional provision of \$190 million for subsidised elderly service units to continue implementing anti-epidemic measures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)117

(Question Serial No. 1903)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The economy of Hong Kong has suffered a severe blow from the COVID-19 epidemic with unemployment rates rising continuously. Please set out in table form:

1. the number of unemployed Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications and recipients, percentage of those cases out of the total number of CSSA cases and the amount of expenditure involved in each of the 18 districts over the past 3 years;
2. the measures that the Government has put in place to help CSSA recipients return to the labour market together with the specific work objectives, implementation timetable and expenditure involved in this financial year.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 70)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA unemployment cases, recipients and the percentage of the total from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by district are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex respectively. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the expenditure of CSSA unemployment cases with a breakdown by district.
2. The Government announced a series of improvements to the CSSA Scheme in 2019, including the enhancement of various employment support services to increase the employability of and employment opportunities for able-bodied CSSA recipients. Upon approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Government had commenced the gradual implementation of the improvement measures starting from 2020 as planned, including the launch of enhanced employment support services starting from April 2020 to improve the effectiveness of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in increasing the employability of service users. In specifics, SWD has enhanced collaborations with the Labour Department (LD), the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs, including the installation of ERB's Training Net and LD's Vacancy Search Terminals in employment assistance service centres and establishing a mechanism to arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs operating employment assistance services. SWD has also relaxed the arrangement for Temporary Financial Aid to cover more job seeking-related activities such as purchasing mobile phone SIM cards, taking meals away from home, etc. The estimated expenditure for employment support services in 2021-22 is around \$192 million.

Table 1: Number of CSSA unemployment cases and percentage of the total from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by district

| District | Number of CSSA unemployment cases | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
| Central & Western | 122 | (1.0%) | 187 | (1.3%) | 210 | (1.1%) |
| Eastern | 413 | (3.5%) | 495 | (3.4%) | 690 | (3.5%) |
| Islands | 370 | (3.2%) | 471 | (3.2%) | 625 | (3.2%) |
| Kowloon City | 682 | (5.8%) | 842 | (5.8%) | 1 126 | (5.8%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 942 | (8.1%) | 1 173 | (8.0%) | 1 532 | (7.9%) |
| Kwun Tong | 1 505 | (12.9%) | 1 795 | (12.3%) | 2 383 | (12.2%) |
| North | 566 | (4.8%) | 736 | (5.0%) | 1 032 | (5.3%) |
| Sai Kung | 274 | (2.3%) | 326 | (2.2%) | 437 | (2.2%) |
| Sha Tin | 561 | (4.8%) | 743 | (5.1%) | 1 137 | (5.8%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 556 | (13.3%) | 1 902 | (13.0%) | 2 363 | (12.1%) |
| Southern | 200 | (1.7%) | 270 | (1.9%) | 379 | (1.9%) |
| Tai Po | 238 | (2.0%) | 303 | (2.1%) | 410 | (2.1%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 288 | (2.5%) | 369 | (2.5%) | 486 | (2.5%) |
| Tuen Mun | 719 | (6.2%) | 958 | (6.6%) | 1 261 | (6.5%) |
| Wan Chai | 155 | (1.3%) | 147 | (1.0%) | 228 | (1.2%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 755 | (6.5%) | 933 | (6.4%) | 1 226 | (6.3%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 960 | (8.2%) | 1 249 | (8.6%) | 1 760 | (9.0%) |
| Yuen Long | 1 382 | (11.8%) | 1 692 | (11.6%) | 2 196 | (11.3%) |
| Total | 11 688 | (100.0%) | 14 591 | (100.0%) | 19 481 | (100.0%) |

Table 2: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients and percentage of the total from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by district

| District | Number of unemployed CSSA recipients | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
| Central & Western | 144 | (0.7%) | 185 | (0.9%) | 251 | (0.8%) |
| Eastern | 638 | (3.3%) | 667 | (3.1%) | 956 | (3.1%) |
| Islands | 914 | (4.7%) | 1 045 | (4.9%) | 1 408 | (4.6%) |
| Kowloon City | 1 139 | (5.8%) | 1 282 | (6.0%) | 1 831 | (6.0%) |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 606 | (8.2%) | 1 809 | (8.4%) | 2 543 | (8.3%) |
| Kwun Tong | 2 845 | (14.6%) | 2 933 | (13.6%) | 4 109 | (13.4%) |
| North | 1 080 | (5.5%) | 1 217 | (5.7%) | 1 784 | (5.8%) |
| Sai Kung | 486 | (2.5%) | 482 | (2.2%) | 654 | (2.1%) |
| Sha Tin | 936 | (4.8%) | 1 068 | (5.0%) | 1 793 | (5.9%) |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 163 | (11.1%) | 2 516 | (11.7%) | 3 319 | (10.8%) |
| Southern | 307 | (1.6%) | 391 | (1.8%) | 508 | (1.7%) |
| Tai Po | 407 | (2.1%) | 440 | (2.0%) | 689 | (2.2%) |
| Tsuen Wan | 474 | (2.4%) | 514 | (2.4%) | 753 | (2.5%) |
| Tuen Mun | 1 190 | (6.1%) | 1 429 | (6.6%) | 2 003 | (6.5%) |
| Wan Chai | 148 | (0.8%) | 133 | (0.6%) | 231 | (0.8%) |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 271 | (6.5%) | 1 359 | (6.3%) | 1 916 | (6.3%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 097 | (5.6%) | 1 223 | (5.7%) | 2 046 | (6.7%) |
| Yuen Long | 2 707 | (13.8%) | 2 844 | (13.2%) | 3 849 | (12.6%) |
| Total | 19 552 | (100.0%) | 21 537 | (100.0%) | 30 643 | (100.0%) |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)118****(Question Serial No. 1904)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government utilises the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) to provide financial assistance to persons who have been affected by natural disasters. Please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of applications received, approved and rejected by the Government, types of application, average processing time and total approved amount of assistance in the past 3 years;
2. the staffing establishment, administrative cost, amount of government injection and balance of the ERF in the past 3 years;
3. the work objective, implementation timetable, staffing establishment and estimated expenditure in this financial year.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

Reply:

The Emergency Relief Fund Ordinance, Chapter 1103 of the Laws of Hong Kong, provides for the establishment and administration of a trust fund known as the ERF. The ERF is vested in the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as Trustee. It aims to provide financial assistance for persons who are in need of urgent relief as a result of fire, flooding, tempest, landslide, typhoon or other natural disasters. Grants from the ERF are intended for relief rather than compensation. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides secretarial service for the ERF. The responsibility for approving grants and making payments is, in most cases, vested in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), the Marine Department (MD), SWD and the Lands Department (LandsD), while the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for overall co-ordination at the district level. There are 5 types of grants under the ERF:

| | Type of grants | Operating department |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| A | Grants in respect of death or personal injury | SWD |
| B | Domestic re-accommodation, re-equipment, site formation and repair grants and grant for severe damage to home appliances | LandsD MD |
| C | Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear | MD AFCD |
| D | Primary producer grants | LandsD AFCD |
| E | Special grants | Operating department(s) concerned |

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The types of grants applied, number of approved and rejected/withdrawn cases, and the amount of approved assistance under the ERF in the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. Different types of grants under the ERF have varying criteria for disbursement and application procedures. The operating departments do not have information on the average processing time.
2. & 3. The required manpower and administrative costs of the ERF are absorbed by the internal resources of the operating departments. Government funding and balance of the ERF in the past 3 years are set out in Table 2 of the Annex. In line with the objective of establishing the ERF in accordance with the Emergency Relief Fund Ordinance, the Government will continue to provide assistance to people in need.

Table 1: Type of grants applied, number of approved and rejected/withdrawn cases, and the amount of approved assistance under the ERF in the past 3 years from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year | Type of grants | Number of applications | Number of approved applications | Number of rejected/withdraw applications | Amount of assistance approved |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | A | - | - | - | - |
| | B | 240 | 226 | 14 | 1,384,541 |
| | C | 261 | 104 | 157 | 1,357,752 |
| | D | 3 390 | 3 306 | 84 | 18,954,634 |
| | E | - | - | - | - |
| 2019-20 | A | - | - | - | - |
| | B | 3 | 3 | - | 19,040 |
| | C | 4 | 3 | 1 | 240,549 |
| | D | 1 228 | 1 223 | 5 | 4,299,517 |
| | E | - | - | - | - |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | A | - | - | - | - |
| | B | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16,400 |
| | C | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| | D | 1 | 1 | - | 27,792 |
| | E | - | - | - | - |

Table 2: Government funding and balance of the ERF from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year | Government funding (\$ million) | Balance (\$ million) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2018-19 | 36 | 102.51 |
| 2019-20 | 10 | 110.55 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 10 | 122.13 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)119

(Question Serial No. 1568)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated that the Government will continue the implementation of the \$1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent, and try out technology products, with an aim to improving the quality of life of services users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee:

1. the total number of applications received since the introduction of the I&T Fund, and the estimated number of homes and private homes to apply for the fund in 2021-22;
2. the estimated operational span of the I&T Fund; whether the Government plans to continue providing resources in financial support upon depletion of the I&T Fund. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The Government launched the \$1 billion I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure/rent and try out technology products, with a view to improving the life of service users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. As at December 2020, about 600 residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities, and over 1 000 service units providing subsidised community care and support services/day rehabilitation and community support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities were eligible for applying for the Fund. 3 tranches of grants totalling over \$200 million had been approved for about 970 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 4 200 items of technology products. For the fourth tranche application closed on 2 November 2020, applications for a total of about 3 000 items of technology products from about 640 service units were received. Vetting is underway.

The \$1 billion Fund will be progressively disbursed within 5 years starting from 2019-2020. The Social Welfare Department will regularly review the utilisation of the Fund to evaluate its effectiveness and adjust its mode of operation as necessary, so as to promote the application of gerontechnology and benefit more service users, care staff and carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)120

(Question Serial No. 1579)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government states that it will continue to implement the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme) so as to better utilise the sites owned by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through redevelopment or expansion to provide diversified subvented services. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What was the Government's estimated expenditure on the Special Sites Scheme in 2020-21?
2. What is the total number of applications received from NGOs since the implementation of the Special Sites Scheme?
3. Please list in the table below the development projects under the Special Sites Scheme which are expected to be completed in 2021-22, the welfare facilities to be provided in the projects, their latest progress and estimated completion date.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The Government had received a total of 63 preliminary proposals from 43 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme as at 18 November 2013, the closing date of application. After review, 13 project proposals, which are not able to proceed further due to various reasons (e.g. site constraints), have been removed from the Special Sites Scheme.

Regarding the remaining 50 project proposals, as at the end of December 2020, 5 projects had been completed and had commenced service, and 1 other project had entered the construction stage and was expected to be completed in 2021. Furthermore, 17 projects were at the technical feasibility study stage while 4 projects were at the pre-construction detailed design/study stage. As for the other projects which were at different planning stages under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will consider supporting the respective NGO applicants to proceed with technical feasibility studies having regard to the actual status of individual projects. A total of 25 proposals were received from 16 NGOs under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme by the closing date of application on

30 August 2019. SWD is discussing with NGO applicants to finalise details of the proposals such as the service type and number of places, development parameters, project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

The administrative costs incurred by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and SWD for the implementation of the Special Sites Scheme is covered by the existing funding allocation. Furthermore, NGOs may apply for the Lotteries Fund or seeking other funding sources to fund the technical feasibility studies and detailed designs for the projects, and to meet the costs of construction, and furniture and equipment items.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)121

(Question Serial No. 1580)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is noted that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to provide in phases a total of about 400 additional long full-day child care places for children aged below 3 at aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in North District, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long, in order to further enhance day child care services. However, considering that there are over 160 000 children aged below 3 in Hong Kong, the provision of child care services is far from adequate, with only 1 service place for every 220 children on average. There is no such service available in Tung Chung, Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, etc. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- (1) whether SWD has plans to set up CCCs in Tung Chung, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung; if yes, the number of new CCCs to be set up in the coming 5 years;
- (2) the number of CCCs in Hong Kong and the number of full-day child care service places by district in the past 5 years; and
- (3) whether SWD has projected the birth rate and the demand for full-day child care services for 2021-22; if yes, the adjustment to be made to the number of service places.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) To further enhance day child care services, SWD has planned to set up 10 aided standalone CCCs and provide about 900 additional aided CCC places in the coming 3 to 4 years through various development projects (such as the Land Sale Programme, the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, public housing development or redevelopment projects and urban renewal developments, etc.). SWD has also planned to provide in phases a total of about 1 000 additional aided standalone CCC places through the purchase of premises exercise starting from 2021-22.
- (2) The number of CCCs and total number of full-day care service places provided by standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) over the past 5 financial years in respective districts are set out in the Annex.

- (3) According to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, a planning ratio for aided CCCs is formulated on a population basis providing 100 aided places for every 25 000 persons. The planning standard mainly applies to new housing development projects. For developed areas, apart from making reference to the standard in planning aided CCCs, SWD also takes into account the child care service provision in the districts and factors including the service utilisation rate, ratio of aided to non-aided child care centres, number of CCC places, district land supply as well as the demographic changes of respective districts.

Table 1: Number of CCCs across the territory by district from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)

| Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Eastern | 56 | 56 | 56 | 55 | 56 |
| Wan Chai | 17 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 17 |
| Central & Western | 25 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 31 |
| Southern | 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 19 |
| Islands | 16 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Kwun Tong | 39 | 41 | 40 | 41 | 41 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 24 |
| Sai Kung | 35 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 35 |
| Kowloon City | 58 | 60 | 60 | 58 | 57 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 25 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 28 |
| Sham Shui Po | 22 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 27 |
| Sha Tin | 43 | 45 | 43 | 42 | 43 |
| Tai Po | 17 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| North | 20 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| Yuen Long | 31 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 34 |
| Tsuen Wan | 24 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 26 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 32 |
| Tuen Mun | 34 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| Total | 544 | 555 | 556 | 557 | 558 |

Table 2: Total number of full-day care service places provided by standalone CCCs from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)

| Age | Below 2 | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| District | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places |
| Central & Western | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Southern | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Islands | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Eastern | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 38 | 50 | 50 | - | - |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kowloon City | 64 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 96 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Kwun Tong | - | 12 | 12 | 15 | 17 | - | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sai Kung | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tai Po | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| North | 48 | 48 | 51 | 51 | 51 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 746 | 764 | 767 | 770 | 772 | 76 | 102 | 102 | 52 | 52 |

**Table 3: Total number of full-day care service places
provided by CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note]
from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)**

| Age | Below 2 | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| District | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places | Total no. of places |
| Central & Western | - | - | - | - | - | 351 | 524 | 533 | 581 | 646 |
| Southern | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 282 | 231 | 250 | 296 | 319 |
| Islands | - | - | - | - | - | 241 | 246 | 319 | 266 | 367 |
| Eastern | 60 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 28 | 492 | 443 | 510 | 623 | 597 |
| Wan Chai | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 206 | 194 | 238 | 234 | 259 |
| Kowloon City | 32 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 32 | 791 | 870 | 1 012 | 976 | 899 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | - | - | - | - | - | 296 | 293 | 291 | 311 | 324 |
| Sham Shui Po | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 290 | 306 | 346 | 335 | 312 |
| Kwun Tong | 72 | 72 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 560 | 480 | 466 | 495 | 446 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 398 | 387 | 403 | 375 | 313 |
| Sai Kung | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 558 | 658 | 845 | 682 | 971 |
| Sha Tin | - | - | - | - | - | 488 | 483 | 545 | 576 | 527 |
| Tai Po | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 254 | 194 | 230 | 228 | 349 |
| North | - | - | - | - | - | 233 | 281 | 363 | 334 | 366 |
| Yuen Long | 20 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 24 | 367 | 361 | 409 | 381 | 382 |
| Tsuen Wan | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 231 | 224 | 247 | 245 | 256 |
| Kwai Tsing | - | - | - | - | - | 386 | 341 | 367 | 429 | 446 |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | - | - | - | 468 | 508 | 517 | 572 | 526 |
| Total | 353 | 323 | 311 | 316 | 313 | 6 892 | 7 024 | 7 891 | 7 939 | 8 305 |

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September of each school year

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)122

(Question Serial No. 1872)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The labour market has deteriorated sharply. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.3% in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 7%. The number of unemployed persons reached 270 000, the highest in close to 17 years. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided 6 months of unemployment support under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme starting from June 2020, where the asset limits for able-bodied persons were temporarily relaxed by 100%. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many able-bodied CSSA applicants with assets exceeding the original limit but falling within the 100% relaxed threshold have successfully applied for unemployment support during the period from 1 June to 1 November 2020; and the amount of CSSA payment involved;
2. Has the Government reviewed the effectiveness of the scheme? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. SWD will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)123

(Question Serial No. 0340)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was mentioned in the 2019 Budget Speech that the Government would allocate \$20 billion for the purchase of 60 properties for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities. Please advise:

1. the details of the latest development of the project; and
2. the estimated service commencement date of these facilities.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

On 30 June 2020, the Government obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres, day care centres for the elderly, neighbourhood elderly centres, on-site pre-school rehabilitation services, etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has completed the consultation with the 18 District Councils on the welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in purchased premises for the districts concerned in mid-November 2020 and has started the purchase exercise. With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), SWD is currently identifying suitable non-domestic premises for purchase through different channels, including open invitations to owners of potentially suitable non-domestic premises available for sale in 18 districts to submit their sale proposals to GPA for consideration. SWD is assessing the suitability of offered premises for purchase.

SWD has earmarked a provision of \$4.273 billion in 2021-22 for the purchase exercise for welfare premises. The actual expenditure will be subject to the availability of suitable and reasonably priced premises in the market. We expect that the purchase of premises will be completed in 2023-24. SWD will update the GPA's website with regard to the information on welfare facilities for which suitable premises have been purchased.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)124

(Question Serial No. 0341)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund), please advise:

1. the details of the past 4 tranches of applications for the fund with a breakdown by type of subsidy for service providers (i.e. non-governmental organisation (NGO), private, self-financing, others);
2. the average amount of approved subsidy for each tranche;
3. whether the Government has any statistics on the general types of applications.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The Government launched the \$1 billion I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure/rent and try out technology products, with a view to improving the life of service users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. As at December 2020, about 600 residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities, and over 1 000 service units providing subsidised community care and support services/day rehabilitation and community support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities were eligible for applying for the Fund. 3 tranches of grants totalling over \$200 million had been approved for about 970 elderly and rehabilitation service units (including 820 service units of NGOs and 150 private service units) to procure or rent over 4 200 items of technology products. The types of products that got more applications for procurement from the service units included smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment and assessment tools for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/ speech therapy, tilt-in-space/height adjustable commode/shower chair, wireless health monitoring equipment, companion robot, and anti-wandering system, etc. For the fourth tranche application closed on 2 November 2020, applications for a total of about 3 000 items of technology products from about 640 service units were received. Vetting is underway.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)125

(Question Serial No. 0342)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government is implementing the three-year pilot scheme to provide social work service for aided/subsidised child care centres (CCCs), kindergartens (KGs) and KG-cum-CCCs. Please advise the following:

1. Among the eligible institutions above, how many in the territory have received social work service?
2. Among the institutions receiving social work service above, what is the average number of children served by each social worker?
3. What is the average amount of subsidy provided to each institution above in each academic year under the scheme?
4. Would the Government consider regularising the scheme upon its completion?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs) is implemented in 3 phases. Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Pilot Scheme have commenced operation in February 2019, August 2019 and August 2020 respectively serving 246, 239 and 240 (725 in total) eligible PPIs (including aided CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs).
2. Given that each social work team with 8 social workers will provide service for not more than 16 PPIs serving about 3 200 pre-primary children and their families, each social worker will serve on average 400 pre-primary children and their families.
3. The Pilot Scheme is implemented by social work teams operated by eligible non-governmental organisations which provide stationing social work service for PPIs. Therefore, there is no direct subsidy provided for PPIs. The estimated expenditure of the Pilot Scheme for 2021-22 is about \$293 million.
4. During the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the Government has commissioned the City University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study on the current mode of operation, as well as the service performance and service outputs/outcomes of the Pilot Scheme so as to shed light on the way forward of the service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)126

(Question Serial No. 0343)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government mentioned that it would re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-school children in the current year. Please advise the following:

1. What is the timetable of such re-engineering work? What are the details of re-engineering in each phase?
2. Will existing service providers be affected after re-engineering? If yes, how will they be affected?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 19 MHCCCs run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis throughout the territory, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years and to optimise the use of resources, the Government will re-engineer in phases 19 MHCCCs and increase social workers and supporting staff to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children so as to better meet the child care needs in the community. The Social Welfare Department has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2021-22. The specific commencement date will be subject to the epidemic situation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)127

(Question Serial No. 0344)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding government-aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), please advise:

1. the number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the utilisation rate in the past 3 years;
2. the overall operating costs of aided standalone CCCs and the percentage of government subsidy in the overall operating costs of aided standalone CCCs in the past 3 years;
3. the measures to further alleviate the financial burden of parents in using the services in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the utilisation rate for the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.
2. The average percentage of subsidies provided by the Social Welfare Department out of the operating costs of aided standalone CCCs from the 2018-19 to 2020-21 financial years are set out below:

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aided standalone CCCs | 22% | 34% | 40% |

3. The Government has raised the level of subsidies for subvented day CCC places in the 2019/20 school year to alleviate the financial burden of parents in paying the service fee. As such, the full costs incurred in enhancing the manning ratios for child care workers in the 2019/20 school year were borne by the Government, and the "Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy" implemented in February 2020 have provided direct subsidies for parents to cover part of the service fees of aided CCCs at the ceiling of \$600 per child each month.

**Total number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for
children aged below 2 and utilisation rate
2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)**

| Year | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at December 2020) | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| District | Number of places | Utilisation rate | Number of places | Utilisation rate | Number of places | Utilisation rate |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 |
| Southern | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 96 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 67 | 100 | 67 | 99 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 98 |
| Sham Shui Po | 48 | 100 | 48 | 99 | 48 | 100 |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sai Kung | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 72 | 100 | 72 | 98 |
| Tai Po | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| North | 51 | 100 | 51 | 100 | 51 | 100 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 100 | 76 | 100 | 76 | 83 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 32 | 100 | 32 | 100 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Total: | 733 | 100 | 733 | 100 | 733 | 98 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)128****(Question Serial No. 0345)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Please provide in table form the number of cases related to child abuse handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the number of children involved, the age distribution of the maltreated children and the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim in each of the past 5 years.
2. The staffing establishment and expenditure of FCPSUs in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of child protection cases ^[Note 1] handled by FCPSUs of SWD from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) and the number of maltreated children still being followed up as at 31 December are as follows:

| Item \ Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of child protection cases handled ^[Note 2] | 2 487 | 2 531 | 2 800 | 2 849 | 2 787 |
| Number of maltreated children involved in child protection cases still being followed up as at 31 December ^[Note 3] | 1 315 | 1 426 | 1 550 | 1 678 | 1 864 |

^[Note 1] Since the revised "Protecting Children from Maltreatment - Procedural Guide for Multi-disciplinary Co-operation" was put into implementation in April 2020, the term "child abuse cases" has been changed to "child protection cases" to reduce the negative connotation behind "child abuse" and other related terms.

^[Note 2] The number of maltreated children involved in each child protection case may be more than 1.

[Note 3] The figure does not include the number of maltreated children involved in the child protection cases already closed in that year.

SWD does not have the breakdown of the age distribution of maltreated children and the relationship between the perpetrator and the maltreated child involved in child protection cases handled by FCPSUs as mentioned in Question 1. According to the newly registered cases collected by the Child Protection Registry of SWD, the age distribution of maltreated children and the perpetrator's relationship with the maltreated child are set out in the Annex.

2. The staffing establishment of social workers in FCPSUs in the past 5 years is tabulated below:

| Rank \ Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Senior Social Work Officer | 11 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Social Work Officer | 119 | 119 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
| Assistant Social Work Officer | 49 | 49 | 51 | 51 | 51 |

The expenditure of FCPSUs in the past 5 years is tabulated below:

| Year | Expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 214 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 216 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 230 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 288 |
| 2020-21 (Revised estimate) | 294 |

Table 1: Age Distribution of Maltreated Children

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Age | | | | | |
| 0 to 2 | 158 | 222 | 185 | 170 | 173 |
| 3 to 5 | 104 | 91 | 99 | 98 | 96 |
| 6 to 8 | 153 | 157 | 177 | 180 | 143 |
| 9 to 11 | 172 | 127 | 227 | 181 | 138 |
| 12 to 14 | 194 | 212 | 237 | 239 | 245 |
| 15 to 17 | 111 | 138 | 139 | 138 | 145 |
| Total | 892 | 947 | 1 064 | 1 006 | 940 |

Table 2: Perpetrator's Relationship with the Maltreated Child

| Relationship with the Maltreated Child | Number of Perpetrator | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Parent/Sibling/Step-parent/Grandparent/Relative | 629 | 655 | 776 | 739 | 685 |
| Family friend/Parent of peer/Schoolmate/Friend/Peer | 94 | 89 | 94 | 120 | 99 |
| Caregiver/School teacher/School personnel/Staff of boarding section of school/Tutor/Coach/Religious personnel | 58 | 54 | 60 | 56 | 51 |
| Co-tenant/Neighbour/Inmate of residential service | 14 | 21 | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| Unrelated person | 79 | 107 | 79 | 75 | 104 |
| Unidentified person/Others | 37 | 31 | 40 | 25 | 26 |
| Total ^[Note] | 911 | 957 | 1 060 | 1 025 | 977 |

[Note] The number of newly registered cases and number of perpetrators do not tally because a perpetrator may harm/maltreat more than 1 child and a child may be harmed/maltreated by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)129****(Question Serial No. 0346)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please list out the number of approved Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) applications made by persons aged 18 or below and above who had resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years over the past 5 years in the table below.

| Year | Aged 18 or above | Aged 18 or below | CSSA amount involved |
|---------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 2015-16 | | | |
| 2016-17 | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | |

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) restored the "one-year residence requirement" on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme.

From 2016-17 to 2020-21, the number of approved CSSA applications involving persons aged 18 or above who had resided in HK for less than 7 years is as follows:

| Year | Number of approved CSSA applications from persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2016-17 | 1 078 |
| 2017-18 | 1 191 |
| 2018-19 | 1 368 |
| 2019-20 | 1 171 |
| 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) | 1 387 |

From 2016-17 to 2020-21, the CSSA expenditures on CSSA recipients having resided in HK for less than 7 years (CSSA is payable on a household basis, and the relevant expenditure was a rough estimation) is as follows:

| Year | Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million) |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2016-17 | 933 |
| 2017-18 | 885 |
| 2018-19 | 899 |
| 2019-20 | 881 |
| 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) | 719 |

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2016-17 and 2017-18 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates; the actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme, (2) a one-off grant of \$2,000 to each needy student, whereas the actual expenditure for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of \$2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2020-21 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates.

SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)130

(Question Serial No. 0347)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), please advise the following:

1. the number of trainees each year since its launch in 2015 and the number of graduates still employed in social welfare service units;
2. the number of graduates who have secured employment through the Navigation Scheme and their average salaries each year.
3. the details of enhancement of the Navigation Scheme last year, progress of the enhancements, and additional expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at the end of December 2020, there were a total of 1 158 trainees under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 529 have graduated. Based on the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, 299 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units. SWD does not have information on the salaries of trainees after their departure from the Navigation Scheme.
3. The Government continues with the operation of the Navigation Scheme to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and has rolled out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The total expenditure involved will be around \$266 million. Operating agencies have started recruiting trainees under the enhanced scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting about 400 trainees so far.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)131****(Question Serial No. 0348)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding measures to facilitate the retirement of elderly persons in the Mainland, please advise:

1. the number of successful applicants under various schemes;

| | Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme | Old Age Allowance (OAA) under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme | OAA under the Fujian (FJ) Scheme | Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) under the GD Scheme | OALA under the FJ Scheme |
|-------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 2018-2019 | | | | | |
| 2019-2020 | | | | | |
| 2020-2021 | | | | | |
| 2021-2022 (Estimate) | | | | | |

2. the annual expenditure involved (with administrative costs excluded).
3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has appointed agents to provide assistance to elderly persons who are unable to return to Hong Kong to complete the application procedures due to health reasons. Please list out the names of those agents, the annual agent fees incurred for the appointment by the Government, and the number of cases served over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by scheme.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of recipients of the PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2021-22 with a breakdown by type of assistance and allowance is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

2. The expenditure on the PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2021-22 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
3. From 2016-17 to 2020-21, SWD appointed the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch as the implementation agent for the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. Apart from providing assistance to the elderly persons who were unable to travel to Hong Kong to go through the application procedures, the agent also conducted annual case reviews for all cases (including home visits), provided enquiry service to elderly beneficiaries, handled reports of change of status, identified appropriate appointees for elderly beneficiaries in need and made recommendation to SWD, assisted SWD in recovering overpayments and investigating suspected fraud cases, etc. In view that the portable schemes are launched in different periods of time, the duration of contracts entered between SWD and the agent varies. In response to the question, the contract fees paid to the agent and the number of cases served from 2016-17 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by type of assistance and allowance are set out in Tables 3 and 4 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of recipients of PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2021-22 by type of assistance and allowance

| Year | PCSSA Scheme | GD Scheme | | FJ Scheme | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | | OAA | OALA ^[Note 1] | OAA | OALA ^[Note 1] |
| 2018-19 | 1 206 | 16 568 | N.A. | 1 656 | N.A. |
| 2019-20 | 1 089 | 9 776 | 8 689 | 785 | 1 010 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 964 | 7 696 | 11 589 | 615 | 1 331 |
| 2021-22 (Estimate) | 1 102 | 11 000 | 17 000 | 3 000 | 6 000 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020.

Table 2: Expenditure on PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2021-22

| Year ^[Note 1] | Expenditure on PCSSA (\$ million) | GD Scheme | | FJ Scheme | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| | | Expenditure on OAA (\$ million) | Expenditure on OALA (\$ million) ^[Note 2] | Expenditure on OAA (\$ million) | Expenditure on OALA (\$ million) ^[Note 2] |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 69 | 336 | N.A. | 22 | N.A. |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 64 | 276 | 85 | 27 | 10 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 55 | 167 | 626 | 28 | 139 |
| 2021-22 (Estimate) | 54 | 197 | 754 | 52 | 260 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The 2018-19 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme. The 2019-20 Actual Expenditure included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowance and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020.

Table 3: Contract fees paid to the agent from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by type of assistance and allowance

| Year | Contract fees for PCSSA (\$ million) | GD Scheme | | FJ Scheme ^[Note 1] | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| | | Contract fees for OAA (\$ million) | Contract fees for OALA (\$ million) ^[Note 2] | Contract fees for OAA (\$ million) | Contract fees for OALA (\$ million) ^[Note 2] |
| 2016-17 | 1.75 | 5.52 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2017-18 | 1.93 | 5.29 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2018-19 | 1.83 | 5.70 | N.A. | 3.67 | N.A. |
| 2019-20 | 1.94 | 5.46 | 1.15 | 2.30 | 0.61 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 1.55 | 3.50 | 3.55 | 1.35 | 1.54 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The FJ Scheme is effective from 1 April 2018.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is effective from 1 January 2020.

Table 4: Number of cases served by the agent from 2016-17 to 2020-21 by type of assistance and allowance

| Year | PCSSA Scheme | GD Scheme | | FJ Scheme ^[Note 1] | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | OAA | OALA ^[Note 2] | OAA | OALA ^[Note 2] |
| 2016-17 | 1 510 | 14 354 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2017-18 | 1 390 | 15 803 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2018-19 | 1 253 | 16 189 | N.A. | 1 473 | N.A. |
| 2019-20 | 1 139 | 9 089 | 8 051 | 694 | 922 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 1 038 | 7 337 | 11 087 | 575 | 1 278 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The FJ Scheme is effective from 1 April 2018.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is effective from 1 January 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)132

(Question Serial No. 0349)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding elderly persons receiving cash allowances under various social security schemes, please provide the number of recipients of the various allowances and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years as well as this year's estimate with a breakdown by age group of elderly persons:

1. Elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)
2. Old Age Allowance (OAA)
3. Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)
4. Normal OALA
5. Guangdong (GD) Scheme
6. Fujian (FJ) Scheme
7. Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)
8. Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)

(Please provide a breakdown by age group of elderly persons aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84 and 85 or above)

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients (including those under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by age group is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

The number of recipients under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme with a breakdown by type of allowance and age group from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients (including those under the PCSSA Scheme) in 2021-22 by age group, or the number of SSA recipients by type of allowance and age group.

The total CSSA expenditure from 2018-19 to 2021-22 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex. SWD does not have information on the amount of expenditure by age group of CSSA recipients.

The total expenditure for SSA recipients aged 60 or above with a breakdown by type of allowance from 2018-19 to 2021-22 is set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of CSSA (including PCSSA Scheme) recipients from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by age group

| Year | Number of recipients | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 60 to 64 | Aged 65 to 69 | Aged 70 to 74 | Aged 75 to 79 | Aged 80 to 84 | Aged 85 or above |
| 2018-19 | 25 102 | 27 720 | 25 744 | 22 549 | 23 963 | 36 334 |
| 2019-20 | 24 225 | 26 627 | 26 552 | 21 462 | 22 574 | 35 560 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 25 435 | 26 564 | 27 662 | 20 800 | 21 987 | 35 303 |

Table 2: Number of SSA recipients from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by type of allowance and age group

| Type of allowance ^[Note 1] | Age group | Number of recipients | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| OAA | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | N.A. | | |
| | 70 to 74 | 108 037 | 122 004 | 134 273 |
| | 75 to 79 | 56 364 | 58 116 | 60 245 |
| | 80 to 84 | 46 477 | 47 144 | 47 106 |
| | 85 or above | 39 722 | 42 816 | 44 905 |
| Higher OALA ^[Note 2] | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 139 137 | 144 590 | 151 181 |
| | 70 to 74 | 121 786 | 137 322 | 149 551 |
| | 75 to 79 | 78 934 | 83 754 | 86 826 |
| | 80 to 84 | 71 958 | 73 298 | 73 719 |
| | 85 or above | 77 817 | 82 982 | 86 916 |
| Normal OALA ^[Note 2] | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 17 381 | 17 509 | 17 813 |
| | 70 to 74 | 12 565 | 12 608 | 13 063 |
| | 75 to 79 | 7 840 | 7 119 | 6 793 |
| | 80 to 84 | 7 518 | 6 294 | 5 810 |
| | 85 or above | 7 130 | 6 553 | 6 211 |
| GD Scheme | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 1 931 | 2 507 | 2 682 |
| | 70 to 74 | 4 588 | 5 647 | 5 982 |
| | 75 to 79 | 3 884 | 3 913 | 3 983 |
| | 80 to 84 | 3 115 | 3 176 | 3 234 |
| | 85 or above | 3 050 | 3 222 | 3 404 |
| FJ Scheme ^[Note 3] | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 186 | 182 | 230 |
| | 70 to 74 | 459 | 494 | 508 |
| | 75 to 79 | 310 | 342 | 357 |
| | 80 to 84 | 358 | 367 | 399 |
| | 85 or above | 343 | 410 | 452 |
| HDA | 60 to 64 | 1 751 | 1 939 | 2 089 |
| | 65 to 69 | 1 439 | 1 539 | 1 614 |
| | 70 to 74 | 1 261 | 1 342 | 1 481 |
| | 75 to 79 | 1 249 | 1 161 | 1 141 |
| | 80 to 84 | 1 965 | 1 808 | 1 740 |
| | 85 or above | 4 081 | 3 973 | 3 874 |
| NDA | 60 to 64 | 21 847 | 23 127 | 24 135 |
| | 65 to 69 | 7 550 | 8 389 | 8 985 |
| | 70 to 74 | 3 876 | 4 446 | 4 846 |
| | 75 to 79 | 2 268 | 2 260 | 2 362 |
| | 80 to 84 | 2 747 | 2 643 | 2 539 |
| | 85 or above | 4 036 | 4 223 | 4 271 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme applicants must be aged 65 or above.

^[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

^[Note 3] The FJ Scheme is effective from 1 April 2018.

Table 3: Total expenditure on CSSA from 2018-19 to 2021-22

| Year | Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|---|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 22,323 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 22,667 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 22,728 |
| 2021-22 (Estimate) | 24,251 |

^[Note] The actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme; and (2) a one-off grant of \$2,000 to each needy student. The actual expenditure for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of \$2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2020-21 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates.

Table 4: Expenditure for SSA recipients aged 60 or above from 2018-19 to 2021-22 by type of allowances

| Type of allowance ^[Note 1] | Expenditure ^[Note 4] (\$ million) | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 2021-22 (Estimate) |
| OAA | 4,860 | 4,972 | 5,185 | 5,458 |
| Higher OALA ^[Note 2] | 25,897 ^[Note 5] | 25,090 | 26,618 | 30,026 |
| Normal OALA ^[Note 2] | 4,040 | 1,804 | 1,872 | 2,078 |
| GD Scheme | 336 | 360 | 793 | 951 |
| FJ Scheme ^[Note 3] | 22 | 37 | 167 | 312 |
| HDA | 611 | 564 | 592 | 715 |
| NDA | 1,073 | 1,131 | 1,187 | 1,213 |

^[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme applicants must be aged 65 or above.

^[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

^[Note 3] The FJ Scheme is effective from 1 April 2018.

^[Note 4] The actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme. The actual expenditure for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2020-21 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

^[Note 5] The expenditure of the Higher OALA for 2018-19 included the disbursement of a one-off grant to eligible recipients of the Higher OALA, with retrospective effect from May 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)133****(Question Serial No. 0353)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding “pro-employment” measures for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients:

1. Please list out the number of CSSA recipients participating in the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) each year since its launch in 2013.
2. Among the CSSA recipients participating in the IEAPS, how many of them have (1) secured employment or (2) returned to mainstream schooling? Please provide a breakdown by year.
3. Please list out the amount of resources involved in the IEAPS in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)Reply:

In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the IEAPS through non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to increase the employability of able-bodied CSSA recipients and to assist them to sustain employment. As one of the improvement measures announced in the 2019 Policy Address, enhanced employment support services have been launched starting from April 2020 to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in increasing the employability of service users. As individual participants of IEAPS and employment support services may leave or re-join owing to short-term paid employment or change in their personal circumstances (such as their health conditions), SWD does not maintain the number of participants or a breakdown by financial year.

SWD has information on the cumulative headcount of participants. From January 2013 to the end of December 2020, a cumulative headcount of 118 574 persons had participated in the IEAPS and employment support services, with 23 346 participants having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling.

The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning NGOs to operate the IEAPS and employment support services from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in the table below:

| Year | Expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 126 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 137 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 151 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)134

(Question Serial No. 0354)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please list out the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients with a breakdown by type of residential care homes over the past 5 years.

| | Number of recipients | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | Subsidised Residential Care Homes | | Non-subsidised Residential Care Homes | |
| | Aged below 60 | Aged 60 or above | Aged below 60 | Aged 60 or above |
| 2016-17 | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | |
| 2020-21 | | | | |

Please list out the average monthly CSSA payments received by elderly singletons residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places according to their levels of disabilities.

| Level of disabilities | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Able-bodied/50% disabled | | | | | |
| 100% disabled | | | | | |
| Requiring constant attendance | | | | | |
| Others | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 1 in the Annex. The average monthly CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care homes from 2017 to 2021 by category are set out in Table 2 in the Annex.

Table 1 Number of CSSA recipients residing in residential care homes broken down by age group and type of residential care homes from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Year | Number of recipients | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | Subsidised residential care homes | | Non-subsidised residential care homes | |
| | Aged below 60 | Aged 60 or above | Aged below 60 | Aged 60 or above |
| 2016-17 | 9 251 | 16 716 | 4 401 | 24 434 |
| 2017-18 | 9 201 | 16 755 | 4 302 | 24 607 |
| 2018-19 | 9 081 | 16 697 | 4 209 | 24 209 |
| 2019-20 | 9 176 | 16 595 | 3 901 | 23 130 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 9 207 | 16 828 | 3 821 | 22 394 |

Table 2 Average monthly CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care homes from 2017 to 2021 by category

| Type of residential care homes | Level of disability | 1 February 2017 (\$) ^[Note] | 1 February 2018 (\$) ^[Note] | 1 February 2019 (\$) ^[Note] | 1 February 2020 (\$) ^[Note] | 1 February 2021 (\$) ^[Note] |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Subsidised residential care homes | Able-bodied/50% disabled | 4,343 | 4,521 | 4,715 | 4,921 | 5,113 |
| | 100% disabled | 5,642 | 5,884 | 6,215 | 6,526 | 6,761 |
| | Requiring constant attendance | 8,918 | 9,208 | 9,569 | 9,895 | 10,621 |
| Non-subsidised residential care homes | Able-bodied/50% disabled | 6,361 | 6,657 | 7,062 | 7,793 | 8,203 |
| | 100% disabled | 7,741 | 8,074 | 8,591 | 9,376 | 9,837 |
| | Requiring constant attendance | 10,036 | 10,467 | 11,169 | 12,147 | 12,669 |

^[Note] This refers to the average amount of payment received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)135

(Question Serial No. 0355)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding government-aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), please advise:

1. the number of places provided for children aged below 2 and utilisation rate in the past 5 years;
2. the highest, lowest and median monthly fee charged for children aged below 2 in the past 5 years;
3. the overall operating costs and the percentage of government subsidy in the overall operating costs in the past 5 years;
4. what measures are in place to further alleviate the financial burden of parents in using the services of aided standalone CCCs.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the utilisation rate for the past 5 financial years are set out in the Annex.
2. The monthly service fees of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 in the past 5 financial years are set out below:

| Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Highest Monthly fee (\$) | 6,300 | 6,345 | 6,500 | 6,538 | 6,700 |
| Median Monthly fee (\$) | 5,532 | 5,537 | 5,537 | 5,537 | 5,537 |
| Lowest Monthly fee (\$) | 4,385 | 4,385 | 4,385 | 4,385 | 4,385 |

3. The average percentage of subsidies provided by the Social Welfare Department out of the operating costs of aided standalone CCCs from the 2016-17 to 2020-21 financial years are set out below:

| Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aided standalone CCCs | 10% | 22% | 22% | 34% | 40% |

4. The Government has raised the level of subsidies for subvented day CCC places in the 2019/20 school year to alleviate the financial burden of parents in paying the service fee. As such, the full costs incurred in enhancing the manning ratios for child care workers in the 2019/20 school year were borne by the Government, and the “Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy” implemented in February 2020 have provided direct subsidies for parents to cover part of the service fees of aided CCCs at the ceiling of \$600 per child each month.

**Total number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for
children aged below 2 and utilisation rate
2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)**

| Year | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| District | Number of places | Utilisation rate | Number of places | Utilisation rate | Number of places | Utilisation rate | Number of places | Utilisation rate | Number of places | Utilisation rate |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 |
| Southern Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 96 |
| Kowloon City | 64 | 100 | 67 | 99 | 67 | 100 | 67 | 100 | 67 | 99 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 96 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 98 |
| Sham Shui Po | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 48 | 99 | 48 | 100 |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sai Kung | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 72 | 100 | 72 | 100 | 72 | 100 | 72 | 98 |
| Tai Po | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| North | 48 | 100 | 48 | 100 | 51 | 100 | 51 | 100 | 51 | 100 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 100 | 76 | 100 | 76 | 100 | 76 | 100 | 76 | 83 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 32 | 100 | 32 | 100 | 32 | 100 | 32 | 100 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Total: | 724 | 100 | 730 | 100 | 733 | 100 | 733 | 100 | 733 | 98 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)136

(Question Serial No. 0356)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the support for divorced parents and their children, please advise the following:

1. The Government set up 5 specialised co-parenting support centres in 5 regions of the territory in 2019. Which organisations are operating these centres? What is the annual amount of subsidies for each centre? Please give a breakdown.
2. What has been the number of cases handled by each centre to support divorced families since 2019? (Please give a breakdown of the 5 centres)
3. It is learnt that the Pilot Project on Children Contact Service (Pilot Project) has been completed. What is the number of cases receiving support services since the implementation of the Pilot Project and what is the amount of subsidies involved?
4. Apart from the Pilot Project above, how will the Government enhance the support for divorced parents and their children? Please give a breakdown by name of projects, estimated expenditure involved and expected number of cases to be handled.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up a specialised co-parenting support centre (centre) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in each of the 5 regions in Hong Kong (namely Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West) in October 2019. Each centre will receive an allocation of about \$6.23 million each year (not including subsidies on rent and rates). It is expected that each centre will provide co-parenting service for no less than 90 new cases every year. As at December 2020, the 5 centres provided support services for a total of 513 cases. The table below shows the service operators and number of cases handled:

| Name of Service Operator/Centre | Number of cases handled |
|---|-------------------------|
| The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Kowloon East) | 147 |
| The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council KID First Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (Hong Kong) | 104 |
| Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Parent-child Connect Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre | 124 |
| The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Parent Child LINK Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre | 66 |
| St James' Settlement Circle of Love Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre | 72 |
| Total | 513 |

3. SWD launched a pilot project on children contact service from September 2016 to September 2019 with about \$12.57 million funding from the Lotteries Fund, providing children contact service for a total of 183 cases. The service has been incorporated in October 2019 as one of the main support services offered by 5 specialised co-parenting support centres newly set up.
4. Apart from setting up the 5 centres to strengthen support for divorced/separated parents and their children, SWD provided additional manpower for the Integrated Family Service Centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units and Family and Child Welfare Branch under its purview in 2018-19 to enhance the support for parents involved in domestic violence and facing separation/divorce, and provide child-focused services to their children to minimise the impact of separation/divorce. The services include the enhancement of supervisory support and training for professional staff in the district to identify families at risk of separation/divorce, and early intervention into cases where children and their parents facing separation/divorce are involved. The additional annual expenditure involved in the above measures is about \$69.5 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)137

(Question Serial No. 0357)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding child care services for children aged below 3:

1. Please list out in table form (1) the number of places provided by long full-day child care services, (2) average utilisation rate, (3) number of extended hours service (EHS) places and (4) utilisation rate of EHS places for children aged below 3 by districts across the territory in the past 3 years.
2. The Government has launched the second phase of a three-year pilot scheme in 2019 to provide social work service for subsidised/aided Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs). Up to now, what is the position on providing social work service for PPIs above? Please set out in table form.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places provided by long full-day child care service (including aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) as well as the number of places and average utilisation rate of EHS for children aged below 3 by district across the territory in the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.
2. For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has allocated about \$990 million from the Lotteries Fund to provide social work services in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided PPIs (including aided CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs) across the territory. The pilot scheme is implemented in 3 phases. About 16 social work teams are set up in each phase, giving a total of about 48 teams. Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the service have commenced operation in February 2019, August 2019 and August 2020 respectively serving 246, 239 and 240 (725 in total) eligible PPIs. The aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service mentioned in paragraph 1 above are PPIs eligible for inclusion in the pilot scheme.

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS across the territory by district (2018-19)

| District | Aided CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs | | EHS | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places [Note] | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 462 | 33 | 80 | 52 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 294 | 67 | 70 | 85 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 284 | 36 | 14 | 22 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 356 | 65 | 198 | 43 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100 | 158 | 77 | 94 | 55 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 563 | 85 | 232 | 52 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 405 | 79 | 196 | 54 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 758 | 39 | 88 | 47 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 517 | 53 | 164 | 41 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 217 | 95 | 138 | 42 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100 | 307 | 70 | 164 | 63 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 425 | 85 | 110 | 50 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 182 | 76 | 96 | 46 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 315 | 62 | 74 | 62 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 367 | 91 | 122 | 46 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 100 | 210 | 81 | 94 | 44 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 374 | 81 | 146 | 33 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 511 | 70 | 180 | 45 |
| Total | 747 | 100 | 6 705 | 66 | 2 260 | 49 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2018

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS across the territory by district (2019-20)

| District | Aided CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs | | EHS | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places [Note] | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 459 | 30 | 99 | 38 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 343 | 60 | 73 | 67 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 195 | 35 | 27 | 15 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 361 | 63 | 189 | 32 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100 | 161 | 76 | 94 | 40 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 582 | 83 | 226 | 40 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 379 | 78 | 210 | 43 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 609 | 49 | 94 | 40 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 479 | 56 | 151 | 31 |

| District | Aided CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs | | EHS | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places [Note] | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 240 | 87 | 139 | 34 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 99 | 304 | 69 | 165 | 46 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 450 | 82 | 112 | 37 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 189 | 65 | 94 | 31 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 282 | 61 | 82 | 47 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 340 | 92 | 122 | 38 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 99 | 223 | 76 | 98 | 37 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 410 | 64 | 138 | 29 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 510 | 67 | 173 | 38 |
| Total | 747 | 100 | 6 516 | 66 | 2 286 | 38 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS across the territory by district (April to December 2020)

| District | Aided CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs | | EHS | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places [Note 1] | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate [Note 2] (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 509 | 25 | 99 | 6 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 342 | 54 | 73 | 6 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 311 | 23 | 27 | 11 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 347 | 53 | 189 | 7 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 96 | 170 | 63 | 94 | 5 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 527 | 75 | 226 | 8 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 363 | 79 | 210 | 5 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 907 | 30 | 94 | 7 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 99 | 536 | 45 | 151 | 8 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 98 | 276 | 73 | 139 | 6 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100 | 299 | 62 | 165 | 8 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 98 | 458 | 72 | 112 | 8 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 297 | 41 | 94 | 7 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 331 | 49 | 82 | 6 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 343 | 87 | 122 | 8 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 83 | 241 | 69 | 98 | 8 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 432 | 60 | 138 | 9 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 455 | 64 | 173 | 8 |
| Total | 747 | 98 | 7 144 | 54 | 2 286 | 7 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020

[Note 2] The decrease in the utilisation rate is mainly due to the prolonged suspension of service during the COVID-19 epidemic.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)138

(Question Serial No. 0358)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding short-term food assistance service, please advise the following:

1. What is the total number of organisations operating the service in all districts across the territory over the past 3 years?
2. What is the number of people benefited from the service of respective organisations? Please set out in table form.
3. What is the amount of government subsidy received by respective organisations each year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at the end of July 2018, there were 7 Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects) operated by a total of 7 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in various districts across the territory. The number of projects have been increased to 8 since August 2018, operated by 7 NGOs.
2. The number of beneficiaries of various operating NGOs is set out in the Annex.
3. The Government provides short-term food assistance service through subsidies to NGOs. The expenditure for the Projects in 2018-19 (Actual), 2019-20 (Actual) and 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) was \$133 million, \$136.1 million and \$254.7 million respectively.

Number of beneficiaries of operating NGOs

| Operating NGOs | Number of beneficiaries ^[Note] | | |
|---|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| St. James' Settlement | 6 366 | 7 351 | 8 905 |
| Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service | 5 333 | 6 505 | 7 523 |
| The ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association | 3 412 | 3 895 | 4 863 |
| Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited | 5 375 | 6 928 | 6 020 |
| Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 4 910 | 4 524 | 6 025 |
| Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 7 603 | 7 892 | 8 184 |
| Po Leung Kuk | 5 623 | 4 703 | 3 636 |
| Total | 38 622 | 41 798 | 45 156 |

[Note] Service users may use the service for more than once.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)139

(Question Serial No. 0359)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding domestic violence, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. the number of cases related to domestic violence handled in the past 2 years, with a breakdown by physical violence, psychological violence, sexual violence and others;
2. for each category of the cases related to domestic violence above, a breakdown by the relationship of the victim and the perpetrator;
3. the number of cases related to child abuse handled in the past 2 years, with a breakdown by physical violence, psychological violence, sexual violence and others;
4. for each category of the cases related to child abuse above, a breakdown by the relationship of the child victim and the perpetrator;
5. the manpower resources provided for respective Refuge Centres for Women, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC) and the Family Crisis Support Centre (FCSC) at present. What is the specific amount of subsidy received by each centre each year?
6. the Government had stated that it would enhance measures to combat domestic violence, including giving support to children who had witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence. What is the progress of these measures? What are the anticipated expenditures involved and the implementation schedule?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 4. The number of newly reported cases of domestic violence involving spouse/cohabitant battering cases and newly registered child protection cases as collected by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and the Child Protection Registry of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2019 and 2020 by type and perpetrator's relationship with the victim/maltreated child is set out in the Annex.

5. The amount of subsidy received by the 5 Refuge Centres for Women, MCISC and FCSC each year is set out below:

| Centre | Estimated provision for 2021-22 (\$ million) |
|--------------------------|---|
| Refuge Centres for Women | 46.5 |
| MCISC | 18.8 |
| FCSC | 12.2 |

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional staffing establishment (NSE) is used by SWD for calculating the subventions for subvented services and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of subvented services. In order to enhance the transparency of subventions calculation, SWD has uploaded the NSE samples of subvented services to its webpage in February 2017 (the website address is below):

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_modesofsub/id_2907/

6. To enhance the support for victims of domestic violence (including children who have witnessed or been exposed to domestic violence), SWD provided additional manpower resources for Refuge Centres for Women, MCISC (i.e. the CEASE Crisis Centre) and FCSC in October 2019 and January 2020 respectively to strengthen the support for families in need at night. Furthermore, the Government has also provided additional manpower in 2019-20 to strengthen training for frontline professional staff on identifying and handling suspected child maltreatment cases. The additional full-year expenditure incurred by the 2 enhanced measures above is about \$10 million. Apart from that, starting from January 2020, SWD has provided additional resources for the CEASE Crisis Centre to raise the awareness of ethnic minorities towards domestic and sexual violence through public education programmes and other activities, and to encourage victims to seek help. The additional recurrent expenditure incurred is about \$1.96 million.

Table 1: Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases**(1) Newly Reported Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases**

| Type | Year | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Physical violence | | 2 313 |
| Sexual violence | | 20 | 21 |
| Psychological abuse | | 311 | 276 |
| Multiple violence | | 276 | 249 |
| | Total | 2 920 | 2 601 |

(2) Perpetrator's Relationship with the Victim

| Relationship with the Victim | Number of Perpetrators | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Husband | 1 847 | 1 593 | |
| Wife | 333 | 282 | |
| Estranged husband/ex-husband | 116 | 128 | |
| Estranged wife/ex-wife | 38 | 26 | |
| Heterosexual cohabitant | 373 | 372 | |
| Same-sex cohabitant | 10 | 7 | |
| Heterosexual ex-cohabitant | 199 | 190 | |
| Same-sex ex-cohabitant | 4 | 3 | |
| | Total | 2 920 | 2 601 |

Table 2: Child Protection Cases**(1) Newly Registered Child Protection Cases**

| Type | Year | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| | Physical abuse | | 430 |
| Neglect | | 237 | 201 |
| Sexual abuse | | 305 | 313 |
| Psychological abuse | | 8 | 10 |
| Multiple abuses | | 26 | 27 |
| | Total | 1 006 | 940 |

(2) Perpetrator's Relationship with the Maltreated Child

| Relationship with the Maltreated Child | Number of Perpetrators | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Parent/Sibling/Step-parent/Grandparent/Relative | 739 | 685 | |
| Family friend/Parent of peer/Schoolmate/Friend/Peer | 120 | 99 | |
| Caregiver/School teacher/ School personnel/Staff of boarding section of school/Tutor/Coach/ Religious personnel | 56 | 51 | |
| Co-tenant/Neighbour/ Inmate of residential service | 10 | 12 | |
| Unrelated person | 75 | 104 | |
| Unidentified person/Others | 25 | 26 | |
| | Total ^[Note] | 1 025 | 977 |

[Note] The number of newly registered cases and number of perpetrators do not tally because a perpetrator may harm/maltreat more than 1 child and a child may be harmed/ maltreated by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)140****(Question Serial No. 0360)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the information sought on child care centres (CCC) in the attached tables:

Table 1:

| Full-day service provided by aided CCCs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age | | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
| Year | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | |
| | | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Social Welfare Department (SWD) administrative district | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | Central & Western Southern Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | Eastern Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | Kowloon City Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | Wong Tai Sin Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po/North | Tai Po North | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 2:

| Half-day service provided by non-profit-making/private CCCs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age | | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
| Year | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | |
| SWD administrative district | | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | Central & Western | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | Eastern | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | Kowloon City | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po/North | Tai Po | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | North | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 3:

| Full-day service provided by kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age | | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
| Year | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | |
| SWD administrative district | | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central Western, Southern and Islands | Central & Western | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | Eastern | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | Kowloon City | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po/North | Tai Po | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | North | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan/ | Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Full-day service provided by kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age | | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
| Year | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | |
| SWD administrative district | | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Kwai Tsing | Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 4:

| Half-day service provided by KG-cum-CCCs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Age | | Below 2 ^[Note 2] | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
| Year | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 | | 2020/21 | |
| SWD administrative district | | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central & Western, Southern and Islands | Central & Western Southern Islands | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | Eastern Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | Kowloon City Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | Wong Tai Sin Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po/North | Tai Po North | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

SWD compiles statistics on service places by financial year. The total number of places and the number of places utilised in respect of full-day care service provided by aided standalone CCCs, half-day care service provided by non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs, full-day care service provided by CCCs attached to KGs and half-day care service provided by CCCs attached to KGs by district for the past 3 financial years are set out in the Annex.

Table 1: Total number of full-day care service places provided by aided standalone CCCs and number of places utilised from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)

| Age | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | |
| Year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central & Western | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | | | | | | |
| Southern Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Eastern | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 48 | 48 | 45 | 48 | 48 | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| North | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | | | | | | |
| Total: | 733 | 733 | 733 | 730 | 733 | 733 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |

Table 2: Total number of half-day care service places provided by non-profit-making/private standalone CCCs and number of places utilised from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)

| Age | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 ^[Note] | | 2020-21 ^[Note] | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 ^[Note] | | 2020-21 ^[Note] | |
| Year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central & Western | | | | | | | 162 | 94 | 162 | 28 | 162 | 38 |
| Southern Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eastern | | | | | | | 303 | 190 | 196 | 47 | 196 | 90 |
| Wan Chai | 20 | 18 | 20 | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kowloon City | 36 | 25 | 36 | 27 | 36 | - | 1 306 | 950 | 1 306 | 545 | 1 222 | 713 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | 32 | 27 | 116 | 41 | 116 | 14 |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | 296 | 272 | 278 | 201 | 278 | 225 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | 238 | 128 | - | - | - | - |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| Age | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Year | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 ^[Note] | | 2020-21 ^[Note] | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 ^[Note] | | 2020-21 ^[Note] | |
| District | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| North | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | - | - | - | - | - | - | 102 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tsuen Wan | 336 | 181 | 336 | 21 | 336 | 62 | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total: | 56 | 43 | 56 | 36 | 36 | - | 2 701 | 1 870 | 2 524 | 911 | 2 338 | 1 170 |

[Note] Due to the suspension of service during the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of places utilised.

Table 3: Total number of full-day care service places provided by CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1] and number of places utilised from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)

| Age | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Year | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 ^[Note 2] | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 ^[Note 2] | | 2020-21 ^[Note 2] | |
| District | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central & Western | - | - | - | - | - | - | 533 | 178 | 581 | 176 | 646 | 160 |
| Southern | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 250 | 157 | 296 | 166 | 319 | 156 |
| Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - | 319 | 116 | 266 | 93 | 367 | 84 |
| Eastern | 30 | 28 | 30 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 510 | 315 | 623 | 372 | 597 | 290 |
| Wan Chai | 16 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 238 | 182 | 234 | 172 | 259 | 158 |
| Kowloon City | 32 | 30 | 33 | 33 | 32 | 22 | 1 012 | 538 | 976 | 542 | 899 | 404 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | - | - | - | - | - | - | 291 | 276 | 311 | 269 | 324 | 237 |
| Sham Shui Po | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 346 | 235 | 335 | 227 | 312 | 186 |
| Kwun Tong | 60 | 46 | 60 | 42 | 60 | 39 | 466 | 399 | 495 | 418 | 446 | 340 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 403 | 313 | 375 | 287 | 313 | 243 |
| Sai Kung | 38 | 38 | 38 | 36 | 38 | 32 | 845 | 310 | 682 | 318 | 971 | 269 |
| Sha Tin | - | - | - | - | - | - | 545 | 466 | 576 | 469 | 527 | 381 |
| Tai Po | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 230 | 175 | 228 | 149 | 349 | 142 |
| North | - | - | - | - | - | - | 363 | 224 | 334 | 205 | 366 | 180 |
| Yuen Long | 20 | 20 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 409 | 369 | 381 | 347 | 382 | 331 |
| Tsuen Wan | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 247 | 195 | 245 | 178 | 256 | 169 |
| Kwai Tsing | - | - | - | - | - | - | 367 | 297 | 429 | 274 | 446 | 269 |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | - | - | - | - | 517 | 362 | 572 | 381 | 526 | 335 |
| Total: | 311 | 289 | 316 | 293 | 313 | 268 | 7 891 | 5 107 | 7 939 | 5 043 | 8 305 | 4 334 |

[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September of each school year

[Note 2] Due to the suspension of service during the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of places utilised.

Table 4: Total number of half-day care service places provided by CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1] and number of places utilised from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at December 2020)

| Age Year | Below 2 | | | | | | 2 to 3 | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 ^[Note 2] | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 ^[Note 2] | | 2020-21 ^[Note 2] | |
| District | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised | Total no. of places | No. of places utilised |
| Central & Western | 64 | 24 | 80 | 23 | 80 | 32 | 1 640 | 547 | 1 537 | 466 | 1 954 | 484 |
| Southern | 96 | 45 | 96 | 46 | 96 | 28 | 814 | 511 | 848 | 474 | 704 | 345 |
| Islands | 14 | - | 14 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 700 | 254 | 761 | 266 | 722 | 165 |
| Eastern | 290 | 181 | 290 | 185 | 290 | 177 | 2 966 | 1 835 | 2 741 | 1 637 | 3 314 | 1 609 |
| Wan Chai | - | - | - | - | - | - | 618 | 473 | 590 | 434 | 564 | 344 |
| Kowloon City | 120 | 81 | 120 | 114 | 120 | 83 | 3 661 | 1 946 | 3 179 | 1 766 | 3 595 | 1 616 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 37 | 857 | 812 | 993 | 860 | 814 | 596 |
| Sham Shui Po | - | - | - | - | - | - | 846 | 575 | 959 | 650 | 1 160 | 693 |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - | - | - | 793 | 678 | 848 | 716 | 697 | 531 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - | - | - | 379 | 294 | 331 | 254 | 198 | 154 |
| Sai Kung | 8 | 4 | 24 | 6 | 128 | 31 | 2 712 | 995 | 2 190 | 1 021 | 3 019 | 836 |
| Sha Tin | 16 | - | 16 | - | 16 | - | 1 571 | 1 341 | 1 471 | 1 199 | 1 264 | 913 |
| Tai Po | - | - | - | - | - | - | 630 | 478 | 724 | 472 | 866 | 353 |
| North | 8 | - | 8 | - | - | - | 687 | 423 | 592 | 363 | 506 | 249 |
| Yuen Long | 24 | - | 24 | - | 24 | - | 1 009 | 911 | 967 | 881 | 824 | 714 |
| Tsuen Wan | - | - | - | - | - | - | 924 | 730 | 959 | 699 | 820 | 541 |
| Kwai Tsing | - | - | 26 | - | 26 | - | 801 | 647 | 933 | 597 | 703 | 423 |
| Tuen Mun | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 356 | 950 | 1 342 | 896 | 1 076 | 685 |
| Total: | 688 | 383 | 746 | 432 | 842 | 395 | 22 964 | 14 400 | 21 965 | 13 651 | 22 800 | 11 251 |

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September of each school year

[Note 2] Due to the suspension of service during the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of places utilised.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)141

(Question Serial No. 0361)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee the following:

1. Please set out in the table below the highest, the median and the lowest monthly fee charged by aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) for children aged below 2 and those charged by aided CCCs for children aged 2 to 3 from 2018-19 to 2020-21 respectively.

Table 1: Monthly fee of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Highest monthly fee | | | |
| Median monthly fee | | | |
| Lowest monthly fee | | | |

Table 2: Monthly fee of aided CCCs for children aged 2 to 3

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Highest monthly fee | | | |
| Median monthly fee | | | |
| Lowest monthly fee | | | |

2. Please set out in the table below the percentage of subsidy provided by the Government in the overall operating costs of aided standalone CCCs from 2018-19 to 2020-21 respectively.

Table 3: Percentage of government subsidy in the overall operating costs of aided CCCs

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aided standalone CCCs | | | |

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The monthly service fees of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and those of aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to

kindergartens (KGs)) for children aged 2 to below 3 in the past 3 financial years are set out below:

Table 1: Monthly service fees of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Highest Monthly fee (\$) | 6,500 | 6,538 | 6,700 |
| Median Monthly fee (\$) | 5,537 | 5,537 | 5,537 |
| Lowest Monthly fee (\$) | 4,385 | 4,385 | 4,385 |

Table 2: Monthly service fees of aided CCCs for children aged 2 to below 3

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Highest Monthly fee (\$) | 6,906 | 5,865 | 6,499 |
| Median Monthly fee (\$) | 4,150 | 3,298 | 3,433 |
| Lowest Monthly fee (\$) | 2,467 | 1,412 | 540 |

- CCC's providing child care service for children aged below 3 include standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs. Since the implementation of the harmonisation of pre-primary services in September 2005, standalone CCCs have been regulated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) while CCCs attached to KGs have been regulated by the Education Bureau (EDB). CCC services are fee-charging and the operating cost of each CCC varies. The average percentage of subsidies provided by SWD out of the operating costs of aided standalone CCCs in the past 3 financial years are set out below:

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aided standalone CCCs | 22% | 34% | 40% |

CCCs attached to KGs are regulated by EDB. SWD does not have information on the relevant operating costs and the percentage of subsidies out of the overall operating costs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)142

(Question Serial No. 0362)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding elder abuse:

1. Please provide the number of elder abuse cases reported to the Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by type of abuse (e.g. physical abuse/psychological abuse/neglect/financial abuse/abandonment/sexual abuse/multiple abuse/others);
2. It is understood that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has a Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases (CIS). How does the system operate? Is the system as effective as expected?
3. What measures does the Government currently have in place to prevent elder abuse? What are the respective annual expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of elder abuse cases from January 2018 to December 2020, broken down by nature of abuse, is tabulated as follows:

| Year | Physical abuse | Psychological abuse | Neglect | Financial abuse | Abandonment | Sexual abuse | Multiple abuse | Total |
|------|----------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| 2018 | 340 | 43 | 2 | 68 | - | 15 | 28 | 496 |
| 2019 | 331 | 41 | 5 | 71 | - | 6 | 34 | 488 |
| 2020 | 331 | 49 | - | 46 | - | 10 | 33 | 469 |

2. SWD has developed CIS, which aims to collect the general profile and characteristics of the reported elder abuse cases and provide statistical data for the reference of the professionals providing services on the prevention and handling of elder abuse. When the case is identified as an elder abuse case, social workers or other personnel responsible for case handling are required to report the case details through CIS. The information collected through CIS will be reported to the Working Group on Elder Abuse on a regular basis, and uploaded to SWD's website for public access and reference.

3. SWD has been using various media channels and means to publicise the message of “Protecting Elderly Persons Against Abuse” to the general public. Public education programmes and activities on the prevention of elder abuse are organised by the District Social Welfare Offices and service units of SWD. Furthermore, SWD has also produced a set of 6 leaflets of different designs on “Protecting Elderly Persons Against Abuse” to raise the awareness of elderly persons, their families and other members of the public on the problem for preventing the occurrence of elder abuse incidents. Apart from English and Chinese, the promotional leaflets are also available in various ethnic minority languages. Besides, SWD has earmarked \$4 million in 2021-22 for organising publicity and public education programmes under the “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence” campaign (including prevention of elder abuse).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)143

(Question Serial No. 0363)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- (1) The Government launched a five-year scheme under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System in October 2019. To date, how many private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) have applied for the scheme? How many RCHEs have been accredited? What is the expenditure involved?
- (2) Would the Government please advise if the admission of elderly persons to these accredited homes have risen after the completion of the scheme? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a five-year scheme in October 2019 to provide full subsidies for private RCHEs joining approved accreditation schemes provided under the Accredited Certification Body of Certification of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Service Providers' Management System recognised by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service. Over 500 private RCHEs throughout the territory can participate in the subsidy scheme, involving an expenditure of about \$52 million. As at the end of February 2021, there were 162 private RCHEs registered for joining approved accreditation schemes included under the subsidy scheme. These include the Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Accreditation Division and the Residential Care Home for the Elderly Certification Scheme provided by the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency. The subsidy scheme aims at encouraging private RCHEs to improve their service quality on a continuous basis and join independent accreditation schemes for an objective assessment of their services by certification bodies. SWD does not have information on the admission of elderly persons to accredited homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)144

(Question Serial No. 0364)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding elderly persons receiving cash allowances under various social security schemes, please provide the number of recipients of the various allowances and the expenditure involved in each of the years from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by age group of elderly persons:

1. Elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)
2. Old Age Allowance (OAA)
3. Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)
4. Normal OALA
5. Guangdong (GD) Scheme
6. Fujian (FJ) Scheme
7. Higher Disability Allowance (HDA)
8. Normal Disability Allowance (NDA)

(Please provide a breakdown by age group of elderly persons aged 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84 and 85 or above)

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients (including those under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by age group is set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

The number of recipients under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme with a breakdown by type of allowance and age group from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.

The total CSSA expenditure from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 3 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the amount of expenditure by age group of CSSA recipients.

The total expenditure for SSA recipients aged 60 or above with a breakdown by type of allowance from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out in Table 4 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of CSSA (including PCSSA Scheme) recipients from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by age group

| Year | Number of recipients | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Aged 60 to 64 | Aged 65 to 69 | Aged 70 to 74 | Aged 75 to 79 | Aged 80 to 84 | Aged 85 or above |
| 2018-19 | 25 102 | 27 720 | 25 744 | 22 549 | 23 963 | 36 334 |
| 2019-20 | 24 225 | 26 627 | 26 552 | 21 462 | 22 574 | 35 560 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 25 435 | 26 564 | 27 662 | 20 800 | 21 987 | 35 303 |

Table 2: Number of SSA recipients from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by type of allowance and age group

| Type of allowance ^[Note 1] | Age group | Number of recipients | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| OAA | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | N.A. | | |
| | 70 to 74 | 108 037 | 122 004 | 134 273 |
| | 75 to 79 | 56 364 | 58 116 | 60 245 |
| | 80 to 84 | 46 477 | 47 144 | 47 106 |
| | 85 or above | 39 722 | 42 816 | 44 905 |
| Higher OALA ^[Note 2] | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 139 137 | 144 590 | 151 181 |
| | 70 to 74 | 121 786 | 137 322 | 149 551 |
| | 75 to 79 | 78 934 | 83 754 | 86 826 |
| | 80 to 84 | 71 958 | 73 298 | 73 719 |
| | 85 or above | 77 817 | 82 982 | 86 916 |
| Normal OALA ^[Note 2] | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 17 381 | 17 509 | 17 813 |
| | 70 to 74 | 12 565 | 12 608 | 13 063 |
| | 75 to 79 | 7 840 | 7 119 | 6 793 |
| | 80 to 84 | 7 518 | 6 294 | 5 810 |
| | 85 or above | 7 130 | 6 553 | 6 211 |
| GD Scheme | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 1 931 | 2 507 | 2 682 |
| | 70 to 74 | 4 588 | 5 647 | 5 982 |
| | 75 to 79 | 3 884 | 3 913 | 3 983 |
| | 80 to 84 | 3 115 | 3 176 | 3 234 |
| | 85 or above | 3 050 | 3 222 | 3 404 |
| FJ Scheme ^[Note 3] | 60 to 64 | N.A. | | |
| | 65 to 69 | 186 | 182 | 230 |
| | 70 to 74 | 459 | 494 | 508 |
| | 75 to 79 | 310 | 342 | 357 |
| | 80 to 84 | 358 | 367 | 399 |
| | 85 or above | 343 | 410 | 452 |
| HDA | 60 to 64 | 1 751 | 1 939 | 2 089 |
| | 65 to 69 | 1 439 | 1 539 | 1 614 |
| | 70 to 74 | 1 261 | 1 342 | 1 481 |
| | 75 to 79 | 1 249 | 1 161 | 1 141 |
| | 80 to 84 | 1 965 | 1 808 | 1 740 |
| | 85 or above | 4 081 | 3 973 | 3 874 |
| NDA | 60 to 64 | 21 847 | 23 127 | 24 135 |
| | 65 to 69 | 7 550 | 8 389 | 8 985 |
| | 70 to 74 | 3 876 | 4 446 | 4 846 |
| | 75 to 79 | 2 268 | 2 260 | 2 362 |
| | 80 to 84 | 2 747 | 2 643 | 2 539 |
| | 85 or above | 4 036 | 4 223 | 4 271 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme applicants must be aged 65 or above.

[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

[Note 3] The FJ Scheme is effective from 1 April 2018.

Table 3: Total expenditure on CSSA from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year | Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|---|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 22,323 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 22,667 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 22,728 |

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2018-19 included (1) the payment of 2 additional months of CSSA standard rates and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme; and (2) a one-off grant of \$2,000 to each needy student. The actual expenditure for 2019-20 included (1) the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates, (2) a one-off grant of \$2,500 to each needy student, and (3) an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2020-21 included the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates.

Table 4: Expenditure for SSA recipients aged 60 or above from 2018-19 to 2021-22 by type of allowance

| Type of allowance ^[Note 1] | Expenditure ^[Note 4] (\$ million) | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
| OAA | 4,860 | 4,972 | 5,185 |
| Higher OALA ^[Note 2] | 25,897 ^[Note 5] | 25,090 | 26,618 |
| Normal OALA ^[Note 2] | 4,040 | 1,804 | 1,872 |
| GD Scheme | 336 | 360 | 793 |
| FJ Scheme ^[Note 3] | 22 | 37 | 167 |
| HDA | 611 | 564 | 592 |
| NDA | 1,073 | 1,131 | 1,187 |

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme applicants must be aged 65 or above.

[Note 2] OALA has been renamed as Normal OALA upon implementation of the Higher OALA on 1 June 2018.

[Note 3] The FJ Scheme is effective from 1 April 2018.

[Note 4] The actual expenditure for 2018-19 included the payment of 2 additional months of the allowances and the top-up payment to make up to \$4,000 under the Caring and Sharing Scheme. The actual expenditure for 2019-20 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, an extra 1 month allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2020-21 included the payment of 1 additional month of the allowances, and the expenditure involved in extending OALA to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 5] The expenditure of the Higher OALA for 2018-19 included the disbursement of a one-off grant to eligible recipients of the Higher OALA, with retrospective effect from May 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)145

(Question Serial No. 0366)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated that the Government would adopt an updated assessment tool under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism of Elderly Services (SCNAMES) for better matching of long-term care services. What is the timetable for adopting the updated assessment tool? How will the updated assessment tool affect the arrangements for elderly persons waiting for care services?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to implement the updated SCNAMES within 2021 with a view to enhancing the matching of long-term care (LTC) services.

Under the updated SCNAMES, elderly persons may seek re-assessment anytime when their health conditions deteriorate after having been recommended for matching with and waitlisting for community care services (CCS), i.e. day care centres for the elderly, enhanced home and community care services and integrated home care services (frail cases). If they are re-assessed to be suitable for residential care services (RCS), SWD will waitlist them for RCS according to their original date of application for LTC services, irrespective of whether they are waitlisted for, receiving or have ceased receiving subsidised CCS. This arrangement gives elderly persons peace of mind to use CCS without an immediate urge to apply for RCS.

On the other hand, elderly persons having been recommended for matching with RCS may also be waitlisted for and receive CCS. This arrangement is consistent with the current mechanism. All RCS applicants may have their status of RCS application changed to "inactive cases" according to their wish, irrespective of whether they have applied for, are waitlisted for, receiving or have ceased receiving CCS. If their health conditions subsequently deteriorate, they can request to reinstate their application status for subsidised RCS to "active cases" without the need to queue for the services all over again. Such an arrangement seeks to encourage elderly persons whose health conditions are suitable to stay in the community to continue to do so.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)146

(Question Serial No. 0367)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. The Department has set up 2 additional regional guardianship offices to handle guardianship cases last year. Please inform this Committee of the location of those 2 offices.
2. What are the respective numbers of cases served by the 3 regional guardianship offices since the implementation of the service?
3. What are the annual average operating cost of each office and the average cost of each case handled?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The first Regional Guardianship Office, located in Wan Chai, was established on 27 March 2017 specialising in the handling of guardianship cases on Hong Kong Island. As at the end of February 2021, it had handled a total of 243 cases. The average actual expenditure of the Office from 2017-18 to 2019-20 was about \$5.12 million each year. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average cost per case.

The other 2 Regional Guardianship Offices, temporarily located in Wan Chai and Kwai Chung, will start operation at the end of March 2021 to handle cases in Kowloon and the New Territories respectively. SWD is currently identifying suitable long-term premises.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)147

(Question Serial No. 0383)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP):

1. Please set out in table form NSCCP services provided in various districts over the territory in the past 3 years, listing out (1) the number of places provided, (2) average utilisation rate and (3) average fee for home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group (CCG).
2. Did the Government strengthen training for home-based child carers, enhance the quality of services and raise the incentive payments for home-based child carers in the past 3 years? If yes, please set out the relevant details.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP by 18 districts in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at December 2020) are set out in the Annex.
2. To enhance the service quality of NSCCP, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has provided additional provisions from January 2020 onwards for service operators to increase 1 child care worker and 1 supporting staff member in each service unit. To strengthen training for home-based child carers, registered nurses/midwives trained on child care are employed to conduct training courses on the latest knowledge and skills on infant and child care. There has also been a standard increase in the level of incentive payment for all home-based child carers to \$25 per hour in order to encourage more volunteers to join as home-based child carers, thus further promoting mutual help and care in the neighbourhood and meeting the need of child care service.

Table 1: Number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP (2018-19)

| District | Number of places [Note 1] | Number of children served | | Basic service fee per hour [Note 2] (\$) | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|-----|
| | | HCCS | CCG | HCCS | CCG |
| Central & Western | 53 | 340 | 103 | 24 | 24 |
| Eastern | 53 | 455 | 2 | 22 | 22 |
| Islands | 53 | 323 | 105 | 22 | 13 |
| Kowloon City | 53 | 627 | 4 | 20 | 13 |
| Kwun Tong | 53 | 563 | 108 | 20 | 13 |
| Kwai Tsing | 53 | 238 | 311 | 18 | 13 |
| North | 53 | 378 | 17 | 18 | 13 |
| Southern | 53 | 262 | 14 | 20 | 12 |
| Sai Kung | 53 | 852 | 5 | 20 | 13 |
| Sham Shui Po | 53 | 929 | 232 | 20 | 13 |
| Sha Tin | 53 | 655 | 202 | 20 | 13 |
| Tuen Mun | 53 | 753 | 283 | 20 | 13 |
| Tai Po | 53 | 668 | 211 | 20 | 13 |
| Tsuen Wan | 53 | 606 | 74 | 20 | 13 |
| Wan Chai | 53 | 163 | 131 | 22 | 22 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 53 | 404 | 296 | 18 | 10 |
| Yuen Long | 53 | 1 183 | 494 | 18 | 13 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 53 | 753 | 381 | 20 | 13 |
| Total | 954 | 10 152 | 2 973 | - | - |

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places should be provided in the 18 districts across the territory). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Service operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

Table 2: Number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP (2019-20)

| District | Number of places [Note 1] | Number of children served [Note 2] | | Basic service fee per hour [Note 3] (\$) | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|-----|
| | | HCCS | CCG | HCCS | CCG |
| Central & Western | 53 | 173 | 267 | 24 | 24 |
| Eastern | 53 | 382 | 50 | 22 | 22 |
| Islands | 53 | 239 | 81 | 22 | 13 |
| Kowloon City | 53 | 493 | 7 | 20 | 13 |
| Kwun Tong | 53 | 421 | 89 | 20 | 13 |
| Kwai Tsing | 53 | 392 | 183 | 18 | 13 |
| North | 53 | 256 | 52 | 18 | 13 |
| Southern | 53 | 158 | 29 | 20 | 12 |
| Sai Kung | 53 | 743 | 8 | 20 | 13 |
| Sham Shui Po | 53 | 546 | 181 | 20 | 13 |
| Sha Tin | 53 | 582 | 338 | 20 | 13 |
| Tuen Mun | 53 | 753 | 216 | 20 | 13 |
| Tai Po | 53 | 526 | 169 | 20 | 13 |
| Tsuen Wan | 53 | 567 | 103 | 20 | 13 |
| Wan Chai | 53 | 122 | 108 | 22 | 22 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 53 | 347 | 242 | 18 | 10 |
| Yuen Long | 53 | 1 000 | 402 | 18 | 13 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 53 | 608 | 318 | 20 | 13 |
| Total | 954 | 8 308 | 2 843 | - | - |

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places should be provided in the 18 districts across the territory). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users over 2018-19.

[Note 3] Service operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

Table 3: Number of places, number of service users and service fees of NSCCP (2020-21) (as at December 2020)

| District | Number of places [Note 1] | Number of children served [Note 2] | | Basic service fee per hour [Note 3] (\$) | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|----------|
| | | HCCS | CCG | HCCS | CCG |
| Central & Western | 53 | 102 | 157 | 24 | 24 |
| Eastern | 53 | 175 | 86 | 22 | 22 |
| Islands | 53 | 133 | 27 | 22 | 13 |
| Kowloon City | 53 | 174 | 1 | 20 | 13 |
| Kwun Tong | 53 | 166 | 63 | 20 | 13 |
| Kwai Tsing | 53 | 273 | 42 | 18 | 13 |
| North | 53 | 134 | 90 | 18 | 13 |
| Southern | 53 | 82 | 36 | 20 | 12 |
| Sai Kung | 53 | 353 | 3 | 20 | 13 |
| Sham Shui Po | 53 | 369 | 203 | 20 | 13 |
| Sha Tin | 53 | 343 | 125 | 20 | 13 |
| Tuen Mun | 53 | 488 | 93 | 20 | 13 |
| Tai Po | 53 | 317 | 88 | 20 | 13 |
| Tsuen Wan | 53 | 189 | 26 | 20 | 13 |
| Wan Chai | 53 | 76 | 79 | 22 | 22 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 53 | 199 | 116 | 18 | 10 |
| Yuen Long | 53 | 516 | 172 | 18 | 13 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 53 | 357 | 18 | 20 | 13 |
| Total | 954 | 4 446 | 1 425 | - | - |

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide not less than 53 service places in each district (i.e. a total of not less than 954 service places should be provided in the 18 districts across the territory). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places on top of the requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users over 2018-19 and 2019-20.

[Note 3] Service operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)148****(Question Serial No. 0384)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. Regarding residential child care services, please provide information for the past 3 years by service type:

| Year | Small group home (SGH) | Residential Homes for Children (RHCs) | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | Residential child care centre (RCCC) | Children's home | Boys'/girls' home/hostel |
| Service Organisations (by number) | | | | |
| Number of places (by person) | | | | |
| Number of children served | | | | |
| Number of children waitlisted | | | | |
| Average waiting time | | | | |

2. What is the number of qualified social worker serving in each service organisation above, and the ratio of their number to that of children served?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The residential child care services in the past 3 years are set out below:

| Item | Year | SGH | RHCs | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | RCCC | Children's home | Boys'/girls' home/hostel |
| Service organisations (number) | 2018-19 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| | 2019-20 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| | 2020-21 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Number of places (person) | 2018-19 | 894 | 212 ^[Note 1] | 418 ^[Note 1] | 1 053 |
| | 2019-20 | 924 | 212 ^[Note 1] | 418 ^[Note 1] | 1 098 |
| | 2020-21 | 924 | 212 ^[Note 1] | 418 ^[Note 1] | 1 107 |
| Number of children served | As at 31 December 2018 | 825 | 206 | 380 | 791 |
| | As at 31 December 2019 | 856 | 206 | 371 | 852 |
| | As at 31 December 2020 | 828 | 203 | 366 | 784 |
| Number of children waitlisted | 2018-19 | 222 | 48 | 39 | 86 |
| | 2019-20 | 257 | 37 | 37 | 105 |

| Item | Year | SGH | RHCs | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | RCCC | Children's home | Boys'/girls' home/hostel |
| (monthly average) ^[Note 2] | 2020-21 ^[Note 3] | 260 | 36 | 32 | 97 |
| Average waiting time (month) ^[Note 2] | 2018-19 | 3.60 | 6.50 | 3.10 | 1.39 |
| | 2019-20 | 5.04 | 7.52 | 6.60 | 1.44 |
| | 2020-21 ^[Note 3] | 4.92 | 8.14 | 5.41 | 1.28 |

[Note 1] The figures include both ordinary service and emergency service.

[Note 2] The figures reflect only the average number of children waitlisted and average waiting time for ordinary service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of children waitlisted and average waiting time for emergency placement for residential child care services. Regarding emergency residential care service, caseworkers may approach the service units concerned directly for enquiries, and arrange for admission as soon as vacant places are available.

[Note 3] Statistics from April to December 2020

- SWD does not have statistics on the number of qualified social workers under each residential child care service operator or the ratio of their number to that of children served. Under the subvention mode of Lump Sum Grant, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable manpower to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)149

(Question Serial No. 0385)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (CCSV Pilot Scheme) and the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly (RCSV Pilot Scheme):

1. For each year since the launch of the CCSV Pilot Scheme, please set out in table form (1) the number of service providers; (2) the number of elderly persons participating in the CCSV Pilot Scheme (please provide a breakdown by age group of elderly persons aged 65 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 or above); (3) the number of elderly persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme; and (4) the annual amount of government subsidies.
2. For each year since the launch of the RCSV Pilot Scheme, please set out in table form (1) the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) participating in the RCSV Pilot Scheme; (2) the number of service units; (3) the number of elderly persons participating in the RCSV Pilot Scheme (please provide a breakdown by age group of elderly persons aged 65 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 or above); (4) the number of elderly persons having left the RCSV Pilot Scheme; and (5) the annual amount of government subsidies.
3. Given that the service charges paid by each elderly person participating in the above 2 pilot schemes and the amount of government subsidies vary according to the asset and income of the elderly person, please set out the respective sums paid by participants by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from September 2013 to August 2017, while the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme was implemented from October 2016. The third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2020, providing 8 000 CCSVs. As for the RCSV Pilot Scheme, it was launched in March 2017 to issue a maximum total of 3 000 RCSVs. The information sought in relation to the 2 Pilot Schemes above is set out in the Annex.

Table 1: First phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme

| Year | No. of RSPs | Cumulative no. of participants | Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 2013-14 | 62 | 1 251 | 108 | 3.1 |
| 2014-15 | 62 | 2 092 | 888 | 41.6 |
| 2015-16 | 62 | 2 919 | 1 555 | 66.9 |
| 2016-17 | 62 | 2 968 | 1 893 | 55.1 |
| 2017-18 | 62 | 2 968 | 1 914 | 9.1 |

Table 2: Second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme

| Year | No. of RSPs | Cumulative no. of participants | Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 124 | 3 373 | 317 | 119.9 [Note] |
| 2017-18 | 125 | 6 520 | 2 132 | |
| 2018-19 | 153 | 8 813 | 3 670 | 201.9 |
| 2019-20 | 173 | 11 222 | 5 198 | 226.0 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-September 2020) | 179 | 12 154 | 5 995 | 147.8 |

[Note] The second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2016. The expenditure for the subsidies for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 is reflected in the 2017-18 Actual Expenditure.

Table 3: Third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme (from 1 October 2020)

| Year | No. of RSPs | Cumulative no. of participants | Cumulative no. of persons having left the CCSV Pilot Scheme | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) [Note] |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 227 | 7 338 | 519 | 46.0 |

[Note] 2020-21 Revised Estimate.

Table 4: Age distribution of elderly persons participating in the CCSV Pilot Scheme

| Year | Age | | | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| | 60 to 74 | 75 to 84 | 85 or above | |
| 2013-14 | 189 | 547 | 515 | 1 251 |
| 2014-15 | 313 | 856 | 923 | 2 092 |
| 2015-16 | 442 | 1 159 | 1 318 | 2 919 |
| 2016-17 | 854 | 2 083 | 2 424 | 5 361 |
| 2017-18 | 1 366 | 3 164 | 3 904 | 8 434 |
| 2018-19 | 1 700 | 3 907 | 5 120 | 10 727 |
| 2019-20 | 2 088 | 4 607 | 6 441 | 13 136 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 2 544 | 5 386 | 7 317 | 15 247 |

Table 5: Distribution of CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | No. of CCSV holders |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| I | 2 031 |
| II | 312 |
| III | 299 |
| IV | 53 |
| V | 273 |
| Total | 2 968 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V) (i.e. \$500 (I), \$750 (II), \$1,000 (III), \$1,500 (IV) and \$2,500 (V)).

Table 6: Distribution of CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (The second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme ended in September 2020)

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | No. of CCSV holders |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| I | 2 081 |
| II | 5 745 |
| III | 1 156 |
| IV | 1 173 |
| V | 208 |
| VI | 1 791 |
| Total | 12 154 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSV they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The 5 types of CCSV values in 2020-21 are set at \$4,130, \$5,970, \$7,460, \$8,380, \$9,870 per month.

Table 7: Distribution of CCSV holders in the third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2020)

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | No. of CCSV holders |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| I | 1 135 |
| II | 3 640 |
| III | 706 |
| IV | 733 |
| V | 134 |
| VI | 990 |
| Total | 7 338 |

[Note] The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the third phase of the CCSV Pilot Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSV they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values effective from 1 October 2020 range from \$4,130 to \$9,870 per month.

Table 8: RCSV Pilot Scheme

| Year | No. of RSPs | No. of service units | Cumulative no. of RCSV recipients | Cumulative no. of RCSV recipients having left the RCSV Pilot Scheme | Subsidies for RCSVs (\$ million) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 2017-18 | 86 | 56 | 353 | 30 | 15.3 |
| 2018-19 | 104 | 87 | 1 163 | 199 | 92.6 |
| 2019-20 | 121 | 108 | 2 156 | 579 | 244.1 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 137 | 125 | 2 885 | 894 | 381.0 ^[Note] |

[Note] 2020-21 Revised Estimate.

Table 9: Age distribution of elderly persons participating in the RCSV Pilot Scheme

| Year | Age | | | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| | 60 to 74 | 75 to 84 | 85 or above | |
| 2017-18 | 19 | 90 | 244 | 353 |
| 2018-19 | 102 | 310 | 751 | 1 163 |
| 2019-20 | 197 | 533 | 1 426 | 2 156 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 264 | 662 | 1 959 | 2 885 |

Table 10: Distribution of RCSV holders under the RCSV Pilot Scheme by co-payment level (as at end-December 2020)

| Co-payment level ^[Note] | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Co-payment percentage | 0.0% | 10.0% | 20.0% | 30.0% | 40.0% | 50.0% | 62.5% | 75.0% |
| Co-payment amount (\$) | - | 1,576 | 3,151 | 4,727 | 6,302 | 7,878 | 9,847 | 11,816 |
| No. of RCSV holders | 2 498 | 301 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | - | 67 |

[Note] As at the end of December 2020, there was a cumulative total of 2 885 RCSV holders. The voucher value of RCSV is set at \$15,755 per month from 1 November 2020. The RCSV Pilot Scheme has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. RCSV holders at Level 0 will be fully subsidised by the Government, while RCSV holders from Level 1 to Level 7 are required to pay an amount of co-payment as set out in the above table.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)150

(Question Serial No. 0386)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of residential services for people with rehabilitation needs, please advise:

1. the number of places provided, enrolment rate, average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons having passed away and the annual service expenditure over the past 3 years in the table below.

| Type of residential service | Service places | Enrolment rate | Average waiting time | No. of waitlisted persons having passed away | Service expenditure |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Halfway house (HWH) for ex-mentally ill persons | | | | | |
| Long stay care home (LSCH) for ex-mentally ill persons | | | | | |
| Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC) for the mentally handicapped | | | | | |
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) | | | | | |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH) | | | | | |
| Care and attention home for the aged blind (C&A/ABs) | | | | | |
| Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGHs(MMHC)) | | | | | |
| Supported hostel (SHOS) | | | | | |

2. Does the Government have any plan for additional residential rehabilitation services in the future? If yes, what are the details? What are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of places provided, enrolment rate, average waiting time, number of waitlisted persons having passed away and the service expenditure on the various residential rehabilitation services over the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of the Annex.
2. A total of 1 391 additional service places will be provided under various residential rehabilitation services from 2021-22 to 2022-23. The relevant information is set out in Table 6 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of service places under various residential rehabilitation services

| Service Type | No. of service places | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| HWH | 1 509 | 1 594 | 1 594 |
| LSCH | 1 587 | 1 587 | 1 587 |
| Integrated vocational training centre (Residential) (IVTC(Res)) | 170 | 170 | 170 |
| HMMH | 2 558 | 2 658 | 2 800 |
| HSPH | 582 | 665 | 715 |
| C&A/AB | 828 | 828 | 828 |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 1] | 128 | 128 | 128 |
| SHOS | 708 | 744 | 784 |

[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Table 2: Average enrolment rate of various residential rehabilitation services

| Average enrolment rate (%) | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
| 97 | 93 | 93 |

Table 3: Average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services

| Service Type | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 2] | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| HWH | 6.0 | 5.4 | Not available yet ^[Note 4] |
| LSCH | 54.3 | 57.8 | |
| IVTC(Res) | N.A. ^[Note 3] | N.A. ^[Note 3] | |
| HMMH | 114.1 | 144.3 | |
| HSPH | 168.0 | 123.6 | |
| C&A/AB | 10.0 | 9.9 | |
| SGH(MMHC) ^[Note 1] | 15.0 | 8.7 | |
| SHOS | 39.0 | 47.3 | |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

[Note 2] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service units indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 3] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant statistics.

[Note 4] The figure for 2020-21 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Table 4: Number of applicants having passed away while waiting for various residential rehabilitation services

| Service Type | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| HWH | 1 | 7 | - |
| LSCH | 7 | 8 | 13 |
| IVTC(Res) | N.A. [Note 1] | N.A. [Note 1] | N.A. [Note 1] |
| HMMH | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| HSPH | 26 | 28 | 15 |
| C&A/AB | 8 | 20 | 9 |
| SGH(MMHC) [Note 2] | - | - | - |
| SHOS | 4 | 10 | 1 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

[Note 2] SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 5: Total amount of subsidy for various residential rehabilitation services over the past 3 years

| Service Type | Total amount of subsidy (\$ million) | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
| HWH | 211.6 | 220.3 | 232.2 |
| LSCH | 297.7 | 311.0 | 308.9 |
| IVTC(Res) | 11.3 | 11.9 | 11.7 |
| HMMH | 327.8 | 350.2 | 378.4 |
| HSPH | 139.4 | 146.8 | 180.0 |
| C&A/AB | 164.8 | 181.0 | 179.2 |
| SGH(MMHC) | 23.5 | 31.7 | 32.9 |
| SHOS | 90.4 | 102.8 | 111.9 |

Table 6: Estimated number of additional service places under various residential rehabilitation services

| Service Type | Estimated number of additional service places | |
|--|---|-----------|
| | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| LSCH | 400 | - |
| HMMH | 145 | - |
| HSPH | 461 | - |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons | 75 | - |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons | 200 | - |
| SHOS | 80 | 30 |
| Total | 1 361 | 30 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)151

(Question Serial No. 0387)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the current vocational rehabilitation services,

1. please provide the following information:

| Type of services | Service places | No. of places utilised | Average waiting time | No. of waitlisted persons having passed away | Service expenditure |
|--|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Sheltered workshop (SW) | | | | | |
| Supported employment (SE) | | | | | |
| Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC) | | | | | |
| Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre (IVRSC) | | | | | |
| On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) | | | | | |
| Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) | | | | | |

2. Does the Government have any plan to provide additional service places for each of the above services? If yes, what are the details? What are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1.

| Type of services | Service places (as at 31 December 2020) | No. of places utilised (as at 31 December 2020) | Average waiting time (2019-20) (in months) [Note 1] | No. of waitlisted persons having passed away (as at 31 December 2020) | 2020-21 Service expenditure (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| SW | 5 399 | 5 258 | 18.8 | 25 | 376.8 |
| SE [Note 2] | 1 633 | 2 035 | 1.8 | N.A. | 102.3 |
| IVTC [Note 3] | 453 | 425 | N.A. | N.A. | 33.1 |
| IVRSC [Note 4] | 5 523 | 5 488 | N.A. | N.A. | 357.0 |
| OJT [Note 3] | 432 | 312 | N.A. | N.A. | 21.8 |
| Sunnyway [Note 3] | 311 | 229 | N.A. | N.A. | 16.6 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference of service unit indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

[Note 2] The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of persons having passed away while waiting for SE.

[Note 3] IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway may admit service users directly or through referral. Thus, SWD does not have information on the average waiting time and the number of persons having passed away while waiting for the relevant services.

[Note 4] IVRSC does not have its own central waiting list (CWL) and the applicants are selected from the CWLs of SW and SE respectively.

2. There is no planned additional service places under SW, SE, IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway. It is estimated that 755 service places will be provided under IVRSC from 2020-21 to 2022-23 and the relevant information is set out as follows:

| Year | Estimated number of additional service places |
|---------|---|
| 2020-21 | 235 |
| 2021-22 | 360 |
| 2022-23 | 160 |
| Total | 755 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)152****(Question Serial No. 0388)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

For the past 3 years, please advise the following regarding the After School Care Programme (ASCP):

1. How many organisations participated in the ASCP? Please list the total number of these organisations by year.
2. What was the average amount of subsidy received by these organisations? Please list by year.
3. How many students benefited from the ASCP each year? What was the average amount of subsidy received by each student?
4. How many students benefited from the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS) under the ASCP each year? What was the expenditure involved?
5. It is understood that the Government has regularised the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under the Community Care Fund (CCF) and introduced a host of enhancement measures. What is the implementation timetable?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 4. Details on ASCP in the past 3 financial years are shown below:

| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| No. of organisations | 55 | 55 | 58 |
| No. of ASCP service users | 5 032 | 4 816 ^[Note 1] | 3 716 ^[Note 1] |
| No. of persons benefited from FWSS ^[Note 2] under the ASCP | 2 013 | 1 774 | 1 934 |
| Amount of subsidy involved in FWSS | Around \$19 million | Around \$18 million | Around \$30 million |
| Average amount of subsidy for each student under FWSS | \$9,323 | \$9,969 | \$15,629 |

| | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Average amount of subsidy for the organisations under FWSS | Around \$0.34 million | Around \$0.32 million | Around \$0.52 million |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users over previous years.

[Note 2] After-school care services are operated by non-governmental organisations on a self-financing and fee-charging basis. Under the FWSS for ASCP, the Social Welfare Department provides fee waiving and fee reduction through after-school care centres for needy and eligible families, thus providing care services for low-income families that are unable to give proper care to children during after-school hours because of work, job search or other reasons. Needy and eligible families may approach ASCP operators directly for application for full fee-waiving, half fee-reduction or one-third fee-reduction.

5. The Government has regularised the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under CCF and introduced a host of enhancement measures to strengthen the services and further support the needy families. They include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxation of application eligibility, increase of subsidy level, provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, and streamlining means-test procedures.

The above enhancement measures were rolled out in October 2020, following the completion of the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under CCF. The additional recurrent expenditure involved is \$65 million. More than 5 700 students and their families are expected to benefit from these measures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)153****(Question Serial No. 0494)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme on 1 June 2020 for a period of 1 year to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100%. Please advise:

1. the number of approved CSSA applications under the Special Scheme;

| | Aged 25 or below | Aged 26 to 35 | Aged 36 to 45 | Aged 46 to 55 | Aged 56 to 65 | Aged 65 or above |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Number of cases | | | | | | |
| Amount | | | | | | |

2. (i) the number of applications received since the commencement of the Special Scheme;
- (ii) among which the number of rejected applications;
- (iii) the number of cases in which the applicants' assets exceeded the asset limits as a result of the cash value of their insurance policies being counted as assets.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need. SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)154****(Question Serial No. 0498)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(6) Community DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

1. What is the number of local street sleepers registered under the Social Welfare Department (SWD)?

| | Age 25 or below | 26 to 35 | 16 to 45 | 46 to 55 | 56 to 65 | Age 65 or above |
|------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 2018 | | | | | | |
| 2019 | | | | | | |
| 2020 | | | | | | |

2. Among these registered street sleepers, what is the percentage of people made street sleepers due to unemployment?
- 3(i). Among these registered street sleepers, how many have tried to apply for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)?
- (ii). Among them, how many have succeeded in their applications for CSSA?
- (1) What is the number of individual applicants?
- (2) What is the number of family applicants?
4. What is the number of residential places provided for street sleepers in each of the years from 2018 to 2020, and what is the expenditure involved?
- 5(i). What is the number of cases handled by the Care and Support Networking Team (CSNT) on street sleepers from 2018 to 2020, and what is the expenditure involved?
- (ii). What is the number of successful cases handled by the CSNT in helping street sleepers integrate into community from 2018 to 2020?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. Street sleeping is a complex social problem, involving various policy bureaux and departments. Various government departments and service units in districts have been collaborating closely to support street sleepers and improve their motivation for receiving support, with the hope to encourage them to quit street sleeping as soon as possible. From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the number of street sleepers approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers operated by non-governmental organisations under

subvention of SWD, and related service units by age group is set out in the table below:

| Age group | Number of street sleepers | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 29 or below | 29 | 28 | 33 |
| 30 to 49 | 409 | 425 | 483 |
| 50 to 69 | 732 | 823 | 873 |
| 70 or above | 114 | 137 | 143 |
| Unknown | 13 | 10 | 9 |
| Total | 1 297 | 1 423 | 1 541 |

In particular, in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020), 541 street sleepers, representing around 35% of the total, cited unemployment and hence inability to pay rent as the reason for street sleeping.

3(i). & (ii). SWD does not have information on the number of street sleepers who have tried to apply for CSSA and have succeeded in their applications, or the number of individual and family applicants.

4. From 2018-19 to 2019-20 and in 2020-21, there were 222 and 228 residential places of emergency/temporary shelters/hostels/short-term hostels subvented by SWD respectively. The expenditure on integrated services for street sleepers subvented by SWD in 2018-19 (Actual), 2019-20 (Actual) and 2020-21 (Revised) was \$22.9 million, \$23.6 million and \$27 million respectively.

5(i). CSNT is one of the various support services the Government provides for street sleepers. Its service targets include but are not limited to street sleepers. CSNT assists (i) ex-offenders (ii) ex-mentally ill persons and (iii) street sleepers in various districts of West Kowloon (including Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong districts) to reintegrate into the community, mainly through the provision of outreaching, support, case counselling and group services. As the statistics of output standards are collected without a breakdown by type of service targets, SWD does not have information on the number of cases handled by CSNT on street sleepers.

SWD's annual expenditure on CSNT from 2018 to 2020 is as follows:

| Year | Expenditure (\$ million) |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2.1 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 2.2 |

5(ii). Regarding successful cases handled by CSNT in helping street sleepers integrate into the community, as mentioned in (i) above, SWD does not have the statistics of CSNT by type of service targets. The overall outcome level achieved by CSNT from 2018 to 2020 is as follows:

| Outcome indicator | Agreed level | Outcome level achieved | |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---------|
| | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| Percentage of cases reported to have improved network with the community in a year | 80% | 87% | 91% |
| Percentage of unemployed cases successfully engaged in employment, retraining, etc. in a year | 35% | 58% | 54% |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)155

(Question Serial No. 1603)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the estimates for elderly services, please advise:

- (i) a list of government organisations with a breakdown by type and the annual expenditure of each government organisation; and
- (ii) the reasons for the significant increase in the 2021-22 Estimate.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (i) The expenditure for government sector under the Programme is entirely for the Social Welfare Department.
- (ii) The estimate for government sector under the Programme in 2021-22 is \$1.22 billion higher than that of the revised estimate for 2020-21. The increase is mainly due to the additional provision for continued implementation of anti-epidemic measures including the operation of quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), implementation of the Targeted Group Testing Scheme for staff/residents/service users of RCHEs, RCHDs and nursing homes, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)156

(Question Serial No. 1604)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the estimates for elderly services, please advise this Committee:

- (i) a list of subvented/private organisations with a breakdown by type and the subsidy amount received by each organisation over the past 3 years;
- (ii) the reasons for the increase in the 2020-21 Estimate.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (i) The annual expenditure for various elderly services over the past 3 years is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the subsidy amount received by subvented/private organisations in respect of the provision of elderly services.
- (ii) The increase in the 2020-21 Estimate is mainly due to the purchase of additional EA1 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the provision of 120 additional day care service places under the Bought Place Scheme on Day Care Units for the Elderly and the provision of 1 500 additional service places for integrated home care services (frail cases).

**Full-year expenditure for various elderly services
(2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Service type | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|---|--|--|--|
| Residential care places in various types of subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) | 3,469.6 | 3,716.2 | 3,759.9 |
| Residential care places in contract homes | 525.8 | 575.4 | 645.8 |
| Residential care places under EBPS | 1,161.7 | 1,429.5 | 1,792.8 |
| Day care centres/units for the elderly | 375.8 | 421.0 | 454.1 |
| District elderly community centres/ Neighbourhood elderly centres/ Social centres for the elderly | 1,179.7 | 1,497.2 | 1,531.0 |
| Integrated home care services (ordinary and frail cases) | 696.6 | 740.6 | 831.9 |
| Enhanced home and community care services | 419.0 | 638.1 | 935.1 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)157****(Question Serial No. 1605)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (the Scheme), please advise this Committee:

- (i) (1). the number of residential places provided by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights and its enrolment rate;
- (2). the information about Hong Kong elderly persons living in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights through bought places of the Scheme in 2019-2020 tabulated as follows:

| | Aged 70 or below | Aged 71 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Number of persons | | | |
| Amount of subsidy | | | |

- (ii) (1). the number of residential places provided by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly and its enrolment rate; and
- (2). the information about Hong Kong elderly persons living in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly through bought places of the Scheme in 2019-2020 tabulated as follows:

| | Aged 70 or below | Aged 71 to 80 | Aged 81 or above |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Number of persons | | | |
| Amount of subsidy | | | |

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

The actual number of residential places purchased by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) from the 2 homes under the Scheme and the expenditure involved each year depend on the number of participants in the Scheme. In 2019-20, the number of elderly participants admitted to the 2 homes under the Scheme was 164, involving an actual expenditure of about \$17.1 million. SWD does not have a breakdown of the age and subsidy amount of the elderly persons living in the 2 homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)158

(Question Serial No. 1606)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the estimated expenditure on rehabilitation and medical social services, please provide this Committee with:

- (i). the detailed reason(s) for the significant increase in estimates for the government sector for 2021-22; and
- (ii). a list of the organisations in the subvented/private sectors by district over the past 3 years, and the amount of subvention for each organisation each year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (i). Under the Programme of “Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services”, the increase in the 2021-22 Estimate over the 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the government sector is mainly due to the additional provision for the continued implementation of anti- epidemic measures funded by the Anti-epidemic Fund in 2020-21, including the operation of quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), and the implementation of the Targeted Group Testing Scheme for staff/residents/service users of RCHEs, RCHDs and nursing homes.
- (ii). The Social Welfare Department does not have a list of all subvented/private organisations by district or information on the annual amount of subvention for each organisation under the Programme of “Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services” in the past 3 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)159

(Question Serial No. 1607)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On strengthening the community-based support for persons with disabilities and their parents/carers, please inform this Committee of:

- (i) (1) the support for the parents/carers; and
(2) the amount of expenditure involved;
- (ii) (1) the services provided by the new parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) in details;
(2) the expected distribution of the PRCs in the 18 districts across the territory; and
(3) the breakdown of the estimated expenditure and the amount of money involved; and
- (iii) the staffing arrangement for the above project and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

As regards support for persons with disabilities and their carers, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides them with a range of integrated home-based services through Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities, with a view to relieving the pressure on their families/carers and improving their quality of life. Persons with disabilities and their carers/families may also use the services provided by PRCs, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated community centres for mental wellness, support centres for persons with autism, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and day and residential respite services to receive appropriate support. SWD does not have information on the amount involved in strengthening the community-based support for persons with disabilities and their parents/carers.

PRCs provide a focal point for parents and relatives/carers of persons with disabilities to share experience, obtain mutual support with the assistance from staff, understand and accept the needs of their family members with disabilities, and enhance their capability to take care of family members with disabilities at home. The service details include counselling,

organising groups and large-scale activities, providing information and implementing community education activities, etc. The geographical distribution of the 19 PRCs in Hong Kong at present is set out in Annex 1. SWD does not have a breakdown of the estimated expenditure showing the amount of money involved in respective PRCs. The notional staffing establishment (NSE) of PRCs is set out in Annex 2.

**Geographical distribution of subvented PRCs
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| Service district | Number of service units |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Central & Western | 1 |
| Southern | 1 |
| Islands | 1 |
| Eastern | 1 |
| Wan Chai | 1 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 |
| Sai Kung | 1 |
| Kowloon City | 1 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 |
| Sha Tin | 1 |
| Tai Po | 1 |
| North | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 1 |
| Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi | 1 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 1 |
| Hong Kong as a whole | 1 |
| Total | 19 |

NSE of PRCs ^[Note]

| Rank/Post | No. of staff | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| | PRCs | PRC (with specialised EMs units) |
| Social Work Officer | 0.125 | 0.25 |
| Assistant Social Work Officer | 2 | 3 |
| Social Work Assistant | 1 | 1 |
| Welfare Officer/ Special Child Care Worker | 1 | 1 |
| Welfare Worker | 1 | 2 |
| Clerical Assistant | 1 | 1 |
| Workman II | 0.667 | 1 |

^[Note] NSE is used by SWD for calculating the subventions for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)160****(Question Serial No. 1611)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

- (1) What are the numbers of professional social workers of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) who resigned before their retirement age in the past 2 years from 2019 to 2020?

| Service area | Number in 2019 (turnover rate) | Number in 2020 (turnover rate) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Family and Child Welfare | | |
| Social Security | | |
| Services for The Elderly | | |
| Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services | | |
| Services for Offenders | | |
| Community Development | | |
| Services for Young People | | |

- (2) What is the estimated turnover rate of SWD's professional social workers of the above service areas who resign before their retirement age in this year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

Reply:

The social work grades staff of SWD will be deployed to work in different service areas from time to time. The numbers of those social work grades staff who resigned before their retirement age in 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) are provided as follows:

| Year | Number of social work grades staff resigned ^[Note] |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 2019-20 | 17 |
| 2020-21(as at 31 December 2020) | 12 |

[Note] As at the effective date of leaving the service.

SWD has not specifically made an estimate on this year's number of those social work grades staff who resign before their retirement age.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)161

(Question Serial No. 1612)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please explain why the balance of the Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme) makes up over 80% of the approved commitment.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)162****(Question Serial No. 1621)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the "Assistance for patients and their families", please advise the following:

- (i) What are the reasons for the 2021-22 Estimate to exceed the 2019-20 Actual Expenditure by 100%?
- (ii) Regarding the 2019-20 Actual Expenditure,
- (1) please provide the number of assistance cases involved.
 - (2) please list out the types of illness involved and the amount of assistance for each type of illness?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)Reply:

The "Assistance for patients and their families" aims at offering direct and temporary financial assistance to patients who are receiving treatment at hospital and/or their family members to meet immediate needs. The scope of the assistance includes support for the patients to cover their emergency expenditures on medical care or short-term financial support for the patients and their families while pending approval of their application for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance. Each year, the Social Welfare Department will set aside provisions to cover the approved assistance that seek to meet the needs of the patients or their families. The 2021-22 Estimate was based on the estimated demand of 2020-21. The actual expenditure for the assistance will depend on the number of cases each year.

The number of cases on providing "Assistance for patients and their families", type of illness and actual amount of assistance involved in 2019-20 are as follows:

| Type of illness | No. of assistance cases | Amount of assistance (\$) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Clinical Oncology | 1 | 200.00 |
| Medicine | 18 | 8,417.10 |
| Neurosurgery | 1 | 1,503.40 |
| Obstetrics | 5 | 4,620.00 |
| Orthopaedics and Traumatology (Orthopaedics) | 3 | 967.00 |
| Paediatrics | 8 | 2,020.00 |
| Surgery | 2 | 1,749.00 |
| Psychiatry | 47 | 40,661.90 |
| Accident and Emergency (A&E) | 2 | 1,700.00 |
| Total | 87 | 61,838.40 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)163

(Question Serial No. 2449)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the monthly unemployment rate, the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) unemployment cases and the number of recipients, starting from June 2020, what is the number of such cases benefitting from the Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme), i.e. those benefitting from the temporary relaxation of the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% and disregard of the cash value of insurance policies as assets?
2. Regarding the latest statistics on CSSA unemployment cases for 2021, as compared with the same period in the past 2 years, please set out (i) the percentage of recipients being male, female, aged under 30, aged 30 to 39, aged 40 to 49, aged 50 to 59, and aged 60 to 64 out of the total number of recipients; (ii) their median duration of receiving CSSA; (iii) the percentage distribution of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible household members; and
3. Will the Government consider further raising the CSSA asset limits for able-bodied unemployed persons and allowing the unemployed who live with their families but do not receive financial support from their families to apply for CSSA on an individual basis?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 3. To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around

19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need. SWD does not have the other information sought.

2. The number of unemployed CSSA recipients with a breakdown of gender and age from 2018-19 to 2020-21, and the percentage out of the total number of CSSA recipients are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex respectively. The median duration of CSSA unemployment cases receiving CSSA is set out in Table 3 of the Annex. The distribution of percentages of CSSA unemployment cases with a breakdown by the number of eligible household members is set out in Table 4 of the Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Table 1: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by gender and percentage out of the total number of CSSA recipients from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Gender | Number of unemployed CSSA recipients (Percentage out of the total number of CSSA recipients) | | |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Male | 6 085 | 7 531 | 10 413 |
| Female | 6 357 | 7 236 | 10 415 |
| Total | 12 442 (3.9%) | 14 767 (4.8%) | 20 828 (6.5%) |

Table 2: Number of unemployed CSSA recipients by age group and percentage out of the total number of CSSA recipients from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Age group | Number of unemployed CSSA recipients (Percentage out of the total number of CSSA recipients) | | |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 15 to 29 | 1 134 | 1 245 | 1 808 |
| 30 to 39 | 1 120 | 1 152 | 2 090 |
| 40 to 49 | 3 895 | 4 104 | 5 977 |
| 50 to 59 | 6 111 | 6 260 | 7 043 |
| 60 to 64 | 182 | 2 006 | 3 910 |
| Total | 12 442 (3.9%) | 14 767 (4.8%) | 20 828 (6.5%) |

Table 3: Median duration of CSSA unemployment cases receiving CSSA from 2018-19 to 2020-21

| Year | Median duration of CSSA unemployment cases receiving CSSA (years) |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 | 6.6 |
| 2019-20 | 4.9 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 2.1 |

Unemployment cases might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health, low-earnings or single parent). Not all of them have received CSSA all along due to unemployment.

Table 4: Distribution of percentages of CSSA unemployment cases by number of eligible household members from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (%)

| Number of eligible household members | 2018-19 (%) | 2019-20 (%) | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | 59.3 | 63.9 | 66.6 |
| 2 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 9.7 |
| 3 | 10.6 | 9.2 | 8.9 |
| 4 | 10.4 | 9.0 | 8.4 |
| 5 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| 6 or above | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)164

(Question Serial No. 2483)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. What were the expenditures on the Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs) (Pilot Scheme), and the measures of “one school social worker for each school” in public sector primary schools and “two school social workers for each school” in secondary schools in each of the past 3 years?
2. What were the respective numbers of social workers and social work teams providing service under the Pilot Scheme, and PPIs and students and their families served in each of the past 3 years, what were the expenditures involved, how many staff members of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) were responsible for the supervisory work and provision of support, and what were the emolument provisions involved? When will the assessment study conducted by the City University of Hong Kong as commissioned by the Government be expected to complete?
3. How many primary schools switched to the new funding mode in each of the past 3 years, and what were the expenditures involved? When will all public sector primary schools switch to the new funding mode as expected by the Government? How many staff members of the Education Bureau or SWD will be responsible for the supervisory work and provision of support, and what will be the emolument provisions involved?
4. How many secondary schools benefitted from the measure of “two school social workers for each school” in each of the past 3 years, what were the additional numbers of school social workers, how many staff members of SWD were responsible for the supervisory work and provision of support, and what were the emolument provisions involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 125)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. For early identification of and to provide assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has allocated about \$990 million from the Lotteries Fund to launch a three-year Pilot Scheme in the

2018/19 school year to provide social work services in phases for about 150 000 pre-primary children and their families in more than 700 subsidised/aided PPIs (including aided child care centres (CCCs), kindergartens (KGs) and KG-cum-CCCs) across the territory. The Pilot Scheme is implemented in 3 phases. Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Pilot Scheme have commenced operation since February 2019, August 2019 and August 2020 respectively serving 246, 239 and 240 (725 in total) subsidised/aided PPIs (including aided CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs). During the implementation of the three-phase Pilot Scheme, a total of 57 social work teams (including 35 full teams and 22 half teams) have been set up through non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Each full team consists of 1 social work supervisor and 8 social workers. Based on the information submitted by subsidised/aided PPIs to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Education Bureau (EDB) in September 2020, there are a total of about 129 000 children in the 725 PPIs joining Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Pilot Scheme. As the co-ordination work of the Pilot Scheme is mainly absorbed by existing staff, SWD does not have information on a breakdown of emoluments. The Government has commissioned the City University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study on the current mode of service operation, as well as the service performance and service outputs/outcomes during the implementation of the Pilot Scheme. It is expected that the evaluation study, to be completed in early 2022, will shed light on the way forward of the service.

1. & 3. From the 2018/19 to 2020/21 school years, 223, 309 and 332 public sector primary schools have respectively switched to the new funding mode and implemented the policy of “one school social worker for each school”. The total expenditures on student guidance service under the old funding mode and the new funding mode for these 3 school years are \$436 million, \$487 million and \$492 million (estimated) respectively.

Since the 2018/19 school year, the Government has started to enhance student guidance service in primary schools. The Government has provided a new funding mode for implementing the policy of “one school social worker for each school” in all public sector and Direct Subsidy Scheme primary schools. Schools may, having regard to their own circumstances, employ at least 1 school-based registered graduate social worker with professional qualifications to further enhance the overall quality of guidance services. For schools currently having opted to employ Student Guidance Teachers, they can continue with the present arrangements. In case schools receiving Student Guidance Service Grant are not able to switch to the new funding mode owing to the need for more time to handle personnel matters, they may discuss with EDB separately.

EDB has implemented the Whole School Approach to guidance and discipline in schools, where related professionals (including guidance personnel, school social workers and school-based educational psychologists) collaborate with teachers to provide remedial, preventive and developmental guidance services for students as necessary for their whole-person development. Professional guidance officers of EDB will continue to offer appropriate assistance to schools through professional consultation, school visits and school-based training activities in light of their actual needs. As the expenditure for the supervision and support of school social workers has been subsumed under the overall expenditure of EDB, it is not possible to apportion the expenditure involved.

1. & 4. To enhance teenagers’ mental health and stress resilience, SWD has implemented the measure of “two school social workers for each school” in secondary schools from the 2019/20 school year, with the addition of about 370 school social workers in total. The number of school social workers for each secondary school was then increased from 1.2 to 2 and about 46 posts of Social Work Officer were increased concomitantly to enhance supervisory support. The additional full-year recurrent provision involved is around \$313 million.

In each of the years from 2018-19 to 2020-21, 463 secondary schools benefited from school social work service (SSW) in secondary schools. The relevant expenditure is as follows:

| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$384 million | \$619 million | \$755 million |

Under subvention of SWD, NGOs provide SSW service in secondary schools and are responsible for the related supervision and professional support. As the expenditure for SWD’s planning and monitoring of SSW service in secondary schools has been subsumed under the overall expenditure of SWD, there is no breakdown of the expenditure involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)165

(Question Serial No. 2514)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please advise the number of Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) recipients and the percentage out of the total number of elderly CSSA cases. In view of the fact that the amount of CSSA payment provided to the elderly persons participating in the PCSSA Scheme is generally around 30% less than that to those residing in Hong Kong (HK), will the Government consider providing supplements and special grants to participating elderly persons in order to make the scheme more attractive?
2. Please advise the number of applications for the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme, the number of cases involved and the percentage out of the total number of Old Age Allowance (OAA) cases respectively since the launch of the schemes.
3. A number of elderly persons have to commute between GD and HK frequently due to various reasons, making them ineligible for social allowance in HK or under the GD Scheme in GD Province. Does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have plans to approve the receipt of social allowance by this group of persons on a discretionary basis or re-launch the special one-off arrangement, and will the Government consider relaxing the relevant requirements in the long term?
4. The former Chief Executive indicated in the 2011-12 Policy Address that "we need to conduct a comprehensive study on the portability of various welfare benefits, including services provided by residential care homes for the elderly, hospitals and clinics. We will consider whether such services should be extended for our elderly people residing in the Mainland from the perspectives of law, policy and public finance." Has the Government conducted and completed the study? If yes, what policies has SWD introduced to enhance the portability of welfare benefits based on the study findings?
5. Will SWD consider extending the welfare benefits currently available in the GD and FJ provinces to Macau and other provinces in the Mainland?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. As at the end of December 2020, there was a total number of 964 PCSSA recipients (867 of them residing in GD Province; 97 of them residing in FJ Province). PCSSA cases make up about 1% of the overall number of CSSA cases of “old age” nature.

The PCSSA Scheme is designed to provide eligible elderly CSSA recipients with a choice to take up permanent residence in GD Province or FJ Province while continuing to receive cash assistance. The amount of standard rates and long-term supplements receivable by elderly persons under the PCSSA Scheme is equal to the amount receivable by elderly recipients under the CSSA Scheme, and the relevant payments will be adjusted annually in accordance with the established mechanism of CSSA. The Government has no plan to provide other supplements and special grants to elderly persons participating in the PCSSA Scheme.

2. The number of OAA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme and the percentage out of the total number of HK OAA cases from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out in Table 1 of the Annex.

3. In order to receive OAA in HK or through the GD Scheme, an applicant must, apart from meeting other criteria, reside in HK continuously for at least 1 year (hereinafter referred to as one-year-continuous-residence in HK requirement) immediately before the date of application. Absence from HK up to a maximum of 56 days during the one-year period is also treated as meeting the one-year-continuous-residence in HK requirement. The above requirement ensures that the relevant payments are only granted to HK residents who have a long-term connection with HK, so as to ensure long-term sustainability of the social security system.

In view of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Director of Social Welfare will give consideration to disregard absences from HK of applicants or recipients of the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme (including OAA, Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Disability Allowance, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) who, owing to the epidemic, fail to satisfy the relevant HK residence requirement.

4. & 5. On the social security front, having extended the coverage of CSSA and OAA to GD and FJ, the Government further extended the coverage of OALA (including Normal OALA and Higher OALA) to those 2 provinces with effect from 1 January 2020, aiming to provide adequate assistance to elderly persons residing in GD and FJ.

The portability arrangement of social security benefits is only applicable to eligible elderly persons residing in GD and FJ mainly because there are more HK people residing in these 2 provinces. In terms of geographical proximity and community bonding, elderly persons residing in GD and FJ could maintain a close connection with their relatives and friends in HK and more readily obtain support. Moreover, the 2 provinces are uniquely and closely connected with HK on the social, economic and transport fronts. The Government will continue to keep in view the implementation of the relevant arrangements.

Table 1: Number of OAA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme and percentage out of the total number of HK OAA cases from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Year | GD Scheme (Percentage out of the total number of HK OAA cases) | FJ Scheme ^[Note 1] (Percentage out of the total number of HK OAA cases) |
|--|--|--|
| 2016-17 | 14 600 (6.1%) | N.A. |
| 2017-18 | 16 689 (6.7%) | N.A. |
| 2018-19 | 16 568 (6.6%) | 1 656 (0.7%) |
| 2019-20 ^[Note 2] | 9 776 (3.6%) | 785 (0.3%) |
| 2020-21 ^[Note 2] (as at end-December 2020) | 7 696 (2.7%) | 615 (0.2%) |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] FJ Scheme was launched on 1 April 2018.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020. The number of cases in the year does not include the number of OALA cases under the schemes. In 2019-20, the number of OALA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme are 8 689 and 1 010 respectively, whereas the number of OALA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are 11 589 and 1 331 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)166

(Question Serial No. 2515)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise:

1. the number of trainees recruited, the number of graduates, the number of graduates having remained in employment with social welfare service units in each of the years since the implementation of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme);
2. the expenditure involved and the staffing establishment in each of the years since the implementation of the Navigation Scheme and in the coming year;
3. the additional recurrent expenditure involved since the implementation of the enhanced Navigation Scheme; and
4. the measures adopted by the Government to attract graduates of the Navigation Scheme to stay in the care sector so as to avoid wasting the training resources, and those to address the problem of manpower shortage in the care sector.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1 to 3. The Government earmarked about \$147 million to launch the Navigation Scheme in July 2015. As at the end of December 2020, the Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of 1 158 trainees. Among them, 529 trainees graduated, while 91 trainees were still under the Navigation Scheme. The relevant information by year is set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) continues to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and roll out enhancement measures, involving a total expenditure of about \$266 million. Operating agencies have started recruiting trainees under the enhanced scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting about 400 trainees so far. SWD is responsible for following up on the progress of the Navigation Scheme, and manpower is arranged by internal redeployment.

4. SWD has rolled out enhancement measures for the Navigation Scheme since 2020- 21 to attract more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Enhancement measures include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, etc.

Apart from the aforesaid Navigation Scheme, the Government has implemented the following measures to strengthen the manpower supply of front-line care workers.

The Government has allocated additional recurrent provision since June 2018 for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, ward attendants and home helpers, thereby enabling these subsidised service units to recruit and retain front-line care staff more effectively.

The Government launched the \$1 billion “Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care” (I&T Fund) in December 2018 to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units in the procurement/rental and trial use of technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers.

SWD arranged a series of publicity work, including advertising on newspapers, in November 2020 to promote the care sector so as to attract job seekers to join the sector.

In addition, the 2020 Policy Address announced that the Government will consider adjusting the training and working hour arrangements under the Employees Retraining Board’s “First-Hire-Then-Train” Scheme. Arrangements will also be made for employers participating in the scheme to join the Employment Programme for the Elderly and Middle-aged of the Labour Department and apply for on-the-job training allowance for employing staff meeting the requirement.

Number of trainees and expenditure involved in the Navigation Scheme by year

| Year | No. of persons participating in the Navigation Scheme | No. of persons continued to be employed in social welfare service units upon completion of the Navigation Scheme ^[Note 1] | Actual expenditure of the Navigation Scheme (\$ million) |
|---|---|--|--|
| 2015-16 | 180 | Trainees not having completed the Navigation Scheme were still under training | About 24.7 |
| 2016-17 | 389 | -Ditto- | About 56.3 |
| 2017-18 | 288 | 75 | About 34.6 |
| 2018-19 | 161 | 114 | About 22.6 |
| 2019-20 | 140 | 70 | About 3.5 ^[Note 2] |
| 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) | Trainees from the former cohort | 40 | About 67.7 ^[Note 3] |
| | Trainees from the current cohort: around 400 | Trainees not having completed the Navigation Scheme are still under training | |

[Note 1] Based on the information provided by some trainees upon graduation, 299 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units.

[Note 2] The expenditure in 2019-20 was mainly used for publicity work commenced in the first quarter of 2020 under the enhanced Navigation Scheme. In that year, operating agencies made use of the operating balance of the Navigation Scheme in previous years for their operation of the Navigation Scheme.

[Note 3] 2020-21 Revised Estimate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)167

(Question Serial No. 3016)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. It is stated under Programme (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services that the 2021-22 Estimate is 12.4% higher than last year and the estimate for Government sector has even significantly increased by 66.1%. Please provide a breakdown to explain the reasons for the substantial increase in the estimate. What new policies will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) introduce? How much of the expenditure involved is additional recurrent expenditure?
2. What are the staffing establishment, payroll cost and total expenditure for the monitoring and inspection of various types of residential care homes under Programme (4) in each of the past 3 years? In view of the substantial increase in the number of places of various types of residential care homes in the coming year, what measures will be adopted to strengthen the monitoring to ensure service quality?
3. What is the average waiting time (months) for various types of residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 3 years?
4. Please set out the number of additional places of hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs) and supported hostels (SHOSs) in each district in the coming year by 18 District Council (DC) districts;
5. What is the latest progress regarding the Government's amendment to the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance, the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation, the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance and the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation? When are they expected to be introduced to the Legislative Council?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 130)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Under the Programme of Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services, the 2021-22 Estimate for Government sector will increase by about 66.1% when compared to the

2020-21 Revised Estimate. The increase is mainly due to the additional provision for the continued implementation of anti-epidemic measures including the operation of quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), and implementation of the Targeted Group Testing Scheme for staff/residents/service users of RCHEs, RCHDs and nursing homes which were funded by the Anti-Epidemic Fund in 2020-21.

2. The staffing establishment and overall payroll cost for inspectors of SWD's Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) in each of the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 of Annex 1. In addition, SWD has employed a total of 8 retired disciplined services officers on contract terms to assist in carrying out inspections at residential care homes (including RCHEs and RCHDs) since February 2017. The relevant payroll cost in each of the past 3 years is set out in Table 2 of Annex 1.

The Government attaches great importance to the service quality of RCHDs. SWD will continue to implement improvement measures, including stepping up inspection and law enforcement, increasing transparency, strengthening training of RCHD staff and promoting professionalism of the care service of RCHDs, etc.

3. The average waiting time for various types of residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in each of the past 3 years is set out in Annex 2.
4. The estimated number of additional places for HSMHs, HMMHs, C&A/SDs and SHOSs for 2021-22 by DC district is set out in Annex 3.
5. To further enhance the regulation of residential care homes, SWD set up the Working Group on the Review of Ordinances and Codes of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Working Group) in June 2017. The Working Group completed the review in May 2019 and put forward recommendations covering the classification of residential care homes, statutory minimum staffing requirements, statutory minimum area of floor space per resident, requirements on operators, registration systems for home managers and health workers, relevant penalties, etc. Some recommendations of the Working Group are related to amendment of the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) and the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities). In this regard, SWD has amended the two Codes of Practice and implemented them since 1 January 2020. For the recommendations involving the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) and the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613), they have to be implemented by way of legislative amendments. The Government is making preparation for the legislative exercise.

Table 1: Staffing establishment and overall payroll cost for inspectors of the LORCHD

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Social workers | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| Nurses | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Building surveyors | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Fire services officers | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total (persons) | 23 | 24 | 24 |
| Overall payroll cost (\$ million) | about 15.15 | about 16.77 | about 12.57 |

Table 2: Payroll cost for employing retired disciplined services officers

| Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Overall payroll cost (\$ million) | about 3.94 | about 4.14 | about 3.11 |

Average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services

| Service type | Average waiting time (in months) ^[Note 1] | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|--|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
| Halfway house | 6.0 | 5.4 | Not available yet ^[Note 3] |
| Long stay care home | 54.3 | 57.8 | |
| Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential) | N.A. ^[Note 2] | N.A. ^[Note 2] | |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons | 185.6 | 160.5 | |
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons | 114.1 | 144.3 | |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons | 168.0 | 123.6 | |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons | 68.1 | 68.4 | |
| Care and attention home for the aged blind | 10.0 | 9.9 | |
| Small Group Home for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children ^[Note 4] | 15.0 | 8.7 | |
| Supported hostel | 39.0 | 47.3 | |

N.A.-Not applicable

^[Note 1] The waiting time is affected by a number of factors including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc. The average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

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

^[Note 3] The figures for 2020-21 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st of April of a year to the 31st of March of the next year.

^[Note 4] Small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children include integrated small group homes.

**Estimated number of additional places for HSMHs, HMMHs, C&A/SDs and SHOSs
for 2021-22**

(By DC district)

| DC District | Type of service and number of service places | | | |
|-------------------|--|------|--------|------|
| | HSMH | HMMH | C&A/SD | SHOS |
| Central & Western | - | - | - | - |
| Eastern | - | - | - | - |
| Wan Chai | - | - | - | - |
| Southern | - | - | - | - |
| Islands | - | - | - | - |
| Kwun Tong | - | - | - | - |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | - | - | - |
| Sai Kung | 11 | - | - | - |
| Kowloon City | - | - | - | - |
| Yau Tsim Mong | - | - | - | - |
| Sham Shui Po | 50 | 50 | - | 50 |
| Sha Tin | - | - | - | 30 |
| Tai Po | - | - | - | - |
| North | - | - | - | - |
| Yuen Long | - | - | - | - |
| Tuen Mun | 400 | 75 | 200 | - |
| Tsuen Wan | - | - | - | - |
| Kwai Tsing | - | 20 | - | - |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)168

(Question Serial No. 3018)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the operation of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the expenditure incurred by ICCMWs and the staffing establishment of each notional team in the past 3 years and the coming year;
2. list the population of each service district, and the number of new cases and the number of members of each ICCMW in the past 3 years;
3. the number of ICCMWs with a total floor area above, equal to or below the standard Schedule of Accommodation (SoA) at present; what measures the Government have taken to help those ICCMWs with a total floor area below the standard SoA increase the total floor area;
4. the number of ICCMWs currently operating in permanent premises, those having identified permanent premises but yet to move in for operation, and those lacking permanent premises; the amount of rent allowance given or to be given to those ICCMWs lacking permanent premises in the past 3 years and the coming year;
5. The median waiting time in connection with psychiatric routine new cases of the Hospital Authority has shown no significant decrease since the ICCMWs came into operation. When assessing the effectiveness of the ICCMWs, is the effectiveness of ICCMWs in alleviating the burden of the public healthcare system one of the factors considered? If no, what are the other factors considered by the Government?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The amount of subventions for the 24 ICCMWs granted by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years and 2021-22 are set out in Annex 1.

Notional staffing establishment (NSE) is used by SWD for calculating the amount of subventions for subvented services. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing

to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD has uploaded the samples of NSE of the subvented services to its webpage in February 2017 in order to enhance the transparency of subvention calculations. The NSE of ICCMWs is set out in Annex 2.

2. The number of new cases served by the 24 ICCMWs and the number of members of these centres by service district in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 2 of Annex 3. SWD does not have information in respect of the population of the service districts.
3. In order to cope with the service development and operational need, SWD has revised the standard SoA of ICCMWs, which was approved by the Government Property Agency in March 2018. According to the revised SoA, currently 7 out of the 24 ICCMWs have a total floor area equal to or above the standard SoA, while the other 17 ICCMWs have a total floor area below the standard, including 3 ICCMWs to be reprovisioned to permanent premises meeting the standard SoA upon completion of renovation/construction/conversion works. Apart from taking the standard SoA as a planning parameter for ICCMWs, SWD will also consider other factors in determining whether certain premises are suitable for ICCMW purpose, including the configuration, suitability, availability, accessibility and location of the premises. SWD will keep in view the overall service demand and the service situation of individual ICCMWs.
4. Among the 24 ICCMWs, 17 are currently operating in permanent premises. Suitable sites for permanent premises have been identified for 5 other ICCMWs, and fitting-out/building works are being/will be carried out. For the 2 remaining ICCMWs, sites have been preliminarily reserved in new development or redevelopment projects under planning, which have yet to be confirmed at this stage. SWD will continue to maintain close liaison with the relevant departments, with a view to finalising on the location of permanent premises as soon as possible. To tie in with operational and service need, SWD provide full subsidy to the 8 ICCMWs without permanent premises or having a total floor area below the standard SoA for renting 1 or more than 1 commercial premises for temporary service point or office purposes.
5. The ICCMWs mainly provide one-stop district-based community mental health support services for persons in mental recovery and persons with suspected mental health problems living in the serving districts. The core services of ICCMWs are not limited to casework counselling, day training, outreaching services, occupational therapy, therapeutic and supportive groups and public education, but also include referring cases with medical needs to the HA for clinical assessment or psychiatric treatment. In the meantime, ICCMWs will enhance the public's awareness of mental wellness through the organisation of public educational programmes, and encourage members of the public with mental health needs to seek early help or medical consultation. In each year, the ICCMWs need to assess the service outcomes using indicators such as the satisfaction of service users and whether the services have enhanced the service users' problem coping and solving capability. Implications on the healthcare system are not within the scope of the outcome assessment of ICCMW service.

**Amount of subventions for the 24 ICCMWs granted by SWD
in the past 3 years and 2021-22**

| Year | Expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 381.2 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 458.0 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 488.7 |
| 2021-22 (Estimate) | 490.3 |

NSE of ICCMWs

| ICCMW Scale: 1 Notional Team | |
|---|------------------------|
| Rank/Post | Number of staff |
| Social Work Officer | 1.56 |
| Assistant Social Work Officer | 10.08 |
| Social Work Assistant | 9.20 |
| Registered Nurse (Psychiatric) | 2.00 |
| Occupational Therapist I | 1.13 |
| Occupational Therapist II | 1.00 |
| Occupational Therapist Assistant | 2.00 |
| Welfare Worker | 6.13 |
| Clerical Assistant | 1.00 |
| Workman II | 1.00 |

Table 1: Number of new cases served by 24 ICCMWs by service district

| District | Number of new cases | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 700 | 651 | 556 |
| Eastern & Wan Chai | 807 | 851 | 669 |
| Kwun Tong | 727 | 714 | 626 |
| Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung | 936 | 902 | 869 |
| Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong | 737 | 736 | 711 |
| Sham Shui Po | 378 | 372 | 350 |
| Sha Tin | 749 | 706 | 662 |
| Tai Po & North | 601 | 566 | 558 |
| Yuen Long | 772 | 703 | 594 |
| Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing | 969 | 995 | 839 |
| Tuen Mun | 606 | 526 | 501 |
| Total | 7 982 | 7 722 | 6 935 |

Table 2: Number of members of 24 ICCMWs by service district

| District | Number of members | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 2 950 | 3 187 | 3 177 |
| Eastern & Wan Chai | 2 519 | 2 903 | 2 688 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 725 | 2 769 | 2 738 |
| Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung | 3 358 | 3 351 | 3 419 |
| Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong | 2 628 | 2 618 | 2 216 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 264 | 1 246 | 1 214 |
| Sha Tin | 2 322 | 2 311 | 2 223 |
| Tai Po & North | 2 761 | 2 624 | 2 718 |
| Yuen Long | 2 030 | 1 966 | 1 873 |
| Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing | 2 979 | 3 271 | 3 353 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 115 | 2 066 | 2 033 |
| Total | 27 651 | 28 312 | 27 652 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)169

(Question Serial No. 0162)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the three-year pilot scheme to provide social work service for aided/subsidised child care centres (CCCs), kindergartens (KGs) and KG-cum-CCCs, please advise the following since its implementation:

1. the number of aided/subsidised CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs taking part in the scheme in respective years and their percentages of the total;
2. the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and social workers involved; the average ratio of each social worker to children;
3. the number of aided/subsidised CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs receiving two-day, two-and-a-half-day and three-day or above stationing social work service in respective years;
4. the number of cases followed up by KG social workers in respective years by type;
5. whether the Government has conducted any mid-term review of the scheme and consulted the views of stakeholders; if so, please give the details;
6. the estimated expenditure for the coming year and the specific arrangements upon completion of the scheme.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions (PPIs) is implemented in 3 phases. Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Pilot Scheme have commenced operation in February 2019, August 2019 and August 2020 respectively serving 246, 239 and 240 (725 in total) eligible PPIs (including aided CCCs, KGs and KG-cum-CCCs). Based on the information of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Education Bureau (EDB), there are a total of 775 subsidised/aided PPIs across the territory in the 2020/21 school year. The number of PPIs joining the Pilot Scheme takes up about 94% of all subsidised/aided PPIs eligible for the Pilot Scheme.

2. During the implementation of the three-phase Pilot Scheme, the Government has set up a total of 57 social work teams (including 35 full teams and 22 half teams of which 17 are jointly formed by more than 1 NGO) from 41 NGOs with more than 400 social workers. Given that each social work team with 8 social workers will provide service for not more than 16 PPIs serving about 3 200 pre-primary children and their families, each social worker will serve on average 400 pre- primary children and their families.
3. According to the service agreement between SWD and service operators, each social work team shall provide stationing service of not less than 2 days per week for serving PPI. SWD does not have a breakdown of two-day, two-and-a-half- day and three-day or above stationing service.
4. The number of cases receiving services under the Pilot Scheme in 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is 11 273 and 18 767 respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown of cases by type.
5. & 6. The estimated expenditure of the Pilot Scheme for 2021-22 is about \$293 million. During the implementation of the Pilot Scheme, the Government has commissioned the City University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study on the current mode of operation, as well as the service performance and service outputs/outcomes of the Pilot Scheme so as to shed light on the way forward of the service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)170

(Question Serial No. 0178)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the \$1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund), please advise:

1. the latest balance and utilisation of the I&T Fund, estimate for the coming year and the number of subsidised development projects;
2. the total number of projects on research and development (R&D) of gerontechnology and relevant products since the introduction of the I&T Fund; please list the relevant R&D projects, their progress, the subsidy involved and the results;
3. the total number of eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units having been subsidised to try out and procure/rent technology products since the implementation of the I&T Fund and the number of elderly beneficiaries; please list the number of items procured and rented, and categorise the gerontechnology products involved;
4. whether the I&T Fund will focus on technological R&D for “ageing in place” and expand the use of the I&T Fund to cover procurement at individual level in the future; if yes, please give the details; if not, the reasons; and
5. whether the Government will consider joint development of suitable gerontechnology products with neighbouring cities and research institutes.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1 & 3. The \$1 billion I&T Fund was launched in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure/rent and try out technology products, with a view to improving the life of service users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. The \$1 billion Fund will be progressively disbursed within 5 years starting from 2019-2020. As at 31 December 2020, 3 tranches of grants totalling over \$200 million had been approved for about 970 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent

over 4 200 items of technology products. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of beneficiary service users. The types of products that got more applications for procurement from the service units included smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment and assessment tools for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, tilt- in- space/ height adjustable commode/shower chair, wireless health monitoring equipment, companion robot, and anti-wandering system, etc. For the fourth tranche application closed on 2 November 2020, applications for a total of about 3 000 items of technology products from about 640 service units were received. Vetting is underway.

2. 4 applications for trial use of newly developed technology products have been received so far. Vetting is underway.
- 4 & 5. SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) to promote the use of innovative technology in long-term care services and co- ordinate the collaboration among various stakeholders. In addition, the Government, HKCSS and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation have jointly organised the Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit since 2017 to showcase local and overseas innovative products and concepts and provided a collaborative platform for various stakeholders to continue to promote the development of Gerontech. SWD will regularly review the utilisation of the Fund to evaluate its effectiveness and adjust its mode of operation as necessary, so as to promote the application of gerontechnology and benefit more service users, care staff and carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)171

(Question Serial No. 0199)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), please advise the following:

1. the number of new CSSA unemployment cases since the launch of the Special Scheme on 1 June 2020, and among which the number of cases that have benefited from the relaxation of asset limits by 100% and the disregard of cash value of insurance policies as assets;
2. the average time required for applying for CSSA Scheme in the past 2 years; whether the Government has increased its manpower for more efficient processing and vetting of CSSA applications in view of economic downturn and rising service demand; if yes, please give the details; the manpower for processing CSSA cases and the average time required for applying for CSSA in the coming year;
3. whether the Government will review and extend the Special Scheme, including further enhancement so that the unemployed can apply for time-limited CSSA on an individual basis to tide over difficulties;
4. additional expenses involved in launching the Special Scheme.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1, 3 & 4. To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at

the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.

2. Regarding the processing of CSSA applications, under normal circumstances, and if the applicant or his/her guardian/appointee can produce all the necessary information, the application process can be completed within 4 weeks. In view of the implementation of new measures under CSSA and the rising trend in the number of CSSA applications, SWD has increased the manpower at various Social Security Field Units (SSFUs), including the addition of 45 Social Security Grade posts in the end of 2020 and early 2021. Meanwhile, SWD allocated additional resources in May 2020 to hire over 70 retired civil servants under the Post-retirement Service Contract Scheme to assist in the processing and approval of CSSA applications at various SSFUs. The aforesaid batch of additional manpower will continue to assist in the processing of CSSA applications in 2021-22.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)172

(Question Serial No. 0209)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the "Pilot Project on Tier 1 Support Services in Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres" (Pilot Project), please advise the following:

1. the number of cases having been followed-up by project teams since the introduction of the Pilot Project, the types of support services provided, and the number of children and kindergartens provided with such services;
2. in view of the impact of the epidemic and the class suspension over the past year on the learning, daily life and social skills of children showing signs of special needs, what additional resources, measures and services will the Government provide to support these children, parents and schools?
3. whether the Government will consider expanding the number of places and the scale of the Pilot Project so that more students can receive early intervention services; and
4. the estimated expenditure for the Pilot Project.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government implemented a twenty-month "Pilot Project on Tier 1 Support Services in Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres" (Pilot Project) in August 2020. As at 31 December 2020, 6 project teams co-ordinated by 6 non-governmental organisations operating on-site pre-school rehabilitation services provided early intervention services, including individual/group training, to 813 pre-school children in about 80 kindergartens/kindergarten-cum-child care centres. They also provided parents and teachers with professional consultation and training, including talks, workshops, seminars and teaching demonstrations.
2. The Government has been making timely announcements of special arrangements for welfare services, having regard to the development of the epidemic. Operators of pre-school rehabilitation services have also arranged for different modes of individual training, such as centre-based training, mobile/electronic learning and home training for

service users, taking into account the epidemic situation, service users' circumstances and their parents' preference.

3. The Government has commissioned a consultant to carry out an evaluative study on the Pilot Project to assess the effectiveness and long-term service development.
4. A funding of \$64.5 million was allocated from the Lotteries Fund to implement the Pilot Project.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)173

(Question Serial No. 2007)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of purchase of premises for the provision of welfare services under the Programme, please advise:

1. the premises purchased so far and their uses;
2. the progress of purchasing premises for around 160 proposed welfare facilities, as estimated by the Government, with a breakdown by service type and district;
3. based on experience, the average time taken from identifying suitable premises to formally purchasing properties; and whether the local communities have been consulted on the selection of the premises before the purchase; and
4. in view of the economy, many privately owned premises with larger area will be available for sale. Will the Government seize the opportunity to extend the project to purchasing premises for the provision of residential care homes for the elderly or persons with disabilities?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

On 30 June 2020, the Government obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres (CCCs), day care centres for the elderly (DEs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. The details of welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in premises to be purchased are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has completed the consultation with the 18 District Councils on the welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in purchased premises for the districts concerned in mid-November 2020 and has started the purchase exercise. With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), SWD is currently identifying suitable non-domestic premises for purchase through different channels, including open invitations to owners of potentially suitable non-domestic premises available for sale in 18 districts to submit their sale proposals to GPA for consideration. SWD is assessing the suitability of offered premises for purchase. The Government will not disclose the locations

of the premises proposed to be purchased beforehand so as not to affect the transactions. SWD will update the GPA's website with regard to the information on welfare facilities for which suitable premises have been purchased.

Apart from taking up significant floor area, the technical and layout requirements of residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities are also more complex. These facilities are preferably accommodated in purpose-built premises and are therefore not included in the purchase exercise. In this connection, the Government will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach with long- and medium-term strategies to accommodate the residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities in purpose-built premises in different types of new development projects.

Purchase of Premises for the Provision of Welfare Facilities
List of Welfare Facilities Proposed to be Accommodated in Premises to be Purchased

| Type of facilities | Number of facilities |
|---|----------------------|
| Family and child care facilities | |
| (a) CCC | 28 |
| (b) Co-parenting Support Centre | 5 |
| (c) Integrated Family Service Centre | 6 |
| Elderly facilities | |
| (d) DE | 15 |
| (e) NEC | 48 |
| (f) District Elderly Community Centre | 7 |
| Rehabilitation facilities | |
| (g) Day Activity Centre | 3 |
| (h) Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre | 3 |
| (i) Special Child Care Centre (SCCC) | 5 |
| (j) OPRS | 12 |
| (k) Support Centre for Persons with Autism | 3 |
| (l) District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities | 5 |
| (m) Parents/Relatives Resource Centre | 9 |
| (n) Community Rehabilitation Day Centre | 1 |
| (o) SCCC cum Early Education and Training Centre | 1 |
| Youth facilities | |
| (p) Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre | 1 |
| (q) Youth Outreaching Team | 1 |
| (r) Cyber Youth Support Team | 5 |
| Total: | 158 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)174

(Question Serial No. 2009)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) under this Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of trainees recruited under the Navigation Scheme and the number of organisations participating in the Navigation Scheme over the past 2 years;
2. the number of dropouts over the past 2 years and whether the Government has looked into the reasons;
3. the average age and educational attainment of the trainees over the past 2 years;
4. the weekly working hours of trainees and their remuneration over the past 2 years;
5. the number of graduates joining the elderly sector over the past 2 years, and the average salary for their full-time jobs; and
6. whether similar schemes will be provided to the middle-aged/unemployed so as to attract them to the sector and alleviate the shortage?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1 to 5. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, recruiting young persons aged between 18 to 25 who have completed Secondary 5 education or attained an equivalent academic qualification to join the elderly or rehabilitation care services. Trainees work for 44 hours per week under the Navigation Scheme. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 1 158 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 529 trainees graduated, while 91 trainees were still under the Navigation Scheme. 538 trainees had left the Navigation Scheme mainly for reasons such as pursuing further studies, finding the job nature not suitable, having secured another job or personal reasons. Based on the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, as at the end of December 2020, 299 graduates continued to be employed in social welfare service units, including elderly service units. SWD

continues to provide a total of 1 200 additional training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies. 5 operating agencies have started recruiting trainees under the enhanced scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting about 400 trainees so far.

The respective monthly salaries of trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme and recruited to fill the relevant posts in 2019-20 and 2020-21 are as follows:

| Post | Year | Monthly salary | |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | 2019-20 (\$) | 2020-21 (\$) |
| Care worker (entry level) | | 11,740 | 14,150 |
| Health worker (after promotion) | | 14,110 | 17,090 |

SWD does not have information on the average age, educational attainment and salaries of trainees upon their departure from the Navigation Scheme.

6. It is stated in the 2020 Policy Address that in view of the tight manpower situation of front-line care staff in residential care homes for the elderly, the Government will consider adjusting the training and working hour arrangements under Employees Retraining Board's "First-Hire-Then-Train" Scheme. Arrangements will also be made for employers participating in the scheme to join the Employment Programme for the Elderly and Middle-aged of the Labour Department and apply for on-the-job training (OJT) allowance. This is to encourage employers to engage job seekers aged 40 or above who are unemployed or have left the workforce and to provide them with OJT.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)175

(Question Serial No. 2011)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), please advise:

1. in each of the past 2 years,
 - i) the number of persons who were issued CCSVs and the number of users;
 - ii) the number of service units with a breakdown by service type;
 - iii) the number of quotas of day care services and home care services and the frequency of using the services;
 - iv) the number of persons leaving the Pilot Scheme and the reasons for leaving;
2. the number of service units with their service delivery affected amid the epidemic in the past year, the number of elderly persons involved; whether the Government has implemented any measures to help the elderly persons who were issued CCSVs to obtain the services they need during the epidemic;
3. the progress of a plan announced by the Government in implementing the Third Phase of the Pilot Scheme under which medical institutions or medical/rehabilitation service operators with proven experience of direct community care service for the elderly may participate in the Pilot Scheme; the actual number of medical institutions or medical/rehabilitation service operators participating in the Pilot Scheme; the medical services involved; and
4. the number of CCSVs to be issued in the coming year and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented from October 2016 to September 2020. The third phase of the Pilot Scheme commenced in

October 2020. The information sought on the second and third phases of the Pilot Scheme is set out in the Annex.

Based on the latest development of the COVID-19 epidemic and service needs, recognised service providers (RSPs) of the Pilot Scheme have been making special arrangements for service adjustments, such as suspension or maintenance of day care centre services on a limited scale. With the adoption of suitable preventive measures, RSPs have also flexibly provided service packages to CCSV holders based on their needs, including the continued provision of some home care services (such as meals, escort, nursing, administration of medicine, assistance with personal hygiene and procurement of necessities) or online training, etc. CCSV holders may also use different values of CCSV in a flexible manner.

3. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 9 medical institutions or medical/rehabilitation service operators with proven experience of direct community care services for the elderly have participated in the third phase of the Pilot Scheme. The CCSV services offered by the relevant service providers include nursing care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, etc.
4. The third phase of the Pilot Scheme provides a total of 8 000 CCSVs. The estimated expenditure for 2021-22 is about \$294 million.

Table 1: Number of persons issued with/ having used CCSVs under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme and the number of service places

| Year | Cumulative no. of persons issued with CCSVs | No. of CCSV users | No. of RSPs | No. of service places | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Day care service | Home care service |
| 2019-20 | 11 222 | 4 237 | 173 | 3 210 | 6 806 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-September 2020) | 12 154 | 4 379 | 179 | 3 250 | 7 123 |

Table 2: Distribution of RSPs and number of users ^[Note] by service type under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme

| Year | Day care service | | Home care service | | Day care and home care services | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| | No. of RSPs | No. of users | No. of RSPs | No. of users | No. of RSPs | No. of users |
| 2019-20 | 34 | 1 774 | 22 | 1 398 | 117 | 1 065 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-September 2020) | 34 | 1 725 | 25 | 1 599 | 120 | 1 055 |

[Note] The frequency of service usage is unavailable.

Table 3: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the second phase of Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving

| Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme | 2020-21 (as at end-September 2020) |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| | Number of persons |
| Natural turnover | |
| Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service | 2 739 |
| Deceased | 1 808 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers | 680 |
| Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town) | 473 |
| Service-related | |
| No suitable service units/service packages | 295 |
| Total | 5 995 |

Table 4: Number of persons issued with/ having used CCSVs under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme and the number of service places

| Year | Cumulative no. of persons issued with CCSVs | No. of CCSV users | No. of RSPs | No. of service places | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Day care service | Home care service |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 7 338 ^[Note] | 4 475 | 227 | 3 804 | 10 542 |

[Note] Including 6 159 CCSV holders who migrated from the second phase to the third phase of the Pilot Scheme.

Table 5: Distribution of RSPs and the number of users by service type under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme

| Year | Day care service | | Home care service | | Day care and home care services | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| | No. of RSPs | No. of users | No. of RSPs | No. of users | No. of RSPs | No. of users |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 41 | 1 734 | 47 | 1 675 | 139 | 1 066 |

Table 6: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the third phase of Pilot Scheme by reason for leaving

| Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| | Number of persons |
| Natural turnover | |
| Will be/have been allocated with subsidised community care service or subsidised/private residential care service | 273 |
| Deceased | 195 |
| Taken care of by family members or domestic helpers | 21 |
| Others (e.g. hospitalised, out of town) | 31 |
| Service-related | |
| No suitable service units/service packages | - |
| Total | 519 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)176

(Question Serial No. 2012)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the services provided by day activity centres (DACs), sheltered workshops (SWs)/integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres (IVRSCs) stated under the Programme, please advise:

1. the number of days on which rehabilitation units such as DACs, SWs/IVRSCs closed due to the epidemic in the past year; what support have the Government provided to services users and their carers;
2. the details of on-site training and care to ageing service users in DAC cum Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (DAC cum HSMH) and SW/IVRSC cum Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (SW/IVRSC cum HMMH), as well as the units involved for improving services and the number of places;
3. the details of "the implementation of a pilot project to enhance the service model for SWs/IVRSCs" stated under the Programme;
4. in the face of economic shocks, high unemployment rates and shortage of job, how the Government assists relevant units in strengthening support for persons with disabilities in training, job placement and job matching; whether the Government will consider extending the timeframe for the provision of employment support services for persons with disabilities, so that they will not be denied continued support when they remain jobless upon the expiry of the project; and
5. the estimates and implementation timetable involved in the pilot project.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In the past year, in response to the development of COVID-19 epidemic and to reduce the spread of the epidemic in the community, day care rehabilitation services units such as DACs, SWs and IVRSCs suspended their services between 29 January and 14 May 2020 and between 15 July and 22 September 2020. However, these units, depending on the situation, remained open to service users with special needs during the period, and continue their liaison

with service users and their carers by telephone, by mail or by online communication tools such as instant messaging applications, providing them with anti-epidemic information, training in skills associated with daily life and simple tasks, vocational rehabilitation training, etc. in order to offer support to them.

- 2, 3 & 5. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to implement 2 pilot projects with funding from the Lotteries Fund in 2021 to enhance the service model of SWs/IVRSCs, so as to provide trainees who are interested in enhancing their working ability with training modules commensurate with their abilities and talents to prepare them for future career development; as well as to provide one-stop and continuous rehabilitation training, care and residential services for aging service users of DACs cum HSMHs and SWs/IVRSCs cum HMMHs. As the projects are still at the planning stage, no details can be provided.
4. SWD provides persons with disabilities who as yet cannot enter the open job market with a series of vocational rehabilitation services, including SWs, Supported Employment (SE), integrated vocational rehabilitation services, On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT) and Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway). The services cover job-related training and counselling, job attachment, job trial and post-placement service. The SE, OJT and Sunnyway provide participants with a monthly job attachment allowance of \$2,000 for up to 3 months as an incentive for them to receive training, and provide employers who offer job-trials a monthly wage subsidy with a ceiling of \$4,000 for a maximum period of 6 months as an incentive for them to offer more job opportunities to people with disabilities. The services/programmes also provide 12 months of post-placement service to participants who have secured employment to help them settle in employment. Where participants have not yet secured employment, the organisations operating the services/programmes will continue to render services to them. SWD will keep in view the demand for and the suitability of various existing vocational rehabilitation services, and constantly enhance the relevant services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)177

(Question Serial No. 2288)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for the Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding additional EA1 places to be purchased under the “Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)”, please advise:

1. given that the Secretary for Labour and Welfare indicated in 2018 that 1 000 additional EA1 places under the EBPS would be purchased in each of the next 5 years, whether the plan has been implemented; the number of additional EA1 places purchased by the Government from 2018 to present, as well as the total number and its percentage out of the number of places in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs);
2. the number of EA2 places upgraded to EA1 places in the past 3 years; the number of EA2 places under the EBPS; whether the Government has a timetable for upgrading all EA2 places to EA1 places;
3. given that according to the information of the Social Welfare Department, the average waiting time for admission to subvented and contract homes currently takes 41 months while the waiting time for admission to private RCHEs participating in the EBPS takes only 8 months, so there is a significant difference between the two, reflecting elderly persons are still worried about the quality of places under the EBPS, how the Government can enhance the quality of private RCHEs participating in the EBPS in the long run, so as to increase the elderly persons’ confidence in the EBPS and improve the waiting time; and
4. the estimated number of additional places under the EBPS and the expenditure to be involved in the next 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government has purchased an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20 to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs. Among the first batch of about 1 700 additional EA1 places bought, 964 have commenced service by the end of 2020, while about 720 remaining additional places are

expected to commence service by 2021-22. The second batch of additional EA1 places bought, involving about 1 200 places, are also expected to commence service progressively in 2021-22. As at the end of December 2020, private RCHEs participating in the EBPS provided a total of 7 059 EA1 places, accounting for about 15% of all places actually provided by private RCHEs.

2. The Government invited all private EA2 homes under the EBPS to upgrade to EA1 home standard through their participation in an upgrading exercise between 2016-17 and 2017-18 with a view to increasing the supply of subsidised places of a higher quality standard. A total of 21 homes participated in the upgrading exercise, involving about 1 200 upgraded EA1 places. As at the end of December 2020, private RCHEs participating in the EBPS provided a total of 2 166 EA2 places. The Government will consider the overall supply of residential care places for the elderly and resources situation, and timely review and enhance the EBPS.
3. The Government has implemented the EBPS to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, shorten elderly persons' waiting time for subsidised care-and-attention places, and upgrade the service standard of private RCHEs through enhancing service requirements in terms of staffing ratio and per capita floor area. The average enrolment rate of subsidised residential care places for the elderly under the EBPS over the past 3 years is 95%, which is similar to that of subvented homes.
4. The Government will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20, involving a recurrent expenditure of about \$810 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)178****(Question Serial No. 2346)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (the Scheme) was set up under the Government's Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) to provide support for interest class instructors hired by non-governmental welfare organisations (welfare NGOs) in order to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on them. Please provide the following information:

- (a) Regarding the Scheme under the second, third and fourth rounds of the AEF, please provide the relevant information in the table below.

| | Number of applications received | Number of applications approved | Number of applications rejected | Number of applications pending approval | Total amount of grants disbursed | Current balance of the commitment |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AEF 2.0 | | | | | | |
| AEF 3.0 | | | | | | |
| AEF 4.0 | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

SWD launched 3 phases of the Scheme to provide relief assistance for interest class instructors having lost much of their income as a result of service suspension of subvented welfare service units. Scheme I and Scheme II were launched under the second and third rounds of the AEF in May 2020 and October 2020 respectively, providing one-off relief grants at a rate of \$7,500 and \$5,000 respectively for each of the eligible interest class instructor. The measures have been completed. Scheme III was launched under the fourth round of the AEF in January 2021 to provide one-off relief grant of \$7,500 for each of the eligible successful applicants of Schemes I and II, and new eligible applicants. Scheme III is open for application until 31 March. Details are set out as follows:

| | Number of applications received | Number of applications approved | Number of applications rejected | Number of applications pending approval | Total amount of grants disbursed (\$ million) | Current balance of the commitment (\$ million) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|
| AEF 2.0 | 4 314 | 4 142 | 172 | - | 31.0650 | - |
| AEF 3.0 | 3 500 | 3 444 | 56 | - | 17.2200 | - |
| AEF 4.0 [Note 1] | 3 144 | 2 991 | Applications are under vetting | 153 | 22.4325 | 22.5675 [Note 2] |

[Note 1] As at 11 March 2021.

[Note 2] The fourth round of the AEF has earmarked \$45 million for Scheme III. Application and vetting for Scheme III is underway.

The financial impact of the measures will be absorbed by the AEF, which does not form part of the Appropriation Bill or the estimates on the General Revenue Account.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)179

(Question Serial No. 2363)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), would the Social Welfare Department (SWD) inform this Committee of the following:

- a. for the third phase of the Pilot Scheme, the number of participating elderly persons, the expenditure, and the number of participating service providers;
- b. the type of services used by elderly persons and the relevant breakdown figures in the third phase of the Pilot Scheme;
- c. the type and the total number of service vouchers of different values issued in the third phase of the Pilot Scheme, the number of elderly persons procuring residential respite service with service vouchers; and
- d. the estimated expenditure and programme plan(s) in the Government's plan to provide additional vouchers under the Pilot Scheme in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 89)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. The third phase of the Pilot Scheme has been implemented since October 2020. As at the end of December 2020, a cumulative total of 7 338 elderly persons had participated in the Pilot Scheme, with 227 recognised service providers in total. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the Pilot Scheme is about \$46 million.
- b. As at the end of December 2020, among the 6 819 current CCSV holders, 4 475 were receiving services. The service type used and the breakdown are provided as follows:

| Service type | No. of users |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Day care service | 1 734 |
| Home care service | 1 675 |
| Day care and home care services | 1 066 |
| Total | 4 475 |

- c. The third phase of the Pilot Scheme only sets the floor and ceiling voucher values. In 2020-21, the floor and ceiling values of CCSVs were \$4,130 and \$9,870 respectively. CCSV holders may choose the suitable service items or packages within this value range. Besides, as at the end of December 2020, the cumulative number of elderly persons who had procured residential respite service with CCSVs was 5.
- d. In 2021-22, the Government will continue to provide 8 000 CCSVs under the Pilot Scheme, involving an estimated expenditure of about \$294 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)180

(Question Serial No. 2364)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2014-15, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) purchased residential care places from elderly homes run by 2 Hong Kong non-governmental organisations in the Mainland. Would SWD please advise the following:

- a. the number of elderly persons on the central waiting list (CWL) for subsidised residential care places;
- b. the number of elderly persons admitted into the 2 said elderly homes since the implementation of the scheme;
- c. the actual number of residential care places purchased and the expenditure involved in pursuing the scheme in 2020-21;
- d. the estimated expenditure on pursuing this pilot scheme in 2021-22;
- e. the existing publicity channels employed by SWD to promote this scheme; and
- f. ways to assess the effectiveness of the scheme?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. As at the end of December 2020, there were 37 525 elderly persons ^[Note] on the CWL for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) and nursing home (NH) places.
- b. to f. The Pilot Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong was launched in June 2014 and has been regularised since January 2020 to continue to provide an alternative for elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 259 elderly persons were admitted to the 2 homes. The actual number of places purchased by SWD and the expenditure for each year depend on the number of participants. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 157 elderly persons participating in the scheme were residing in the 2 residential care homes. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate is about \$20.1 million while the 2021-22 Estimate is about \$22.7 million.

SWD will continue to introduce the scheme on its website, and the 2 homes will also step up their efforts to promote the scheme to Hong Kong people residing in Hong Kong and the Mainland through leaflets and webpages, etc.

[Note] SWD has ceased to accept new applications for placement in subvented homes for the aged since 1 January 2003. Subsidised residential care services for the elderly currently available for application include C&A places and NH places. The figure does not include elderly persons classified as inactive cases on the CWL.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)181

(Question Serial No. 2365)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please inform this Committee of the details about the vocational education and training programmes related to the elderly service sector organised by various training institutions in the past 3 years, broken down by name and category of the programme, professional discipline, mode of study or training period, number of places and actual student intakes, number of graduates or trainees having completed the training, and percentage of graduates employed in the elderly service sector.
2. Please inform this Committee of the measures implemented to improve the manpower shortage in elderly services and the relevant expenditure in the past 3 years.
3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided additional resources in 2018-19 for subsidised elderly service units to increase the salaries of personal care workers and home helpers. How will the Bureau assess the effectiveness of these measures?
4. The Government has planned to launch the enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in 2020-21. How will the Government evaluate the effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme? Besides, what new measures does the Government have in 2021-22 to address the labour shortage in the elderly service sector?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. As the vocational education and training programmes related to the elderly service sector cover many areas of different scales, SWD does not have the information sought. Nevertheless, the Government has been closely monitoring the manpower demand of the welfare sector. In this connection, the Government has implemented the following measures to increase manpower supply and strengthen their professional skills.

According to the results of the report on the Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development published in 2017, there is a general shortage of manpower in certain healthcare professions (including doctors,

dentists, nurses and allied health professionals). In this connection, the Government has increased the healthcare-related publicly funded first-year-first-degree intake places from about 1 780 to about 1 930 each academic year in the University Grants Committee (UGC)'s triennial planning cycle from 2019/20 to 2021/22, and continues to encourage self-financing institutions to offer healthcare programmes. The related recommendation from the Government received positive feedback from UGC-funded universities in the Planning Exercise for the 2019/20 to 2021/22 triennium, with more intake places provided for the programmes concerned. The recurrent grants to the UGC-funded universities are in the form of a block grant. As funding for the above programmes is subsumed under the block grants, the UGC is unable to provide information on the actual subvention for individual programmes.

Furthermore, the numbers of subsidised first-year places of the designated undergraduate programmes in the healthcare discipline under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors have increased from 420 in the 2015/16 academic year to 1 460 in the 2021/22 academic year. The expenditures from the 2018/19 academic year to the 2020/21 academic year (as at February 2021) in subsidising students to pursue the relevant undergraduate programmes were \$259 million, \$313 million and \$365 million respectively. Starting from the 2019/20 academic year, the scheme has been expanded to cover designated self-financing sub-degree programmes in selected disciplines. The numbers of subsidised first-year places of the designated sub-degree programmes in the healthcare-related disciplines have increased from 690 in the 2019/20 academic year to 1 256 in the 2021/22 academic year. The expenditures in subsidising students to pursue the relevant sub-degree programmes in the 2019/20 academic year and the 2020/21 academic year (as at February 2021) were about \$41.5 million and \$66.9 million respectively.

SWD has also implemented a Training Sponsorship Scheme to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to sponsor in full the tuition fees of students recruited by subvented organisations running elderly or rehabilitation services after their completion of the two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and the two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme offered by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with a view to encouraging graduates of these 2 programmes to join the welfare sector. The sponsored students must work for the NGOs for at least 2 to 3 years after graduation. Sponsored students from the first to fourth cohort programmes have graduated and started working in the NGOs in 2014, 2016, 2019 and 2021 respectively. The fifth cohort programmes started in January 2021, with 94 of the sponsored students having been recruited by NGOs taking part in the Scheme. SWD has extended the Scheme to cover upcoming graduates taking the Bachelor of Sciences in Occupational Therapy programmes at Tung Wah College since 2020-21. Among the upcoming graduates in 2021, 11 students have been recruited by NGOs participating in the Scheme. They are required to work for the NGOs for at least 2 years after graduation.

In addition, SWD has commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 920 Enrolled Nurse (EN)(General) and EN(Psychiatric) training places under the EN Training Programme for the Welfare Sector (Training Programme) for 4 consecutive years starting from 2017-18. The Training Programme is fully

subsidised by the Government. The trainees are required to sign an undertaking to work in the welfare sector continuously for 2 years upon graduation. In the past 3 years, the Training Programme involved an expenditure of about \$81.8 million. SWD has also commissioned the Open University of Hong Kong to provide a total of 800 additional EN(General) training places for 4 consecutive years starting from 2021-22, involving an estimated total expenditure of about \$190 million.

For front-line care workers, SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, young participants of the Navigation Scheme were also provided with subsidies from the Government to pursue a two-year part-time diploma course. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 1 158 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme and 529 of them graduated. The Government continues with the operation of the Navigation Scheme, providing a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and will roll out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. The operating agencies have recruited trainees under the enhanced Navigation Scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting a total of about 400 trainees so far. The 2018-19 and 2019-20 Actual Expenditure for the Navigation Scheme stood at about \$22.6 million and \$3.5 million respectively ^[Note]. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate is about \$67.7 million.

To address the difficulty of subsidised welfare service units in recruiting and retaining front-line care staff, the Government, starting from June 2018, has provided additional resources for subsidised elderly services, rehabilitation services, and family and child welfare services units to increase the salaries provision for recognised posts of personal care workers, home helpers and ward attendants, thereby enabling these subsidised service units to recruit and retain staff more effectively. The measure involves a recurrent expenditure of about \$352 million.

4. SWD has exchanged views on the implementation and effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme in regular meetings with the operators, so as to ensure that arrangements of individual operators are consistent with the objectives of the Navigation Scheme. Meanwhile, SWD continues to implement the \$1 billion “Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care” launched in December 2018 to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units in the procurement/rental and trial use of technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users and reduce the burden and pressure on care staff and carers.

In November 2020, SWD arranged a series of publicity work, including advertisements in newspapers, to promote the care sector so as to attract job seekers to join the sector.

The 2020 Policy Address announced that the Government will consider adjusting the training and working hour arrangements under the Employees Retraining Board's "First-Hire-Then-Train" Scheme. Arrangements will also be made for employers participating in the scheme to join the Employment Programme for the Elderly and Middle-aged of the Labour Department and apply for on-the-job training allowance for employing staff meeting the requirement.

[Note] The 2019-20 Actual Expenditure was mainly used for publicity work commenced in the first quarter of 2020 under the enhanced Navigation Scheme. In that year, operators made use of the operating balance of the Navigation Scheme in previous years for their continued operation of the Navigation Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)182

(Question Serial No. 2375)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please inform this Committee of the number of young graduates joining the elderly service sector upon completion of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), and the turnover rate so far. Besides, how does the Government assess the effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme?
2. The Government has implemented the enhanced Navigation Scheme in the 5 years starting from 2020-21, please inform this Committee of:
 - a. the number of training places, the number of applicants, and the expenditure for the enhanced Navigation Scheme in 2020-21; and
 - b. the number of training places and the estimated expenditure for the enhanced Navigation Scheme in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 92)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015 to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. As at the end of December 2020, there were a total of 1 158 trainees under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 91 remained, 538 have left, while 529 have graduated. According to the information provided by the trainees upon graduation, 299 graduates would continue to be employed in social welfare service units. SWD will continue to exchange views on the implementation and effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme in regular meetings with the operating agencies, so as to ensure that arrangements of individual agencies are consistent with the objectives of the Navigation Scheme.
- 2a. & b. The Government continues the implementation of the enhanced Navigation Scheme within 5 years starting from 2020-21 to provide a total of 1 200 additional training places. As at the end of December 2020, operating agencies recruited a total of about 400 trainees. The revised estimate for the Navigation Scheme in 2020-21 is about \$67.7 million. A total of 320 training places will be provided in 2021-22, involving an estimated expenditure of about \$86 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)183

(Question Serial No. 3177)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise as to:

- a. the number of places and persons waitlisted for rehabilitation services for pre-school children provided under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) including special child care centres (SCCCs), early education and training centres (EETCs) and integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) in 2020-21 (with a breakdown by 18 districts);
- b. the average waiting time for the above services in 2020-21;
- c. whether the plan as stated by SWD in 2015-16 that “the Government will provide in Tai Po, Sham Shui Po and through in-situ expansion of 196 additional EETC places, 114 additional SCCC places and 240 additional IP places” has been completed in 2020-21 and if no, the implementation timetable; and
- d. the number of places and actual expenditure on on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) for the 2020/21 school year following the Government’s announcement in early 2018 that the Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services would be regularised.

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. The number of service places of SCCC, EETCs and IP in 2020-21 by SWD’s administrative district is set out in Table 1 of the Annex, and the number of persons waitlisted for the relevant services is set out in Table 2.
- b. The figure for 2020-21 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.
- c. The 196 additional EETC places and 62 additional SCCC places planned for 2015-16 have generally commenced service. For the remaining places in SCCC, some of them will be put into operation as soon as the fitting-out works of the relevant service units

and registration of the child care centres are completed, and some will commence service after SWD's call for invitation of service from subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 2021. As for IP places, SWD had invited subvented NGOs running non-profit-making kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs) to apply for the provision of IP service in September 2014. Applications to operate a total of 126 IP places were received, and the vetting process was completed in December 2014 with all the applications approved. In line with the admission and programme commencement arrangements of KG-cum-CCCs in the new school year, the additional IP places commenced service in September 2015. As 1 KG-cum-CCC, which provided 6 IP places, applied for withdrawal from service provision in the same year, the number of additional IP places was 120.

- d. OPRS were regularised by the Government in October 2018. As at 31 December 2020, there were 8 074 service places, and the 2020-21 Revised Estimate was \$826.7 million.

**Table 1: Number of service places of EETCs, SCCCs and IP
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| District | EETCs | SCCCs | IP |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 448 | 313 | 132 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 401 | 216 | 186 |
| Kwun Tong | 390 | 186 | 228 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 416 | 333 | 240 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 231 | 30 | 210 |
| Sham Shui Po | 400 | 235 | 108 |
| Sha Tin | 291 | 138 | 168 |
| Tai Po/North | 387 | 299 | 168 |
| Yuen Long | 172 | 108 | 186 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 406 | 168 | 198 |
| Tuen Mun | 229 | 144 | 156 |
| Total | 3 771 | 2 170 | 1 980 |

**Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs, SCCCs and IP ^[Note]
(as at 31 December 2020)**

| District | EETCs | SCCCs | IP |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 59 | 61 | 11 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 98 | 87 | 37 |
| Kwun Tong | 74 | 80 | 69 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 119 | 125 | 36 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 108 | 102 | 50 |
| Sham Shui Po | 50 | 68 | 43 |
| Sha Tin | 144 | 94 | 39 |
| Tai Po/North | 79 | 73 | 47 |
| Yuen Long | 116 | 136 | 56 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 75 | 99 | 32 |
| Tuen Mun | 79 | 72 | 35 |
| Total | 1 001 ^[Note] | 997 ^[Note] | 455 ^[Note] |

[Note] The figure does not include pre-school rehabilitation service users who are receiving the transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)184

(Question Serial No. 0391)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Government would enhance the provision for Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers and provide additional places of overnight or temporary hostel for street sleepers. Please advise the Committee the following:

1. the number of registered street sleepers over the past 2 years with a breakdown by gender, age group, and length of and reasons for street sleeping;
2. the number of places in shelters/singleton hostels/temporary shelters subvented by the Government, the number of admissions and average utilisation rate in the past 2 years;
3. in face of financial difficulties with an increase in street sleepers and the closure of 24-hour food shops, what were the additional/temporary measures provided to support street sleepers over the past year, and the services and resources involved;
4. what are the details of enhancing provision of resources for Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers and providing additional places of overnight or temporary hostel for street sleepers as mentioned under the Programme? What is the expenditure breakdown? What is the amount of expenditure to support street sleeper services in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total number of street sleepers approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs) operated by non-governmental organisations under subvention of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and related service units in the past 2 years with a breakdown by gender, age group, duration of street sleeping and reason for street sleeping are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of the Annex.
2. The number of emergency/temporary shelter/hostel/short-term hostel places subvented by SWD over the past 2 years are 222 and 228 respectively. The number of admissions and the average utilisation rate in the past 2 years are set out in Table 5 of the Annex.

3. ISTs subvented by SWD provide suitable services for all street sleepers in Hong Kong, including “homeless persons staying in 24-hour fast food shops”. These services include day and late-night outreaching visits and other services such as emergency/short-term hostel placement, employment guidance, personal care, arrangement of long-term accommodation, aftercare service and service referrals, so as to assist them to be self-reliant and re-integrate into the community. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the integrated services for street sleepers under subvention is \$27 million. In addition, ISTs can make use of the emergency fund for meeting the urgent needs of street sleepers as and when required. The provision for the emergency fund in 2020-21 is \$0.72 million.
4. To enhance welfare support services for street sleepers, SWD has allocated additional resources to subvented ISTs in 2020-21 so as to increase their manpower of social workers, nurses and drivers and the provision for related items. 6 additional places are also provided in a subvented short-term hostel which is operative in-situ. The estimated expenditure involved in the subventions for integrated services for street sleepers in 2021-22 is \$30.5 million.

Table 1: Number of Street Sleepers by Gender

| Gender | Number of Street Sleepers | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Female | 150 | 162 |
| Male | 1 272 | 1 379 |
| Unknown | 1 | - |
| Total | 1 423 | 1 541 |

Table 2: Number of Street Sleepers by Age Group

| Age Group | Number of Street Sleepers | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 29 or below | 28 | 33 |
| 30 to 49 | 425 | 483 |
| 50 to 69 | 823 | 873 |
| 70 or above | 137 | 143 |
| Unknown | 10 | 9 |
| Total | 1 423 | 1 541 |

Table 3: Number of Street Sleepers by Duration of Street Sleeping

| Duration of Street Sleeping | Number of Street Sleepers | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 0 - 1 month | 14 | 1 |
| Above 1 month to 1 year | 86 | 200 |
| Above 1 year to 5 years | 587 | 552 |
| Above 5 years to 10 years | 400 | 407 |
| Above 10 years | 336 | 381 |
| Total | 1 423 | 1 541 |

Table 4: Number of Street Sleepers by Reason for Street Sleeping

| Reason for Street Sleeping | Number of Street Sleepers | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Unemployed and hence unable to pay rent | 473 | 541 |
| Unable to identify accommodation with affordable rent | 231 | 231 |
| Unable to identify accommodation after discharge from hospital/prison/addiction treatment centre | 140 | 142 |
| Personal Choice | 135 | 190 |
| Others (for reasons such as saving money, convenience etc.) | 297 | 323 |
| Unknown | 147 | 114 |
| Total | 1 423 | 1 541 |

Table 5: Number of Emergency/Temporary Shelter/Hostel/Short-term Hostel Places, Number of Admissions ^[Note] and Utilisation Rate

| Emergency/Temporary Shelter/ Hostel/Short-term Hostel | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of admissions | 543 | 457 |
| Average utilisation rate | 83% | 76% |

[Note] Service users may have repeat admissions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)185

(Question Serial No. 2171)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services under this Programme, please advise the following:

1. the number of child care places and utilisation rate for aided child care centres (CCCs), kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs), residential child care centres (RCCCs) and special child care centres (SCCCs) by the 18 districts in the past 3 years;
2. the average waiting time in applying for the above services, from being waitlisted to receiving service;
3. the existing number of places and service users for subvented extended hours service (EHS), occasional child care service (OCCS) and “full-day” child care service by the 18 districts;
4. whether the additional places on day child care services mentioned were fully implemented in the past 3 years; if not, the number of places yet to be delivered, and the reasons;
5. it is mentioned under the Programme that the Government will “re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children”, what are the latest progress, details, estimated expenditure and schedule?
6. it is mentioned under the Programme that the Government will include “in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines a planning ratio for subsidised CCCs places on a population basis”. What are the latest progress and plan? Are there plans to include aided CCCs in New Development Areas to provide services for new residents?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

1. The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCC in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at December 2020) by 18 districts are set out at Annex 1.

RCCCs are not district-based service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of places and service users for RCCCs by district. The overall

figures for RCCCs in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at December 2020) are listed below:

| RCCCs | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at December 2020) |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Number of places ^[Note] | 212 | 212 | 212 |
| Number of service users | 261 | 278 | 256 |

[Note] Including the number of places for ordinary service and emergency service

- At present, applications for aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs are directly handled by the service operators. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for these services.

The average waiting time for RCCCs in 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is 8.1 months. The figure only reflects the average waiting time for ordinary service. Regarding emergency residential care services, caseworkers may approach the service units concerned directly for enquiries, and arrange for admission as soon as vacant places are available. SWD does not have statistics on the average waiting time for emergency residential care services.

In 2019-20, the average waiting time for SCCCs is 17.5 months.

- The existing number of places and average utilisation rate of aided full-day CCC service (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs), EHS and OCCS by district are set out at Annex 2.
- To further enhance day child care services, SWD has planned to set up 10 aided standalone CCCs and provide about 900 additional aided CCC places in the coming 3 to 4 years through various development projects (such as the Land Sale Programme, the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, public housing development or redevelopment projects and urban renewal developments, etc.). The service commencement date is subject to the works progress and licensing process. SWD has also planned to provide a total of about 1 000 additional aided standalone CCC places in phases through the purchase of premises exercise starting from 2021-22.
- At present, there are a total of 19 MHCCCs run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis throughout the territory, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). In response to the low utilisation rate of MHCCCs in recent years, SWD originally planned to re-engineer in phases the MHCCCs from 2019-20 onwards, and increase social workers and supporting staff so as to better meet the child care needs in the community and optimise the use of resources. The recurrent expenditure involved in the above measures is about \$28 million. A total of 800 child beneficiaries are expected every month.

SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2021-22. The specific commencement date will be subject to the epidemic situation.

- Regarding the service places in aided CCCs, the Government has incorporated the population-based planning ratio in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in March 2020 with an aim to reserve suitable premises for the provision of child care

facilities in various development projects so as to better meet the service needs of new communities.

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs (2018-19)

| District | Aided standalone CCCs | | CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1] | | SCCCs ^[Note 2] | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Utilisation rate (%) |
| Eastern | 64 | 100.0 | 3 796 | 62.0 | 96 | 100.0 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100.0 | 872 | 77.0 | 120 | 99.2 |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100.0 | 2 237 | 33.0 | 12 | 83.3 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 1 190 | 62.0 | 211 | 96.9 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 1 033 | 36.0 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 1 319 | 85.0 | 66 | 100.0 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 813 | 78.0 | 186 | 98.9 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 3 603 | 37.0 | 147 | 99.3 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100.0 | 4 825 | 54.0 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100.0 | 1 196 | 95.0 | - ^[Note 3] | N.A. |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100.0 | 1 208 | 68.0 | 205 | 99.5 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100.0 | 2 132 | 85.0 | 138 | 99.3 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 874 | 76.0 | 191 | 90.6 |
| North District | 51 | 100.0 | 1 058 | 61.0 | 108 | 99.1 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100.0 | 1 462 | 89.0 | 108 | 98.1 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 100.0 | 1 195 | 79.0 | 168 | 97.6 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100.0 | 1 168 | 81.0 | - ^[Note 3] | N.A. |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100.0 | 1 873 | 70.0 | 144 | 99.3 |
| Total | 747 | 100.0 | 31 854 | 63.0 | 1 960 | 98.0 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2018.

^[Note 2] Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2019 divided by the number of places.

^[Note 3] SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs (2019-20)

| District | Aided standalone CCCs | | CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1] | | SCCCs ^[Note 2] | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Utilisation rate (%) |
| Eastern | 64 | 100.0 | 3 684 | 60.0 | 96 | 100.0 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 99.0 | 840 | 74.0 | 120 | 98.3 |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100.0 | 2 198 | 30.0 | 12 | 75.0 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 1 270 | 56.0 | 211 | 94.8 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 1 041 | 35.0 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 1 403 | 84.0 | 126 | 100.0 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 737 | 77.0 | 186 | 98.9 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 2 934 | 47.0 | 147 | 99.3 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100.0 | 4 308 | 57.0 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100.0 | 1 352 | 87.0 | ^{-[Note 3]} | N.A. |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 99.0 | 1 310 | 68.0 | 205 | 100.0 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100.0 | 2 063 | 81.0 | 138 | 98.6 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 966 | 66.0 | 191 | 90.1 |
| North District | 51 | 100.0 | 934 | 61.0 | 108 | 99.1 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100.0 | 1 396 | 90.0 | 108 | 99.1 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 99.0 | 1 228 | 73.0 | 168 | 98.8 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100.0 | 1 388 | 63.0 | ^{-[Note 3]} | N.A. |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100.0 | 1 914 | 67.0 | 144 | 100.0 |
| Total | 747 | 100.0 | 30 966 | 63.0 | 2 020 | 97.8 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2019.

^[Note 2] Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-March 2020 divided by the number of places.

^[Note 3] SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs and SCCCs (2020-21) (as at December 2020)

| District | Aided standalone CCCs | | CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1] | | SCCCs ^[Note 2] | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Utilisation rate (%) |
| Eastern | 64 | 100.0 | 4 229 | 50.0 | 96 | 97.9 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 96.0 | 839 | 61.0 | 120 | 98.3 |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100.0 | 2 680 | 25.0 | 12 | 75.0 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 1 149 | 49.0 | 211 | 95.7 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 1 103 | 23.0 | 90 | 91.1 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 1 203 | 76.0 | 186 | 97.8 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 542 | 79.0 | 186 | 95.7 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 4 156 | 28.0 | 147 | 98.6 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 99.0 | 4 646 | 46.0 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 98.0 | 1 186 | 73.0 | _[Note 3] | N.A. |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100.0 | 1 488 | 60.0 | 235 | 94.9 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 98.0 | 1 807 | 72.0 | 138 | 97.1 |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 1 229 | 41.0 | 191 | 93.7 |
| North District | 51 | 100.0 | 872 | 49.0 | 108 | 100.0 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100.0 | 1 254 | 85.0 | 108 | 100.0 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 83.0 | 1 100 | 67.0 | 168 | 91.7 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100.0 | 1 175 | 59.0 | _[Note 3] | N.A. |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100.0 | 1 602 | 64.0 | 144 | 98.6 |
| Total | 747 | 98.0 | 32 260 | 50.0 | 2 170 | 96.9 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020.

[Note 2] Figures on the average utilisation rate of SCCCs are not readily available. The utilisation rate is derived from the number of service users in end-December 2020 divided by the number of places.

[Note 3] SCCCs have not yet been provided in the 2 districts as no suitable premises have been identified.

**Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided full-day CCC service,
EHS and OCCS by district
(2020-21) (as at December 2020)**

| District | Aided full-day CCC service | | | | EHS | | OCCS | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|---|
| | Aided standalone CCCs | | Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note 1] | | Number of places | Average Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] (%) | Number of places | Average Utilisation rate ^{Note 2]} (%) |
| | Number of places | Average Utilisation rate (%) | Number of places | Average Utilisation rate (%) | | | | |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100.0 | 509 | 25.0 | 99 | 6.0 | 12 | 6.0 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 342 | 54.0 | 73 | 6.0 | 17 | 13.0 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 311 | 23.0 | 27 | 11.0 | 12 | 3.0 |
| Eastern | 64 | 100.0 | 347 | 53.0 | 189 | 7.0 | 24 | 12.0 |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 96.0 | 170 | 63.0 | 94 | 5.0 | 17 | 30.0 |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 527 | 75.0 | 226 | 8.0 | 53 | 7.0 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 363 | 79.0 | 210 | 5.0 | 35 | 5.0 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 907 | 30.0 | 94 | 7.0 | 23 | 3.0 |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 99.0 | 536 | 45.0 | 151 | 8.0 | 22 | 9.0 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 98.0 | 276 | 73.0 | 139 | 6.0 | 23 | 7.0 |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100.0 | 299 | 62.0 | 165 | 8.0 | 28 | 12.0 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 98.0 | 458 | 72.0 | 112 | 8.0 | 27 | 13.0 |
| Tai Po | 0 | N.A. | 297 | 41.0 | 94 | 7.0 | 17 | 9.0 |
| North District | 51 | 100.0 | 331 | 49.0 | 82 | 6.0 | 17 | 7.0 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100.0 | 343 | 87.0 | 122 | 8.0 | 33 | 13.0 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 83.0 | 241 | 69.0 | 98 | 8.0 | 19 | 18.0 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100.0 | 432 | 60.0 | 138 | 9.0 | 37 | 7.0 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100.0 | 455 | 64.0 | 173 | 8.0 | 33 | 10.0 |
| Total | 747 | 98.0 | 7 144 | 54.0 | 2 286 | 7.0 | 449 | 10.0 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020, including only full-day places provided by aided CCCs attached to KGs for children aged below 3

[Note 2] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the utilisation rate over 2018-19 and 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)186****(Question Serial No. 2172)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (7) Young PeopleControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding “the implementation of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged and Child Development Fund projects” mentioned under the Programme, please advise on the following:

1. a breakdown of the figures on projects supported by the Dedicated Portion in the past 2 years, by the number of target groups, organisations and schools involved, total number of projects and number of beneficiaries;
2. services and funding involved in the above projects to support ethnic minority (EM) students;
3. a list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or academic institutions that receive funding to specifically provide support projects to ethnic minorities and non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students from the 2014/15 to 2019/20 school years; and the details of each batch of funding including the project name, the funding amount, period covered, target group, and the number of NCS student attendance by using the table below.

| Name of project | Institution or organisations | Expenditure | Target participants | Duration of the course | No. of NGOs participated | No. of participants enrolled | No. of participants having completed the programme | No. of waitlisted persons | No. of persons dropping out during the programme |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

4. how the Department monitors the effectiveness of the projects and whether there are indicators to evaluate the projects;
5. the estimated expenditure on the above two programmes in the coming year and whether additional resources have been allocated.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. A Dedicated Portion was set up under the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2015 to encourage the business community to collaborate with organisations and schools for the provision of more after-school learning and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families.

The total number of projects funded, number of organisations and schools involved, and number of beneficiaries under the Dedicated Portion of the PFD from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are set out as follows:

| Year | Total number of projects | Number of organisations and schools involved [Note 1] | Number of beneficiaries [Note 2] |
|---------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 71 | 68 | 49 932 |
| 2020-21 | 94 | 92 | 73 989 |

[Note 1] Some organisations had more than 1 project application in the same year.

[Note 2] The sum of students from grassroots families benefitted from each of the projects.

Details of funded projects operated by NGOs and schools under the Child Development Fund (CDF) from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are set out as follows:

| Year | Number of projects [Note 3] | Number of organisations and schools involved in operating the projects [Note 3][Note 4] | Number of participants [Note 3] |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 102 | 78 | 8 137 |
| 2020-21 | 95 | 71 | 7 773 |

[Note 3] As each CDF project lasts for 3 years, they will be operated for more than 1 financial year. Figures in the table represent the number of organisations and schools operating the projects, the number of projects being operated and number of participants in that financial year.

[Note 4] Joint organisations and schools are included.

2. Among the above projects funded under the Dedicated Portion of the PFD, 10 of them involve the provision of services to support EM students, with a funding amount of about \$2.48 million.

The target groups of the CDF projects are children aged 10 to 16 or those from primary 4 to secondary 4 with a disadvantaged background, including EM children. SWD does not have statistics on the number of projects involving support to EM students and the amount of funding.

3. The PFD has funded 2 service projects to provide support specifically for EM and NCS students from the 2016/17 to 2020/21 school years. The details are as follows:

| Name of the project | Name of the organisation | Funding amount (\$) | Target number of beneficiaries | Project duration | No. of participants having completed the project |
|--|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|
| GREAT EM Junior Academy | The Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong | 76,680 | 430 EM students and parents | 1 year | 424 EM students and parents |
| Education, Integration and Development Programme | Ease Education Limited | 55,550 | 80 EM students | 1 year | The project is still in progress |

SWD does not have information on the number of participants who have enrolled in the above projects, the number of waitlisted persons, dropouts and participating organisations.

There are no projects organised exclusively for EM and NCS students under the CDF.

4. Based on the indicators for service output and outcome in respect of the projects spelt out in the application, SWD will monitor the implementation of the approved projects through monitoring visits and examination of progress reports/final evaluation reports and interim/final audited financial statements of the projects concerned.
5. PFD has not set any ceiling for the total amount of funding for each year. It is estimated that the total amount of funding for 2021-22 is more or less the same as those in previous years. The estimated expenditure of CDF in 2021-22 is \$52.96 million. Currently, there is still balance left for the above 2 funds to launch more projects. Consideration will be given to seek further funding through the existing mechanism when necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)187

(Question Serial No. 2173)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the launch of a three-year Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme, please advise the following:

1. the EMs and districts with EM population involved;
2. the specific work; number of staff employed and service units involved since the launch of the scheme;
3. information on the provision of interpretation and translation services, and introduction of welfare and escort services; number of activities and publicity programmes organised and number of EMs approached since the launch of the scheme;
4. is there any estimated number of EMs receiving such service under the scheme, and what is the effectiveness so far?
5. what is the amount involved each year since its launch and what is the estimated expenditure for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a three-year EM District Ambassador pilot scheme (pilot scheme) in October 2020 to enhance EM services provided by service units in 9 districts with higher EM population, i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po. Some welfare service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations, including medical social services units, integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, parent/relatives resource centres, district elderly community centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated service centres for ex-offenders and their families have employed a total of 46 additional EMs or special staff as EM District Ambassadors to enhance welfare support for EM communities. Employed by different types of services units, EM District Ambassadors are able to reach out to

EMs of different ages with service needs, briefly introduce welfare services and provide simple interpretation and translation services to them, etc.

3. & 4. From October 2020 to December 2020, the pilot scheme provided services for the EM in need with service statistics set out as follows:

| Service Item | Statistics |
|--|------------|
| Number of interpretation and translation services rendered | 785 |
| Number of groups and programmes, publicity and promotional activities (including introduction to welfare services) provided/assisted | 183 |
| Number of visits and escort services conducted | 105 |
| Number of EMs contacted | 2 427 |

Since the pilot scheme has been launched for a short period of time, SWD does not have information on the effectiveness of work for the time being.

5. The three-year pilot scheme involves a total expenditure of about \$29 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2021-22 is about \$9.68 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)188****(Question Serial No. 2174)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the family and child welfare services mentioned under the Programme, please advise the following:

1. How many cases received by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) involved new arrivals and ethnic minorities (EMs) in each of the past 3 years?
2. How many cases of assistance sought by new arrivals and EMs were there for the Refuge Centres for Women in each of the past 3 years? Among them, how many involved cross-boundary marriage and child custody proceedings respectively?
3. How many cases handled by Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) involved new arrivals and EMs in each of the past 3 years? Among them, how many cases involved sexual violence and what percentage did it represent?
4. What was the volume of translation and interpretation services used by IFSCs and the social security units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 3 years? How many EM cases used such services and what was its percentage of all EM cases?
5. What is the amount of expenditure and manpower reserved for translation and interpretation services in the coming years?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Between 2018-19 and 2020-21, the number of cases in IFSCs involving EMs is set out below:

| Year ^[Note 1] | Number of cases |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2018-19 | 616 |
| 2019-20 | 596 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 743 |

[Note 1] The relevant figures include cases involving family members of EMs (ethnicities include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai) served by IFSCs operated by SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as at 31 March 2019, 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2020 respectively. In each case, there was at least 1 service recipient from the EMs.

Between 2018-19 and 2020-21, the number of cases in IFSCs involving new arrivals (NAs) is set out below:

| Year ^[Note 2] | Number of cases |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2018-19 | 493 |
| 2019-20 | 510 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 330 |

[Note 2] The relevant figures include cases involving family members of NAs served by IFSCs operated by SWD and NGOs as at 31 March 2019, 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2020 respectively.

2. Between 2018-19 and 2020-21, the number of cases involving NA and EM victims admitted to the 5 Refuge Centres for Women is set out below:

| Year | Number of EMs admitted to Refuge Centres for Women ^[Note 3] |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 | 42 |
| 2019-20 | 52 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 51 |

[Note 3] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai. The figures do not include children admitted together with their parents.

| Year | Number of NAs admitted to Refuge Centres for Women ^[Note 4] |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 | 287 |
| 2019-20 | 225 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 217 |

[Note 4] The figures include women and their children who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years when admitted to the Refuge Centres for Women.

Each case may involve more than 1 NA or EM victim. SWD has neither the number of cases in the above categories nor the statistics involving cross-boundary marriages and litigations over children in these cases.

3. Among the active domestic violence cases (including spouse/cohabitant battering and child protection cases) handled by FCPSUs in the past 3 years, the number of NA and EM victims still being followed up as at 31 December in each year is set out below:

| Year | Number of NA victims |
|------|----------------------|
| 2018 | 442 |
| 2019 | 394 |
| 2020 | 358 |

| Year | Number of EM victims |
|------|----------------------|
| 2018 | 111 |
| 2019 | 126 |
| 2020 | 137 |

Each domestic violence case may involve more than 1 NA or EM victim. FCPSUs have neither the number of cases in the above categories nor the statistics involving sexual violence in these cases.

4. SWD has started to collect statistical figures on the use of interpretation and translation services by various units since 1 January 2019. The statistical figures on IFSCs and Social Security Field Units are set out below:

| Year | IFSCs | Social Security Field Units | Total |
|------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 2019 | 38 | 12 | 50 |
| 2020 | 148 | 18 | 166 |

Besides, SWD does not have statistics on EM cases involving the use of interpretation and translation services by IFSCs and Social Security Field Units.

5. When providing services for EMs, social workers of SWD and subvented NGOs as well as social security staff of SWD may arrange for interpretation services as appropriate through various means, such as the CHEER Support Service Centre for EMs operated by the Hong Kong Christian Service which provides interpretation services with funding from the Home Affairs Department. For cases with special needs, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy the funding allocation from SWD in arranging/providing interpretation services for EMs to meet service needs and ensure service quality.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)189

(Question Serial No. 2175)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the outreaching service for ethnic minorities (EMs) mentioned under the Programme, please advise the following:

1. What is the number of outreaching teams, staffing establishment, and EM communities and service districts supported? Are service indicators set for the service?
2. What are the details of work, number of cases and EMs handled, services provided and the effectiveness since the setting up of the teams?
3. How many frontline social workers of mainstream welfare services have received training under the outreaching service so far?
4. What is the estimated expenditure for the coming year and have additional resources been deployed?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up 3 outreaching teams with employment of EM staff on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories, which have commenced service since March 2020. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements, including service performance standards and essential services and staffing requirements. Nevertheless, SWD has uploaded the sample of notional staffing establishment (NSE) of the outreaching team to its webpage in order to enhance the transparency of subventions calculation. NSE is only used for calculating the recurrent subventions for subvented services and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services. For details of the NSE of outreaching teams, please visit SWD's webpage :

https://hcmspreview.swd.hksarg/storage/asset/section/2913/en/Notional_Staffing_Establishments_OTEM_eng.pdf

2. & 3. The outreaching teams proactively reach out to EMs and connect those in need to mainstream welfare services. They also provide case counselling, groups and activities for EMs, so as to meet their social and welfare needs. The key services statistics of the 3 outreaching teams in 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out below:

| Service items | Statistics |
|--|------------|
| Number of new /reactivated cases handled | 416 |
| Number of target service users newly and successfully contacted through outreaching | 2 027 |
| Number of training/sharing programmes organised for service providers of mainstream welfare service/mainstream services (including those programmes for front-line social workers) | 38 |

As the outreaching teams have been set up for a short time only, SWD does not have information on the effectiveness of the service for the time being.

4. The estimated expenditure for the 3 outreaching teams in 2021-22 is about \$20.6 million. As the outreaching teams have just commenced service in March 2020, the Government does not have plans to provide additional resources in the coming year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)190

(Question Serial No. 2176)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding family and child protection service, please advise the following:

1. Please list the number of domestic violence cases received by the Department in the past 2 years by category, gender and age;
2. Further to the above, how many of these cases involved new arrivals (NAs), ethnic minorities (EMs) and sexual minorities?
3. Further to the above, how many domestic violence cases seeking assistance involved the follow-up of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and housing applications, and what percentage did it represent?
4. Further to the above, how many cases had applied for exemption from the seven-year residence requirement, and how many cases were granted exemption and how many were rejected by the Department?
5. Regarding the support for family and child protection service and domestic violence cases, what is the annual allocation of resources required? Of which, are there any resources allocated for sensitivity training for related personnel who handled such cases? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. & 2. According to the statistics collected by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases, Child Protection Registry and Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases and newly registered child protection cases (including cases with children under high risk and maltreatment) in the past 2 years by type, gender and age, and among them, the number of cases involving NAs, EMs and sexual minorities are tabulated in the Annex.

3. & 4. Out of the cases above, SWD does not have the figures involving CSSA or housing applications and those seeking assistance from SWD to grant exemption from the seven-year residence requirement.
5. SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through Integrated Family Service Centres, Integrated Services Centres, FCPSUs, Clinical Psychology Units, Family Support Networking Teams, Refuge Centres for Women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. The estimated provision SWD earmarked for family and child welfare services (including the support for maltreated children and their families facing risk of violence) in 2021-22 is \$4.6214 billion.

SWD has been providing training courses on the subjects of preventing child maltreatment, spouse/cohabitant battering, elder abuse, suicide and sexual violence for social workers and other related professional staff. In 2020-21, 150 training courses were organised for front-line professional staff with about 7 200 attendances, involving a total expenditure of about \$1 million.

Table 1: Newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases

(Source: Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases)

(1) Type of violence and gender of victims

| Type | 2019 | | | 2020 | | |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Physical violence | 392 | 1 921 | 2 313 | 329 | 1 726 | 2 055 |
| Sexual violence | - | 20 | 20 | - | 21 | 21 |
| Psychological abuse | 46 | 265 | 311 | 44 | 232 | 276 |
| Multiple violence | 22 | 254 | 276 | 19 | 230 | 249 |
| Total | 460 | 2 460 | 2 920 | 392 | 2 209 | 2 601 |

(2) Age and gender of victims

| Age | 2019 | | | 2020 | | |
|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| above 16 to 18 | - | 5 | 5 | - | 11 | 11 |
| above 18 to 20 | - | 21 | 21 | 2 | 23 | 25 |
| above 20 to 25 | 10 | 124 | 134 | 11 | 98 | 109 |
| above 25 to 30 | 26 | 266 | 292 | 28 | 277 | 305 |
| above 30 to 35 | 50 | 442 | 492 | 31 | 384 | 415 |
| above 35 to 40 | 65 | 467 | 532 | 41 | 422 | 463 |
| above 40 to 45 | 62 | 409 | 471 | 48 | 338 | 386 |
| above 45 to 50 | 60 | 275 | 335 | 49 | 238 | 287 |
| above 50 to 55 | 50 | 167 | 217 | 31 | 148 | 179 |
| above 55 to 59 | 34 | 90 | 124 | 29 | 99 | 128 |
| above 60 to 64 | 31 | 90 | 121 | 38 | 73 | 111 |
| above 64 to 69 | 25 | 54 | 79 | 35 | 41 | 76 |
| above 69 to 74 | 20 | 22 | 42 | 18 | 33 | 51 |
| above 74 to 79 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 13 | 13 | 26 |
| above 79 to 84 | 12 | 10 | 22 | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| 85 or above | 7 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Total | 460 | 2 460 | 2 920 | 392 | 2 209 | 2 601 |

(3) Number and gender of victims involving NAs, EMs and sexual minorities

| Item | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|
| (i) Total number of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases | 2 920 | 2 601 |
| (ii) Out of (i), number of male victims with less than 7 years of residence in Hong Kong | 12 | 11 |
| (iii) Out of (i), number of female victims with less than 7 years of residence in Hong Kong | 309 | 267 |
| (iv) Out of (i), number of male EM victims ^[Note] involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases | 15 | 7 |
| (v) Out of (i), number of female EM victims ^[Note] involved in spouse/cohabitant battering cases | 167 | 149 |
| (vi) Out of (i), number of male victims being abused by male cohabitants | 3 | 4 |
| (vii) Out of (i), number of female victims being abused by female cohabitants | 11 | 6 |

[Note] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

Table 2: Child protection cases

(1) Type of harm/maltreatment and gender of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment in Child Protection Registry

| Type | 2019 | | | 2020 | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Physical harm/maltreatment | 253 | 177 | 430 | 240 | 149 | 389 |
| Neglect | 129 | 108 | 237 | 101 | 100 | 201 |
| Sexual abuse | 43 | 262 | 305 | 52 | 261 | 313 |
| Psychological harm/maltreatment | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Multiple abuse | 10 | 16 | 26 | 10 | 17 | 27 |
| Total | 441 | 565 | 1 006 | 404 | 536 | 940 |

(2) Age and gender of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment in Child Protection Registry

| Age | 2019 | | | 2020 | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 0 to 2 | 92 | 78 | 170 | 83 | 90 | 173 |
| 3 to 5 | 50 | 48 | 98 | 58 | 38 | 96 |
| 6 to 8 | 110 | 70 | 180 | 72 | 71 | 143 |
| 9 to 11 | 95 | 86 | 181 | 76 | 62 | 138 |
| 12 to 14 | 71 | 168 | 239 | 84 | 161 | 245 |
| 15 to 17 | 23 | 115 | 138 | 31 | 114 | 145 |
| Total | 441 | 565 | 1 006 | 404 | 536 | 940 |

(3) Number and gender of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment involving EM in Child Protection Registry

| Item | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|------|
| (i) Total number of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment | 1 006 | 940 |
| (ii) Out of (i), number of male EM children ^[Note] | 15 | 12 |
| (iii) Out of (i), number of female EM children ^[Note] | 26 | 23 |

[Note] Ethnicities of victims include Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai.

(4) Among the active child protection cases still being followed up by FCPSUs, the number of children newly arrived in Hong Kong with less than 7 years under high risk and maltreatment

| Item | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|
| (i) Total number of children under high risk and maltreatment who are still being followed up by FCPSUs as at 31 December ^[Note] | 1 678 | 1 864 |
| (ii) Out of (i), number of children under high risk and maltreatment arrived in Hong Kong with less than 7 years ^[Note] | 115 | 109 |

[Note] The Child Protection Registry of SWD does not have the statistical figures of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment involving NA. The figures above include the number of children under high risk and maltreatment both received in previous years and newly received in the year and still being followed up by FCPSUs, which may not tally with the total number of newly registered children under high risk and maltreatment in the Child Protection Registry.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)191

(Question Serial No. 2177)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding “on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs) and occasional child care (OCC) services”, please inform this Committee:

1. of the respective numbers of ethnic minority (EM) children among those receiving and waiting for the above services in the past 2 years;
2. whether the Government has provided extra subsidy and services such as interpretation to units providing services to EM children; if yes, the details and expenditure of the extra subsidy; and
3. whether the Government will strengthen the services by providing additional service places and resources to EMs; if yes, the specific details, as well as the geographical distribution of the additional service places.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the number of children receiving or waiting for OPRS, EETCs, SCCC and OCC services by ethnicity.
2. The Government has earmarked about \$7.5 million full-year recurrent provision to provide additional subsidy for SCCC and EETC admitting pre-school EM children with special needs since 2019-20. The amount of subsidy for each of the centres depends on the number of pre-school EM children with special needs admitted.
3. At present, pre-school EM children with special needs can choose and use any one of the subvented pre-school rehabilitation services which meets their rehabilitation needs according to their assessment result. To enable pre-school children with special needs (including EM children) to receive support as soon as possible, the Government will provide an additional service places of over 1 200 in total for SCCC and EETC from 2019-20 to 2021-22, and to provide 2 000 additional OPRS places altogether from the 2021/22 to 2022/23 school years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)192

(Question Serial No. 2400)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Controlling Officer's Report that an enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) will be launched with measures such as expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, and reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40.

Please advise the actual number of trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme in each of the past 5 years. How many of them had completed the Navigation Scheme and how many of them had not in each of the past 5 years? Besides, what is the amount of training subsidy provided to those participating in the Navigation Scheme each year? (Please provide the figures with a breakdown by year.)

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015, providing a total of 1 000 training places in phases starting from 2015-16, to encourage young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services. SWD continues to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years since 2020-21, and has implemented enhancement measures. The total expenditure involved will be around \$266 million. As at the end of December 2020, the enhanced Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of about 400 trainees. The monthly salary for trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme to fill care worker posts at entry level is \$14,150, while that for health worker posts after their promotion is \$17,090. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate is about \$67.7 million.

The number of trainees, the distribution of expenditure and the salaries for trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 are set out in the Annex.

**Number of trainees and distribution of expenditure for the Navigation Scheme
each year from 2015-16 to 2019-20**

| Year | No. of participants of the Navigation Scheme | No. of graduates | No. of trainees having left the Navigation Scheme | Actual expenditure of the Navigation Scheme |
|--------------|---|--|--|--|
| 2015-16 | 180 | 107 | 73 | About \$24.7 million |
| 2016-17 | 389 | 213 | 176 | About \$56.3 million |
| 2017-18 | 288 | 131 | 157 | About \$34.6 million |
| 2018-19 | 161 | 78 | 82 | About \$22.6 million |
| 2019-20 | 140 | Trainees still under training without having completed the Navigation Scheme yet | 50 | About \$3.5 million ^[Note 1] |
| Total | 1 158 | 529 | 538 | Not applicable |

[Note 1] The expenditure in 2019-20 was mainly used for publicity work commenced in the first quarter of 2020 under the enhanced Navigation Scheme. In that year, operating agencies made use of the operating balance of the Navigation Scheme in previous years for their operation of the Navigation Scheme.

Respective salaries of trainees participating in the training and recruited to fill the relevant posts from 2015-16 to 2019-20

| Post \ Year | Starting monthly salary | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2015-16 (\$) | 2016-17 (\$) | 2017-18 (\$) | 2018-19 (\$) | 2019-20 (\$) |
| Care worker (entry level) | 9,900 | 10,360 | 10,670 | 11,150 | 11,740 |
| Health worker (after promotion) | 11,890 | 12,450 | 12,820 | 13,400 | 14,110 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)193

(Question Serial No. 2401)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Controlling Officer's Report that Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway) will enhance the employability of young people with disabilities or early symptoms of mental illness through training, as well as providing wage subsidy to employers. How many people actually participated in training under Sunnyway in each of the past 5 years? Among them, how many completed the programme and how many dropped out before completion in each year? Separately, how much was provided in wage subsidy in each year with regard to the number of people actually participated in training? What is the Social Welfare Department's plan for promoting Sunnyway in order to enhance its effectiveness for more participants to benefit?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The number of service users, number of persons having secured employment for more than 6 months and the amount of wage subsidy provided to employers as regards Sunnyway in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 to Table 3 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of persons who have not completed this programme. In order to help participants adapt to work promptly, SWD has extended the follow-up period for post-placement support for Sunnyway from 6 to 12 months from December 2018. SWD will keep in view of Sunnyway and various vocational rehabilitation services and constantly enhance the services.

Table 1: Number of service users of Sunnyway

| Number of service users | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| 329 | 325 | 307 | 301 | 229 |

Table 2: Number of persons having secured employment for more than 6 months under Sunnyway

| Number of persons having secured employment for more than 6 months | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| 129 | 154 | 132 | 115 | 81 |

Table 3: Amount of wage subsidy provided to employers under Sunnyway

| Amount of wage subsidy provided (\$ '000) | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| N.A. [Note] | N.A. [Note] | N.A. [Note] | 248 | 105 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] SWD maintains statistical information on wage subsidy provided to employers with effect from 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)194****(Question Serial No. 2442)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme), would the Government please advise this Committee:

(a) the information of the Pilot Scheme in the following table:

| Year/Information of the Pilot Scheme | No. of recognised service providers (RSPs) | No. of service places (by service type) | Annual subsidy for CCSVs (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2019 (Actual) | | | | |
| 2020 (Actual) | | | | |
| 2021 (Estimate) | | | | |

(b) the average time taken over the past 2 years for processing of an application, counting from receipt, vetting to issue of CCSVs;

(c) the progress of evaluation of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme by a commissioned consultant; when the evaluation report is expected to be released and when the Government will brief the Panel on Welfare Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the subsequent arrangement of the Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 81)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

(a) The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented from October 2016 to the end of September 2020. The third phase of the Pilot Scheme commenced in October 2020. The information sought is set out in the Annex.

(b) As the statistical data collected from the Pilot Scheme does not include the time taken for the elderly persons to receive CCSVs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought.

- (c) The evaluation on the second phase of the Pilot Scheme conducted by the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong (Sau Po Centre) revealed that the Pilot Scheme had effectively enhanced the quality of life of frail elderly persons, and had reduced carers' stress and burden. Having regard to the evaluation of the Sau Po Centre and the operational experience of the second phase of the Pilot Scheme, SWD commenced the third phase of the Pilot Scheme in October 2020 so as to introduce more enhancement measures, further increase service supply and provide more diversified choices for frail elderly persons. SWD will make reference to the experience of implementing the third phase of the Pilot Scheme in considering the way forward for the Pilot Scheme.

Table 1: Second phase of the Pilot Scheme

| Year | No. of RSPs | Service places | | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month (\$) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | Day care | Home care | | |
| 2019-20 | 173 | 3 210 | 6 806 | 226.0 | 5,474 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-September 2020) | 179 | 3 250 | 7 123 | 147.8 | 5,298 |

Table 2: Third phase of the Pilot Scheme (from 1 October 2020)

| Year | No. of RSPs | Service places | | Subsidies for CCSVs (\$ million) | Average subsidy per CCSV holder per month (\$) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | Day care | Home care | | |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 227 | 3 804 | 10 542 | 46.0 ^[Note] | 5,672 |

^[Note] 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the third phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)195****(Question Serial No. 2513)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department administers the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme to provide Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) to eligible Hong Kong elderly persons who choose to reside in GD and FJ. What is the number of elderly persons participating in the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in the past 3 years? (Please list out the information with a breakdown by year, province and type of allowance).

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)Reply:

The number of recipients of the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by type of allowances is set out as follows:

| Year | GD Scheme | | FJ Scheme | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| | OAA | OALA ^[Note] | OAA | OALA ^[Note] |
| 2018-19 | 16 568 | N.A. | 1 656 | N.A. |
| 2019-20 | 9 776 | 8 689 | 785 | 1 010 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 7 696 | 11 589 | 615 | 1 331 |

N.A. -Not applicable

^[Note] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was launched on 1 January 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)196****(Question Serial No. 2612)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Social Welfare Department administers the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme. Please advise the monthly number of CSSA applications and recipients under unemployment (UT) category over the past 24 months.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)Reply:

The number of CSSA new applications and recipients under UT category are provided in the table below:

| Year | Number of CSSA new applications under UT category ^[Note] | Number of unemployed CSSA recipients |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 4 971 | 12 442 |
| 2019-20 | 7 991 | 14 767 |
| 2020-21 | 13 808 (as at end-December 2020) | 20 828 (as at end-December 2020) |

[Note] Intermittent CSSA cases have been counted more than once.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)197

(Question Serial No. 2621)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department has launched the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme). How many applications have been received in total since its launch? Of the applications, how many are approved and how many are rejected? (Please set out by year).

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

The Government had received a total of 63 preliminary proposals from 43 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme as at 18 November 2013, the closing date of application. After review, 13 project proposals, which are not able to proceed further due to various reasons (e.g. site constraints), have been removed from the Special Sites Scheme. Regarding the remaining 50 project proposals, as at the end of December 2020, 5 projects had been completed and had commenced service, and 1 other project had entered the construction stage and was expected to be completed in 2021. Furthermore, 17 projects were at the technical feasibility study stage while 4 projects were at the pre-construction detailed design/study stage. As for the other projects which were at different planning stages under Phase One of the Special Sites Scheme, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will consider supporting the respective NGO applicants to proceed with technical feasibility studies having regard to the actual status of individual projects.

A total of 25 proposals were received from 16 NGOs under Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme by the closing date of application on 30 August 2019. SWD is discussing with NGO applicants to finalise the details of the proposals such as the service type and number of places, development parameters, project cost, etc. with a view to implementing the projects as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)198****(Question Serial No. 2629)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) was launched in March 2017. How many eligible elderly persons have lodged their applications? How many elderly persons were issued with RCSVs? What is the total number of RCSVs issued? (Please provide the figures with a breakdown by year.)

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 98)

Reply:

The Pilot Scheme was launched in March 2017 to issue a maximum of 3 000 RCSVs in total. Based on the application dates for long-term care services on the central waiting list, the Social Welfare Department issued letters in batches to invite eligible elderly persons to apply for RCSVs. As at the end of December 2020, the number of applicants and the number of those issued with RCSVs with a breakdown by year are as follows:

| Year (as at end-December each year) | Number of applicants for RCSVs | Number of persons issued with RCSVs |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 2017 | 967 | 290 |
| 2018 | 1 673 | 685 |
| 2019 | 2 034 | 971 |
| 2020 | 1 473 | 939 |
| Total | 6 147 | 2 885 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)199

(Question Serial No. 2630)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme) was launched in September 2013. How many eligible elderly persons have lodged their applications? How many elderly persons were issued with CCSVs? What is the total number of CCSVs issued? (Please list the figures by 2 phases, broken down by 18 districts.)

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 99)

Reply:

The first phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented in 8 districts from September 2013 to August 2017. The second phase of the Pilot Scheme was implemented from October 2016 to the end of September 2020 and extended to 18 districts across the territory. The cumulative numbers of eligible elderly applicants and those issued with CCSVs in the first and second phases of the Pilot Scheme are respectively set out in the Annex.

Table 1: First phase of the Pilot Scheme ^[Note]

| District | | Cumulative number of eligible elderly applicants | Cumulative number of elderly persons issued with CCSVs |
|---------------|--------------|--|--|
| 1. | Eastern | 494 | 494 |
| 2. | Kwun Tong | 460 | 460 |
| 3. | Wong Tai Sin | 487 | 487 |
| 4. | Sham Shui Po | 337 | 337 |
| 5. | Sha Tin | 466 | 466 |
| 6. | Tai Po | 210 | 210 |
| 7. | Tsuen Wan | 212 | 212 |
| 8. | Tuen Mun | 302 | 302 |
| Total: | | 2 968 | 2 968 |

^[Note] Eligible elderly persons under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme should be residing in selected districts and on the central waiting list (CWL) for subsidised long term care services. They should have been assessed by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) of the Social Welfare Department to have impairment at moderate level, without having received any residential care services (RCS) or subsidised community care services (CCS).

Table 2: Second phase of the Pilot Scheme ^[Note 1]

| District | | Cumulative number of eligible elderly applicants | Cumulative number of elderly persons issued with CCSVs ^[Note 2] |
|---------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Eastern | 1 298 | 1 295 |
| 2. | Wan Chai | 146 | 145 |
| 3. | Central & Western | 233 | 231 |
| 4. | Southern | 326 | 325 |
| 5. | Islands | 48 | 48 |
| 6. | Kwun Tong | 1 630 | 1 621 |
| 7. | Wong Tai Sin | 1 405 | 1 394 |
| 8. | Sai Kung | 550 | 547 |
| 9. | Sham Shui Po | 535 | 532 |
| 10. | Kowloon City | 648 | 646 |
| 11. | Yau Tsim Mong | 350 | 349 |
| 12. | Sha Tin | 1 213 | 1 209 |
| 13. | Tai Po | 597 | 595 |
| 14. | North | 429 | 424 |
| 15. | Kwai Tsing | 1 100 | 1 092 |
| 16. | Tsuen Wan | 557 | 554 |
| 17. | Tuen Mun | 758 | 755 |
| 18. | Yuen Long | 394 | 392 |
| Total: | | 12 217 | 12 154 |

^[Note 1] The eligible elderly persons under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme should be on the CWL on or before the designated date, and should have been assessed by the SCNAMES to have impairment at moderate or severe level, without having received any RCS or subsidised CCS.

^[Note 2] It includes 1 054 CCSV holders migrated from the first phase to the second phase of the Pilot Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)200

(Question Serial No. 3102)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department has regularised the Pilot Scheme on Relaxing the Household Income Limit of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme for Low-income Families and Increasing Fee-waiving Subsidy Places (Pilot Scheme). How many parents have been benefited from the Pilot Scheme since its implementation? (Please provide the figures with a breakdown by year.)

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

In view of the keen demand for after-school care services, the Pilot Scheme under the Community Care Fund has been regularised since October 2020. It has benefitted 1 041 children and their families since its launch in October 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)201

(Question Serial No. 3104)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) under this Programme, please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the detailed number of service places by 18 districts; and
- (2) the number of persons waitlisted for the services and the average waiting time over the past 3 financial years.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 97)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (1) As at the end of December 2020, the number of DE/DCU service places by 18 District Council districts is set out in the Annex.
- (2) The number of applicants waitlisted for DE/DCU places and the average waiting time from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are:

| Year | No. of applicants waitlisted | Average waiting time (in months) (based on the average of the previous 3 months) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 2018-19 | 4 370 | 12 |
| 2019-20 | 4 519 | 11 |
| 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) | 3 891 | 12 |

The aforesaid numbers of applicants waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

**Number of DE/DCU places
(As at end-December 2020)**

| District | No. of places |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Central & Western | 129 |
| Eastern | 256 |
| Wan Chai | 130 |
| Southern | 108 |
| Islands | 40 |
| Kwun Tong | 452 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 290 |
| Sai Kung | 225 |
| Kowloon City | 158 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 152 |
| Sham Shui Po | 280 |
| Sha Tin | 318 |
| Tai Po | 64 |
| North | 44 |
| Yuen Long | 218 |
| Tuen Mun | 208 |
| Tsuen Wan | 174 |
| Kwai Tsing | 302 |
| Total | 3 548 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)202

(Question Serial No.1017)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional resources for the existing Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects) and regularisation of short-term food assistance service, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the average monthly number of individuals and families that have received food assistance since the introduction of the food bank project above by District Council (DC) district;
2. the amount of provision each non-governmental organisation (NGO) used on such service in each of the past 3 years and the average monthly expenditure involved;
3. the estimated increase in the monthly provision for each NGO after regularisation and the estimated number of beneficiaries.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Projects have been implemented since 2009. The number of beneficiaries of service operators over the past 5 years by service area is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.
2. The Projects are operated by 7 NGOs. The total amount of expenditure in 2018-19 (Actual), 2019-20(Actual) and 2020-21(Revised Estimate) is about \$133 million, \$136.1 million and \$254.7 million respectively.
3. The Government will regularise the Projects upon completion of the existing service contracts in August 2021, and has earmarked about \$415 million to meet its recurrent expenditure. The provision is expected to benefit about 60 000 to 80 000 service users each year.

Table 1: Number of Beneficiaries by Service Area

| Service Area | Number of Beneficiaries ^[Note 1] | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|------|---------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Hong Kong Island, Islands, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing | 5 269 | 5 263 | 6 366 | | 7 351 | 8 905 |
| Kwun Tong ^[Note 2] | 6 955 | 7 864 | 2835 | 3686 | 6 505 | 7 523 |
| Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung ^[Note 2] | | | | 2224 | 3 895 | 4 863 |
| Sha Tin, Tai Po and North | 4 988 | 5 710 | 5 375 | | 6 928 | 6 020 |
| Sham Shui Po | 3 868 | 5 105 | 4 910 | | 4 524 | 6 025 |
| Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong | 5 303 | 5 760 | 5 516 | | 6 158 | 6 375 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 835 | 2 444 | 2 087 | | 1 734 | 1 809 |
| Yuen Long | 6 983 | 4 415 | 5 623 | | 4 703 | 3 636 |
| Total | 36 201 | 36 561 | 38 622 | | 41 798 | 45 156 |

[Note 1] Service users may use the service for more than once.

[Note 2] From 1 August 2018 onwards, the service area of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung has been split into 2 service areas, namely Kwun Tong, and Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)203

(Question Serial No. 1018)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities, please inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated expenditure for the purchase of premises in the coming year, the location and the services to be provided;
2. the estimated number of premises to be purchased in each of the coming 2 years and whether there are specific sites at present;
3. the estimated welfare services and the number of service places to be provided with the premises purchased in each of the coming 3 years, and the welfare services being given priority allocation of premises.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

On 30 June 2020, the Government obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to purchase properties over some 3 years for accommodating welfare facilities, including child care centres (CCCs), day care centres for the elderly (DEs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), etc. to help meet the acute shortfall of premises. The details of welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in premises to be purchased are set out in the Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has completed the consultation with the 18 District Councils on the welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated in purchased premises for the districts concerned in mid-November 2020 and has started the purchase exercise. With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), SWD is currently identifying suitable non-domestic premises for purchase through different channels, including open invitations to owners of potentially suitable non-domestic premises available for sale in 18 districts to submit their sale proposals to GPA for consideration. SWD is assessing the suitability of offered premises for purchase.

SWD has earmarked a provision of \$4.273 billion in 2021-22 for the purchase exercise for welfare premises. The actual expenditure will be subject to the availability of suitable and reasonably priced premises in the market. We expect that the purchase of premises will be completed in 2023-24. SWD will update the GPA's website with regard to the information on welfare facilities for which suitable premises have been purchased.

Purchase of Premises for the Provision of Welfare Facilities
List of Welfare Facilities Proposed to be Accommodated in Premises to be Purchased

| Type of facilities | Number of facilities |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Family and child care facilities | |
| (a) CCC | 28 |
| (b) Co-parenting Support Centre | 5 |
| (c) Integrated Family Service Centre | 6 |
| Elderly facilities | |
| (d) DE | 15 |
| (e) NEC | 48 |
| (f) District Elderly Community Centre | 7 |
| Rehabilitation facilities | |
| (g) Day Activity Centre | 3 |
| (h) Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre | 3 |
| (i) Special Child Care Centre (SCCC) | 5 |
| (j) OPRS | 12 |
| (k) Support Centre for Persons with Autism | 3 |
| (l) District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities | 5 |
| (m) Parents/Relatives Resource Centre | 9 |
| (n) Community Rehabilitation Day Centre | 1 |
| (o) SCCC cum Early Education and Training Centre | 1 |
| Youth facilities | |
| (p) Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre | 1 |
| (q) Youth Outreaching Team | 1 |
| (r) Cyber Youth Support Team | 5 |
| Total: | 158 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)204

(Question Serial No. 1024)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continued implementation of the \$1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to try out and procure/rent technology products, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of applicant organisations to date;
2. the estimated number of approved applications, and the reasons for unsuccessful applications;
3. the types of technology products currently subsidised;
4. the number and types of subsidised technology products for each organisation;
5. the estimated number of elderly units to benefit from the I&T Fund and the number of elderly beneficiaries; how elderly persons ageing in place will benefit from the relevant technology products.
6. the current distribution of the \$1 billion estimate.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1 to 4. The Government launched the \$1 billion I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure/rent and try out technology products, with a view to improving the life of service users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. As at December 2020, about 600 residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities, and over 1 000 service units providing subsidised community care and support services/day rehabilitation and community support services for the elderly and persons with disabilities were eligible for applying for the Fund. 3 tranches of grants totalling over \$200 million had been approved for about 970 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 4 200 items of technology

products. Some applications were rejected by the Assessment Panel for failing to meet the assessment criteria of the Fund. The types of products that got more applications for procurement from the service units included smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment and assessment tools for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, tilt-in-space/height adjustable commode/shower chair, wireless health monitoring equipment, companion robot, and anti-wandering system, etc. For the fourth tranche application closed on 2 November 2020, applications for a total of about 3 000 items of technology products from about 640 service units were received. Vetting is underway.

- 5 & 6. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of beneficiary service users. Community care and support service units for the elderly subsidised by SWD can apply for grants to procure, rent or try out technology products, so as to provide community care services for the elderly ageing in place and promote their well-being. The \$1 billion Fund will be progressively disbursed within 5 years starting from 2019-2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)205

(Question Serial No.1025)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the re-engineering in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and considering converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-school children so as to further meet child care needs in the community, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the estimated expenditure for re-engineering;
2. the estimated number of places to be provided after conversion and the target group;
3. the number of places provided by aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), occasional child care service (OCCS), extended hours service (EHS) and MHCCCs, and the utilisation rate of these services over the past 3 years, listing out by District Council (DC) district;
4. the additional aided long full-day child care places to be provided in phases for children aged below 3 and the expected time required, listing out by DC district;
5. the current number of home-based child carers and service users under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), the basic service fee and the incentive payment for home-based child carers, listing out by DC district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The recurrent expenditure in re-engineering MHCCCs to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children is about \$28 million.
2. A total of 800 child beneficiaries are expected each month upon the re-engineering of MHCCCs.
3. The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs by DC district over the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex 1.

4. To further enhance day child care services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has planned to set up 10 additional aided standalone CCCs and provide about 900 additional places through various development projects (such as the Land Sale Programme, the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, public housing development or redevelopment projects and urban renewal developments, etc.) in the coming 3 to 4 years. SWD has also planned to provide in phases a total of about 1 000 additional places through the purchase of premises exercise starting from 2021-22.
5. The information on NSCCP by DC district is set out at Annex 2.

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2018-19)

| District | Aided standalone CCCs | | CCCs attached to KGs | | OCCS | | EHS | | MHCCCs | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places [Note 1] | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 2 237 | 33 | 13 | 42 | 80 | 52 | 14 | 24.3 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 1 190 | 62 | 17 | 63 | 70 | 85 | 28 | 3.2 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 1 033 | 36 | 12 | 50 | 14 | 22 | - | N.A. |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 3 796 | 62 | 24 | 37 | 198 | 43 | - | N.A. |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 100 | 872 | 77 | 17 | 70 | 94 | 55 | - | N.A. |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 1 319 | 85 | 52 | 59 | 232 | 52 | 42 | 14.7 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 813 | 78 | 36 | 58 | 196 | 54 | 14 | 16.2 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 3 603 | 37 | 21 | 48 | 88 | 47 | - | N.A. |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 4 825 | 54 | 22 | 52 | 164 | 41 | - | N.A. |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 1 196 | 95 | 22 | 55 | 138 | 42 | - | 0 [Note 2] |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100 | 1 208 | 68 | 28 | 70 | 164 | 63 | 37 | 12.2 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 2 132 | 85 | 29 | 53 | 110 | 50 | - | N.A. |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 874 | 76 | 17 | 54 | 96 | 46 | 14 | 16.2 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 1 058 | 61 | 16 | 41 | 74 | 62 | 14 | 0.3 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 1 462 | 89 | 33 | 67 | 122 | 46 | 42 | 0.3 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 100 | 1 195 | 79 | 16 | 60 | 94 | 44 | 14 | 1.7 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 1 168 | 81 | 35 | 58 | 146 | 33 | 42 | 12.3 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 1 873 | 70 | 36 | 50 | 180 | 45 | - | N.A. |
| Total | 747 | 100 | 31 854 | 63 | 446 | 56 | 2 260 | 49 | 261 | 9.0 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Information provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2018.

[Note 2] 1 MHCCC stopped its service on 15 October 2018. The utilisation rate between April and September 2018 is 0.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2019-20)

| District | Aided standalone CCCs | | CCCs attached to KGs | | OCCS | | EHS | | MHCCCs | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places <small>[Note]</small> | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 2 198 | 30 | 13 | 34 | 99 | 38 | 14 | 34.9 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 1 270 | 56 | 17 | 62 | 73 | 67 | 28 | 1.6 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 1 041 | 35 | 12 | 41 | 27 | 15 | - | N.A. |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 3 684 | 60 | 24 | 38 | 189 | 32 | - | N.A. |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 99 | 840 | 74 | 17 | 55 | 94 | 40 | - | N.A. |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 1 403 | 84 | 52 | 58 | 226 | 40 | 42 | 12.2 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 737 | 77 | 36 | 53 | 210 | 43 | 14 | 9.2 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 2 934 | 47 | 21 | 32 | 94 | 40 | - | N.A. |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 100 | 4 308 | 57 | 22 | 48 | 151 | 31 | - | N.A. |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 100 | 1 352 | 87 | 22 | 53 | 139 | 34 | - | N.A. |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 99 | 1 310 | 68 | 28 | 61 | 165 | 46 | 37 | 11.7 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 100 | 2 063 | 81 | 29 | 41 | 112 | 37 | - | N.A. |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 966 | 66 | 17 | 54 | 94 | 31 | 14 | 30.0 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 934 | 61 | 16 | 36 | 82 | 47 | 14 | 0.7 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 1 396 | 90 | 33 | 51 | 122 | 38 | 42 | 0.1 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 99 | 1 228 | 73 | 19 | 55 | 98 | 37 | 14 | 0.4 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 1 388 | 63 | 35 | 46 | 138 | 29 | 42 | 4.1 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 1 914 | 67 | 36 | 45 | 173 | 38 | - | N.A. |
| Total | 747 | 100 | 30 966 | 63 | 449 | 49 | 2 286 | 38 | 261 | 8.4 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Information provided by EDB as at September 2019.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (April to December 2020)

| District | Aided standalone CCCs | | CCCs attached to KGs | | OCCS | | EHS | | MHCCCs | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places [Note 1] | Average utilisation rate (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate [Note 2] (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate [Note 2] (%) | Number of Places | Average utilisation rate [Note 2] (%) |
| Central & Western | 48 | 100 | 2 680 | 25 | 12 | 6 | 99 | 6 | 14 | 15.7 |
| Southern | - | N.A. | 1 149 | 49 | 17 | 13 | 73 | 6 | 28 | 0.1 |
| Islands | - | N.A. | 1 103 | 23 | 12 | 3 | 27 | 11 | - | N.A. |
| Eastern | 64 | 100 | 4 229 | 50 | 24 | 12 | 189 | 7 | - | N.A. |
| Wan Chai | 48 | 96 | 839 | 61 | 17 | 30 | 94 | 5 | - | N.A. |
| Kwun Tong | - | N.A. | 1 203 | 76 | 53 | 7 | 226 | 8 | 42 | 2.5 |
| Wong Tai Sin | - | N.A. | 542 | 79 | 35 | 5 | 210 | 5 | 14 | 2.0 |
| Sai Kung | - | N.A. | 4 156 | 28 | 23 | 3 | 94 | 7 | - | N.A. |
| Kowloon City | 67 | 99 | 4 646 | 46 | 22 | 9 | 151 | 8 | - | N.A. |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 99 | 98 | 1 186 | 73 | 23 | 7 | 139 | 6 | - | N.A. |
| Sham Shui Po | 62 | 100 | 1 488 | 60 | 28 | 12 | 165 | 8 | 37 | 5.3 |
| Sha Tin | 72 | 98 | 1 807 | 72 | 27 | 13 | 112 | 8 | - | N.A. |
| Tai Po | - | N.A. | 1 229 | 41 | 17 | 9 | 94 | 7 | 14 | 15.8 |
| North | 51 | 100 | 872 | 49 | 17 | 7 | 82 | 6 | 14 | 0.0 |
| Yuen Long | 64 | 100 | 1 254 | 85 | 33 | 13 | 122 | 8 | 42 | 0.0 |
| Tsuen Wan | 76 | 83 | 1 100 | 67 | 19 | 18 | 98 | 8 | 14 | 0.0 |
| Kwai Tsing | 32 | 100 | 1 175 | 59 | 37 | 7 | 138 | 9 | 42 | 0.5 |
| Tuen Mun | 64 | 100 | 1 602 | 64 | 33 | 10 | 173 | 8 | - | N.A. |
| Total | 747 | 98 | 32 260 | 50 | 449 | 10 | 2 286 | 7 | 261 | 2.8 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Information provided by EDB as at September 2020.

[Note 2] Due to the suspension of service during the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the utilisation rate.

**The respective numbers of home-based child carers and service users of NSCCP, and
the service fee and incentive payment for home-based child carers
2020-21
(as at December 2020)**

| District | Number of home-based child carers | Number of children served | Basic service fee per hour ^[Note] (\$) | | Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour (\$) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| | | | Home-based child care service | Centre-based care group | |
| Central & Western | 46 | 236 | 24 | 24 | 25 |
| Eastern | 183 | 258 | 22 | 22 | |
| Islands | 80 | 148 | 22 | 13 | |
| Kowloon City | 489 | 175 | 20 | 13 | |
| Kwun Tong | 51 | 220 | 20 | 13 | |
| Kwai Tsing | 41 | 315 | 18 | 13 | |
| North | 54 | 197 | 18 | 13 | |
| Southern | 28 | 110 | 20 | 12 | |
| Sai Kung | 130 | 356 | 20 | 13 | |
| Sham Shui Po | 38 | 560 | 20 | 13 | |
| Sha Tin | 49 | 454 | 20 | 13 | |
| Tuen Mun | 36 | 545 | 20 | 13 | |
| Tai Po | 69 | 389 | 20 | 13 | |
| Tsuen Wan | 43 | 214 | 20 | 13 | |
| Wan Chai | 114 | 145 | 22 | 22 | |
| Wong Tai Sin | 22 | 315 | 18 | 10 | |
| Yuen Long | 32 | 660 | 18 | 13 | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 299 | 371 | 20 | 13 | |
| Total | 1 804 | 5 668 | - | - | |

^[Note] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waiving/reduction.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)206

(Question Serial No. 1027)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continued implementation of a pilot scheme to provide Wi-Fi services at relevant welfare service units subsidised or operated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please inform this Committee of:

1. the types of service provided;
2. the duration of the pilot scheme and the estimated expenditure each year; and
3. the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure for service units, broken down by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

With a funding allocation of about \$205 million from the Lotteries Fund, SWD launched a four-year pilot scheme to progressively provide Wi-Fi services at around 1 350 service units operated by subvented/subsidised organisations under SWD from January 2020. The pilot scheme covers units of relevant services, including elderly services, rehabilitation services, family and child welfare services and youth services located throughout the territory. SWD has also deployed resources and completed the setup of Wi-Fi services at around 180 welfare facilities under its purview, including social security field units and integrated family service centres in November 2020. The pilot scheme does not involve additional manpower expenditure.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)207

(Question Serial No. 1028)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the commencement of implementing the “pro-employment” measures and other improvement measures under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme as announced in the Chief Executive’s 2019 Policy Address, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the details of current “pro-employment” measures and other improvement measures under CSSA, including schemes that have been or will be rolled out, and the estimated or actual number of beneficiaries;
2. the estimated expenditure involved for each scheme.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The Government announced a series of improvements to the CSSA Scheme in 2019, including a significant increase of the maximum rent allowance and the maximum level of monthly disregarded earnings, enhancement of employment support services and extension of coverage of various supplement and special grants to eligible non-elderly able-bodied recipients. Upon approval of the additional recurrent expenditure of about \$960 million by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Government had commenced the gradual implementation of the improvement measures starting from 2020 as planned and has achieved full implementation since February 2021. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)208

(Question Serial No. 1029)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continued purchase of EA1 places, please inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated number of additional day and enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) places to be provided in the coming year, broken down by District Council (DC) district;
2. the number of additional EA1 places to be purchased under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), broken down by DC district;
3. the number of designated residential respite places provided in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the EBPS, broken down by DC district;
4. the number of persons waitlisted for day and EHCCS places in the past 3 years, broken down by DC district; and
5. the number of persons waitlisted for RCHEs in the past 3 years, broken down by DC district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Government plans to provide 164 additional subsidised day care service places for the elderly in 2021-22. The geographical distribution of the additional places is set out in Annex 1. The Government will also provide an additional 1 500 service places for integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in April 2021. The geographical distribution of the additional places is set out in Annex 2.
2. The Government will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places through the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20 to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private residential care homes for the elderly. Among the first batch of about 1 700 additional EA1 places bought, 964 have commenced service by the end of 2020. The distribution of places is set out at the Annex 3. About 720 remaining additional places are expected to commence service on or before 2021-22. The second batch of additional EA1 places

bought, involving about 1 200 places, are also expected to commence service progressively in 2021-22.

3. In 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), a total of 280 designated residential respite places were provided by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS. The number of places by district is set out in Annex 4.
4. From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the number of persons waitlisted for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and EHCCS are as follows:

| Year | No. of waitlisted persons | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | DEs/DCUs | EHCCS ^[Note] |
| 2018-19 | 4 370 | 7 930 |
| 2019-20 | 4 519 | 5 595 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 3 891 | 4 191 |

^[Note] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services can be waitlisted for integrated home care services (frail cases) and/or EHCCS.

The aforesaid numbers of persons waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. SWD does not have the number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs and EHCCS by DC district.

5. As at the end of December 2018, the end of December 2019 and the end of December 2020, there were respectively 40 569, 41 011 and 37 525 eligible elderly persons on the central waiting list for subsidised care and attention places and nursing home places.

Elderly persons currently waitlisted for subsidised RCHEs may make a maximum of 3 choices regarding the location of RCHEs, including the cluster, the district or even a specified RCHE, etc. Elderly persons may also choose more than 1 type of subsidised residential care places for the elderly, including places of subvented/contract RCHEs, and of homes participating in the EBPS and the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme. The SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places for the elderly in each district.

**Estimated number of additional subsidised day care service places
for the elderly and its geographical distribution
(2021-22)**

| District | No. of places |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Sham Shui Po | 4 |
| Sha Tin | 60 |
| Tai Po | 60 |
| North | 40 |
| Total | 164 |

**Number of additional IHCS(FC) places
(2021-22)**

| District ^[Note] | No. of service places |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Central & Western | 40 |
| Eastern | 140 |
| Wan Chai | 30 |
| Southern | 60 |
| Kwun Tong | 220 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 160 |
| Sai Kung | 70 |
| Kowloon City | 65 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 30 |
| Sham Shui Po | 60 |
| Sha Tin | 120 |
| Tai Po | 70 |
| North | 80 |
| Yuen Long | 40 |
| Tuen Mun | 90 |
| Tsuen Wan | 80 |
| Kwai Tsing | 145 |
| Total | 1 500 |

[Note] 25 additional service places have been provided in the Islands District since October 2020.

**Number of additional EA1 places purchased under the EBPS
by DC district
(As at 31 December 2020)**

| District | No. of additional EA1 places |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Eastern | 20 |
| Wan Chai | - |
| Central & Western | 54 |
| Islands | - |
| Southern | 44 |
| Sham Shui Po | 32 |
| Kowloon City | 139 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 64 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 20 |
| Sai Kung | - |
| Kwun Tong | - |
| Sha Tin | - |
| Tai Po | - |
| North | 41 |
| Yuen Long | 116 |
| Tuen Mun | 55 |
| Tsuen Wan | 54 |
| Kwai Tsing | 325 |
| Total | 964 |

**Number of designated residential respite places
provided by private RCHEs participating in the EBPS by district**

| District | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| | No. of homes | No. of places |
| Central & Western | 11 | 22 |
| Southern | 7 | 14 |
| Islands | - | - |
| Eastern | 10 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | 2 | 4 |
| Kwun Tong | 7 | 14 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 4 | 8 |
| Sai Kung | - | - |
| Kowloon City | 20 | 40 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 11 | 22 |
| Sham Shui Po | 9 | 18 |
| Sha Tin | - | - |
| Tai Po | 5 | 10 |
| North | 5 | 10 |
| Yuen Long | 16 | 32 |
| Tsuen Wan | 9 | 18 |
| Kwai Tsing | 13 | 26 |
| Tuen Mun | 11 | 22 |
| Total | 140 | 280 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)209

(Question Serial No. 1030)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the launch of an enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) to encourage more young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services, please inform this Committee of:

1. the enhancements in progress, the number of additional trainees after the enhancements, and the expenditure involved;
2. the timetables and items of other enhancements;
3. the number of recruits under the Navigation Scheme in each of the past 3 years;
4. the number of recruits having completed the two-year part-time course under the Navigation Scheme in the past 3 years;
5. the number of dropouts from the Navigation Scheme and the reasons for dropping out in each of the past 3 years;
6. the estimated number of trainees to be recruited, their salary and the number of training places to be provided in the coming year;
7. the number of recruits admitted to other courses of the care sector through the Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1, 2 & 6. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide a total of 1 200 training places under the Navigation Scheme within 5 years starting from 2020-21, and has rolled out enhancement measures, which include expanding the age range of trainees from between 18 and 25 to between 17 and 29, reducing the working hours per week for trainees from 44 to 40 for them to further their studies more effectively, and raising their salaries and training subsidies, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector. Operating agencies have started recruiting trainees under the enhanced scheme since the second quarter of 2020, recruiting about 400 trainees so far. The respective

salaries of trainees participating in the Navigation Scheme as care worker (entry level) and health worker (after promotion) are \$14,150 and \$17,090 in 2020-21. The total expenditure involved will be around \$266 million.

- 3 to 5. SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in July 2015. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 1 158 trainees were recruited under the Navigation Scheme. Among them, 529 trainees graduated, while 91 trainees were still under the Navigation Scheme. 538 trainees had left the Navigation Scheme mainly for reasons such as pursuing further studies, finding the job nature not suitable, having secured another job or personal reasons.
7. SWD does not have the relevant information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)210

(Question Serial No. 1031)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional recurrent resources to subsidised community care services as well as residential care services for providing soft meals to elderly service users with swallowing problems, please inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated expenditure for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties over the past 3 years;
2. the number of elderly beneficiaries, broken down by subsidised community care services and residential care services for the elderly; and
3. whether elderly persons ageing in place are involved; if yes, the number of these persons and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department has since October 2020 provided additional resources to subsidised residential care homes for the elderly and community care service units for the elderly (including enhanced home and community care services, integrated home care services and day care centres/units for the elderly) for providing soft meals to elderly persons with swallowing difficulties. It is expected to benefit 12 000 elderly persons. The annual expenditure involved is about \$75 million, which does not involve additional manpower expenditure. Recognised service providers under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly may also provide soft meals to needy elderly persons based on the principle of “money-following-the-user”.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)211

(Question Serial No. 1035)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continuous implementation of the time-limited Special Scheme of Assistance to the Unemployed (Special Scheme) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the current number of applicants for the Special Scheme;
2. the number of rejected applicants and the reasons for rejection;
3. the number of successful applicants due to the disregard of all cash value of insurance policies as assets;
4. whether unemployed workers who are eligible for the Special Scheme will be affected if they apply for the Special 100% Loan Guarantee for Individuals Scheme proposed in the Budget.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. To assist the unemployed and their families who face immediate financial difficulties in a more focused manner, the Government has launched the time-limited Special Scheme under the CSSA Scheme to temporarily relax the asset limits for able-bodied persons by 100% during the one-year period from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. Moreover, during the six-month period from 1 April to 30 September 2021, the Government will disregard the cash value of insurance policies of able-bodied applicants of CSSA as assets in a grace period of 1 year. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a one-off commitment of \$3.52 billion to cater for the relevant expenses. As at the end of December 2020, the number of CSSA unemployment cases amounts to around 19 500, an increase of over 55% compared to the end of December 2019. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to actively process CSSA applications in order to provide timely assistance to persons in need.
4. Based on the details of the Special 100% Loan Guarantee for Individuals Scheme announced in the 2021-22 Budget, SWD will exempt the amount of loan from the asset test in accordance with mechanism under the CSSA Scheme for a period of time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)212

(Question Serial No. 3210)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision of additional 1 500 service quota under integrated home care services (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)), please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time and the annual expenditure for IHCS (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
2. the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time and the annual expenditure for IHCS(FC) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by DC district; and
3. the number of persons waitlisted, the waiting time, the number of users served and the annual expenditure for enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by DC district.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by DC district is set out in Annex 1. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by NGOs operating the service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the waiting time for IHCS(OC) by DC district.

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the overall number of persons waitlisted in the territory and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS without a breakdown by DC district.

The number of persons waitlisted and the average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | No. of persons waitlisted ^[Note] | Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months) (Average of the past 3 months) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2018-19 | 7 930 | 18 |
| 2019-20 | 5 595 | 12 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 4 191 | 12 |

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

The number of service users of EHCCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by DC district is set out in Annex 2.

SWD does not keep the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is provided as follows:

| Year | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 696.6 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 740.6 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 831.9 |

The total annual expenditure under EHCCS from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is as follows:

| Year | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--|
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 419.0 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 638.1 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 935.1 |

**Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | No. of waitlisted persons | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 28 | 47 | 66 |
| Eastern | 106 | 146 | 166 |
| Wan Chai | 56 | 69 | 108 |
| Southern | 84 | 85 | 115 |
| Islands | - | - | 93 |
| Kwun Tong | 761 | 861 | 988 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 577 | 609 | 663 |
| Sai Kung | 87 | 125 | 150 |
| Kowloon City | 110 | 104 | 102 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 82 | 82 | 99 |
| Sham Shui Po | 251 | 292 | 363 |
| Sha Tin | 416 | 506 | 598 |
| Tai Po | 103 | 140 | 148 |
| North | 55 | 61 | 105 |
| Yuen Long | 122 | 151 | 196 |
| Tuen Mun | 302 | 261 | 337 |
| Tsuen Wan | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Kwai Tsing | 112 | 70 | 50 |
| Total | 3 261 | 3 614 | 4 353 |

**Annual number of service users under EHCCS
(from 2018-19 to 2020-21)**

| Year | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-August 2020) | | 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team |
| Central & Western | 221 | | 254 | | 223 | | | 303 |
| Eastern | 268 | 238 | 307 | 286 | 285 | 240 | 292 | 734 |
| Wan Chai | 208 | 224 | 226 | | 199 | | | 284 |
| Southern | 209 | | 246 | | 226 | | | 262 |
| Islands | 118 | N.A. | 145 | N.A. | 123 | N.A. | | 137 |
| Kwun Tong | 566 | 440 | 699 | 539 | 597 | 467 | 287 | 1 512 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 528 | 1 012 | 627 | 1 226 | 561 | 1 063 | | 1 435 |
| Sai Kung | 308 | [Note 1] | 340 | [Note 1] | 298 | [Note 1] | | 672 |
| Kowloon City | 376 | 524 | 423 | 620 | 361 | 554 | | 671 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 256 | [Note 2] | 274 | [Note 2] | 231 | [Note 2] | | 409 |
| Sham Shui Po | 319 | | 395 | 245 | 363 | 213 | | 800 |
| Sha Tin | 244 | | 320 | | 273 | | | 875 |
| Tai Po | 181 | 280 | 225 | 325 | 200 | 298 | 304 | 245 |
| North | 186 | 237 | 229 | | 210 | | | 279 |
| Yuen Long | 240 | | 284 | | 244 | | | 409 |
| Tuen Mun | 205 | 1 041 | 272 | 1 255 | 215 | 1 098 | | 471 |
| Tsuen Wan | 306 | [Note 3] | 343 | [Note 3] | 306 | [Note 3] | | 579 |
| Kwai Tsing | 439 | | 589 | | 502 | | | 1 162 |
| Total | 9 572 | | 11 669 | | 10 233 | | | 11 239 |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

[Note 4] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)213

(Question Serial No. 0714)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise the approved amount, the number of beneficiaries and the technology products procured/rented under the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund).

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

The Government launched the \$1 billion I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure/rent and try out technology products, with a view to improving the life of service users, and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. As at 31 December 2020, 3 tranches of grants totalling over \$200 million had been approved for about 970 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 4 200 items of technology products. The types of products that got more applications for procurement from the service units included smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment and assessment tools for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, tilt- in-space/height adjustable commode/shower chair, wireless health monitoring equipment, companion robot, and anti-wandering system, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)214

(Question Serial No. 1905)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

As regards supporting needy carers living in the community who are taking care of frail elderly persons, please inform this Committee:

1. of the service details, number of service places, number of applicants, number of service users and number of activities held for support services provided to these carers in the past 5 years;
2. of the units, manpower and resources involved in support services provided to these carers in the past 5 years;
3. for carers served by subvented elderly centres and home care services teams, of the number of applicants, service places, service users and activities held in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service received; and
4. whether the Government has any plan to introduce relevant support schemes for persons with disabilities or other needy carers.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- 1 to 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has allocated additional resources to all subvented elderly centres (including 41 district elderly community centres (DECCs) and 170 neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs)) and integrated home care services (IHCS) teams across the territory since October 2018, and all enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) teams since March 2019 to enhance outreach services for supporting needy carers living in the community who are looking after frail elderly persons, including carers with disabilities or aged carers. The measures will incur a recurrent expenditure of about \$238 million, which is mainly used for the elderly service units to recruit more social workers and personal care workers. The additional resources will enable elderly centres and home care services teams to make use of various outreach services and community networks to identify needy elderly persons and offer them the necessary support services, such as temporary elder-sitting and on-site carer training, thereby relieving the pressure of carers of the elderly.

Support services for needy carers of the elderly have been implemented since October 2018. The details of the services, the number of service users and the frequency of relevant activities are set out in the Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of service places or the number of applicants for support services for such carers of the elderly by service type.

4. As regards support for persons with disabilities and their carers, SWD provides them with a range of integrated home-based services through Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS), with a view to relieving the pressure on their families/carers and improving their quality of life. The ISS provides special subsidies to support eligible persons with severe physical disabilities, so as to reduce their burden arising from the costs of medical equipment and medical consumables. SWD has incorporated the Community Care Fund's Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables into the Government's regular assistance programmes in March 2021, and has renamed it as the Special Subsidy Scheme for Persons with Permanent Stoma to provide continuous support for persons with permanent stoma (excretory stoma) to relieve their financial burden.

Persons with disabilities and their carers/families may also use the services provided by parents/relatives resource centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities and integrated community centres for mental wellness, support centres for persons with autism, day care service for persons with severe disabilities and day and residential respite services to receive appropriate support.

Number of Users, Frequency of Activities and Details of Support Services for Carers of the Elderly

| Service | Number of service users (Total number of needy carers of the elderly served) | Frequency of Activities | Service details | Details of Activities | |
|---|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| DECCs | | | To identify needy elderly persons and their carers in the community through various outreach services and community networks, for example by liaising with different neighbourhoods and mobilising members of the community, and offer them the necessary support services. | Services for needy carers of the elderly provided include such support services as organising support groups, training activities and arranging visits by volunteers, escort service and respite care for the elderly (home-based or centre-based). | |
| 2018-19 ^[Note 1] | 2 600 | 5 525 | | | |
| 2019-20 | 4 812 | 13 714 | | | |
| 2020-21 (as at December 2020) | 4 842 | 9 669 ^[Note 5] | | | |
| NECs | | | | | |
| 2018-19 ^[Note 1] | 5 539 | 12 505 | | | |
| 2019-20 | 10 420 | 34 230 | | | |
| 2020-21 (as at December 2020) | 10 397 | 19 973 ^[Note 5] | | | |
| IHCS Teams | | | | | Counselling service, referrals, personal or group training, support groups and programmes, etc. aimed at meeting the physical/emotional/social needs of needy carers of the elderly. |
| 2018-19 ^[Note 1] | 587 | 346 | | | |
| 2019-20 | 519 | 770 | | | |
| 2020-21 ^[Note 2] (as at December 2020) | 994 | 726 | | | |
| EHCCS teams | | | | | |
| 2018-19 ^[Note 3] | 143 | 117 | | | |
| 2019-20 | 1 891 | 2 611 | | | |
| 2020-21 ^[Note 4] (as at December 2020) | 2 118 | 1 820 | | | |

[Note 1] Support services for needy carers of the elderly were launched in October 2018. Therefore, the figures in 2018-19 were taken from October 2018 to March 2019.

[Note 2] The only home help team has been upgraded to IHCS team since 1 October 2020, and there are a total of 61 IHCS teams in the territory.

[Note 3] As allocation of additional resources to the 34 EHCCS teams was only effective from 1 March 2019, the figures for 2018-19 only include the number of persons from 1 March to 31 March 2019.

[Note 4] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020, and there is a total of 31 EHCCS teams in the territory.

[Note 5] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the frequency of activities is less than that of 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)215

(Question Serial No. 1907)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

On supporting carers of persons with disabilities living in the community, please advise this Committee:

1. the number of carers who have used home respite service, carer training service, carer emotional support service and case management service over the past 5 years;
2. the number of carers served, number of members and total headcount of activity participants with a breakdown by different services (including the district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS)) over the past 5 years;
3. the service places, number of applicants, number of relevant activities organised and number of activity participants of DSCs, PRCs, ICCMWs, HCS and ISS, with a breakdown by type of services in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 91)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides various types of community support services for persons with disabilities and their families/carers through non-governmental organisations. These services include ISS, HCS, DSCs, PRCs and ICCMWs, to help persons with disabilities continue to live in and integrate into the community, and reduce the pressure on their families/carers. SWD does not have information on the number of carers who have used home respite service, carer training service, carer emotional support service and case management service of the above mentioned services.
2. & 3. Among the above services, the number of service places of ISS and HCS in 2020- 21 was 900 and 3 550 respectively, and there were no designated service places for the remaining services. SWD does not have information on the number of service places, number of applicants and total headcount and number of activity

participants in the various community support services. From 2016-17 to 2020-21, the number of members (including the families/carers of persons with disabilities) of PRCs and ICCMWs is set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The number of cases being carers of persons with disabilities and the number of activities organised for these carers are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of the Annex.

Table 1: Number of members being carers in PRCs and ICCMWs ^[Note 1]

| Year | PRCs (Average no. of family members per month) | ICCMWs (No. of families/carers) ^[Note 2] |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2016-17 | 5 115 | 4 073 |
| 2017-18 | 5 360 | 4 376 |
| 2018-19 | 5 553 | 5 174 |
| 2019-20 | 7 979 | 4 679 |
| 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) | 8 834 | 3 387 |

[Note 1] SWD does not have information on the number of members being carers of persons with disabilities in DSCs, HCS and ISS.

[Note 2] The figure of family members/carers in ICCMWs refers to the number of service users.

Table 2: Number of cases being carers of persons with disabilities in various services from 2016-17 to 2020-21 ^[Note]

| Service type | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| PRC | 332 | 380 | 396 | 547 | 701 |
| ICCMW | 2 439 | 2 432 | 2 658 | 1 858 | 1 682 |

[Note] SWD does not have information on the number of cases being carers of persons with disabilities in DSCs, HCS and ISS.

Table 3: Number of activities organised for carers of persons with disabilities by various services from 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Service type | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| | No. of activities | No. of activities | No. of activities | No. of activities | No. of activities ^[Note 2] |
| PRC | 2 645 | 3 360 | 3 736 | 4 182 | 3 135 |
| DSC ^[Note 1] | 1 372 | 1 180 | 1 485 | 979 | 325 |
| HCS | 106 | 149 | 162 | 129 | 54 |
| ISS | 43 | 54 | 51 | 59 | 36 |
| ICCMW ^[Note 1] | 509 | 530 | 667 | 760 | 451 |

[Note 1] The figure provided represents the number of sessions of the activities.

[Note 2] To minimise the risk of COVID-19 being spread in the community during the period when the epidemic situation was more serious, the scale of welfare services subsidised by SWD was limited. In light of the gradual stabilisation of the epidemic situation, those services have resumed normal operation gradually.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)216

(Question Serial No. 1908)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The epidemic situation has been severe over the past year. Amid the epidemic, what support has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provided for social welfare organisations to deliver services as usual, and/or what technological funding support has SWD provided for such organisations to deliver services? How will SWD monitor whether the relevant funds are used effectively? In addition, how will SWD review the current service quality?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 92)

Reply:

1. In response to the COVID-19 epidemic, SWD has, as at March 2021, disbursed the following allowances to welfare service units for anti-epidemic purposes so that such units can continue to deliver services amid the epidemic:
 - (1) In order to assist welfare service units to strengthen their anti-epidemic measures, since January 2020, SWD has provided all service units under subvention/contract, and residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) with 5 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of \$5,000 or \$3,000 for each of the first 2 rounds; at a rate of \$10,000 or \$6,000 from the third to fifth rounds) for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items. The allowance covered about 3 600 service units. In addition, SWD has informed 8 organisations running short-term food assistance service projects across the territory to purchase protective equipment and sanitising items on an actual reimbursement basis.
 - (2) In view of manpower shortage due to individual staff being put under mandatory quarantine arrangements or medical treatment, SWD has provided 3 rounds of special allowance for manpower support from February 2020 to March 2021 to residential care homes (RCHs), home-based care service units as well as residential Child Care Centres (CCCs), etc., to make additional manpower arrangements and maintain daily operations. The special allowance has benefited some 1 400 service units. In addition, SWD has provided 2 rounds of special allowance for the staff of subvented and subsidised RCHs to show recognition of and appreciation to their efforts in maintaining residential care services during the

epidemic. The special allowance amounts to 10% of the monthly salary of an employee with a cap at \$4,000 for 4 months (i.e. from February to May 2020), and has benefited 745 subvented and subsidised RCHs with a total of around 29 000 employees.

- (3) SWD has provided a one-off special allowance to a total of 136 recognised service providers providing day care services by the co-payment mode under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly so as to relieve the financial difficulties caused by a suspension of their services.
 - (4) In order to assist CCCs to sustain their operation, the Government has provided 3 rounds of special allowance to more than 550 aided and non-aided CCCs (including CCCs attached to kindergartens) across the territory for a four-month period each to assist them to tide over the financial difficulties arising from the suspension of their services. The special allowance is set at a full-day rate at \$4,000 and a half-day rate at \$2,000 for each enrolled child per month or the approved monthly fee, whichever is the less.
 - (5) To subsidise foster parents in the light of the additional expenses incurred on the procurement of face masks and other sanitising items for their foster children during the epidemic period, SWD has provided an additional living allowance for each foster child from February 2020 to March 2021.
 - (6) SWD has provided 4 rounds of special allowance (at a rate of \$5,000 at the first round and \$6,000 from the second to the fourth round respectively) from February to November 2020 to the beneficiary organisations under the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses for 2018-20 and Community-based Support Projects for Persons with Disabilities with time-limited subsidies from SWD on a project basis. The allowance was for the procurement of personal protective equipment and sanitising items, and has benefited about 110 organisations and service projects.
 - (7) Under the Anti-epidemic Fund, SWD launched the Anti-virus Coating Spray Subsidy in May 2020 to support some 1 100 RCHEs and RCHDs with anti-virus coating spray on their premises. To further strengthen infection control, SWD launched a new round of the Anti-virus Coating Spray Subsidy in November 2020 to all RCHs across the territory. The subsidy has also been extended to cover some 300 day care units of elderly and rehabilitation services.
2. As at March 2021, in view of the epidemic of COVID-19, SWD had provided welfare service units with other anti-epidemic support:
- (1) From February 2020 to March 2021, SWD has distributed a total of about 26 million face masks to the above residential service units in 19 batches for use by their staff. SWD also distributed a total of more than 16 million face masks to all RCHEs and RCHDs from July 2020 to February 2021 for use by their residents who were in need.
 - (2) From August 2020 to March 2021, SWD has distributed a total of more than 7.2 million face masks to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) service units (including day service units and residential service units other than RCHEs and RCHDs) for use by their service users. SWD has also distributed a total of about 1.6 million and 4 million face masks to relevant day service units from May to July 2020 and from December 2020 to March 2021 respectively, as well as

distributing 240 000 non-reusable face shields to home care service units in May 2020 for use by their staff.

- (3) The Government has passed about 1.3 million face masks donated by various sectors to beneficiary organisations under the Financial Support Scheme for Self-help Organisations of Persons with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses from March to June 2020, to help them strengthen their protective equipment.
- (4) Through the provision under the Anti-epidemic Fund, SWD created 1 000 time-limited posts for 12 months from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2021 for elderly and rehabilitation service organisations subsidised by SWD. Young people have been recruited to support service users and staff in using gerontechnology or other technology products, as well as assisting the elderly and rehabilitation service units in implementing tele-practice, online training etc. as a supplement to the conventional mode of service delivery.
- (5) SWD has conducted 10 rounds of voluntary testing from July 2020 to March 2021 for staff members, residents and service users of all RCHEs, RCHDs and Nursing Homes (NHs) across the territory to facilitate early identification and treatment of infected persons, as well as arranging for the close contacts to undergo quarantine. The first 3 rounds of testing were targeted at staff of RCHEs, RCHDs and NHs. The fourth and fifth rounds of testing extended the scope to cover residents and service users of the above RCHEs, RCHDs and NHs including (i) newly admitted residents; (ii) residents who need to go out for medical purposes, rehabilitation training, work or other reasons; (iii) service users of day care/rehabilitation service units attached to the RCHs; and (iv) other residents who were willing to undergo testing. As staff of RCHs have been required to undergo mandatory testing since the end of November, the targets of voluntary testing only cover residents and service users starting from the sixth round.
- (6) SWD has provided 3 rounds of free-of-charge voluntary COVID-19 testing service for the staff of welfare service units with a higher risk (including staff of day care, home care and day training services for the elderly/persons with disabilities) from September 2020 to February 2021. SWD also provided a special grant in January 2021 to the service providers of professional outreach services for private RCHEs and RCHDs to cover the cost of conducting combined nasal and throat swab tests for their outreach staff, so as to reduce the risks of infection and spread of the virus while providing services at the RCHs.
- (7) To further safeguard the health of residents and staff of RCHs, the Secretary for Food and Health issued 10 rounds of compulsory testing notices under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Chapter 599, Subsidiary Legislation J) from the end of November 2020 to early March 2021, requiring staff of RCHEs, RCHDs, NHs and day service units attached to the premises of RCHEs and RCHDs to undergo specified testing in accordance with the testing requirements and procedures prescribed in the notices. To provide greater flexibility for RCHs in testing arrangements, RCHs have been allowed to make their own arrangement and use the testing services of government accredited laboratories since the second round of compulsory testing. SWD will reimburse relevant testing fees to RCHs on reimbursement basis according to the actual number and cost of tests completed (the subsidy is capped at \$240 per test).

- (8) SWD launched a time-limited programme in December 2020. NGOs operating the Visiting Medical Practitioner Service were subsidised to arrange nurses to conduct on-site assessment on infection control measures for private and self-financing RCHEs and RCHDs, and contract homes operated by private operators, as well as teaching their staff about anti-epidemic knowledge and skills. Besides, technical engineering teams were arranged to conduct ventilation assessment for these RCHs and make recommendations on ventilation improvement. In addition, SWD provided special funding to NGOs operating subvented RCHs or contract homes to implement the corresponding measures by themselves. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust will also offer a one-off and capped allowance to RCHEs and RCHDs across the territory to purchase equipment for the purpose of ventilation improvement and strengthening support for the residents.
3. SWD has requested beneficiary organisations/service units to keep records of receipts and disbursement regarding the special allowance and documents related to the applications, for submission of statements and/or financial reports on the usage of payments to staff of SWD for checking. Service units must refund to SWD the unspent balance and/or special allowance for its designated purpose.
4. As for the review on service quality of subvented services, SWD assesses and monitors the service performance of subvented service units through the regular reports submitted by service operators under the Service Performance Monitoring System. Based on the principle of random selection, SWD also conducts assessments or surprise visits to the service units. SWD has issued a letter to subvented NGOs, informing them that during 2019-20 and 2020-21, when assessment of whether the performance of their service units met the service requirements stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreements, flexibility would be exercised taking into full consideration the impact of the epidemic on their service delivery and the service arrangements amid the epidemic as announced by SWD.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)217

(Question Serial No. 3237)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low Income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers) and Phase III of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families (Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers), please advise this Committee as to:

1. the units, manpower, total number of applicants and the resources involved for each type of allowance since its rollout;
2. the annual expenditure and administrative costs for each type of allowance since its rollout;
3. the annual number of applicants, applicants approved as eligible and the number of types of payment applied for regarding each type of allowance since its rollout;
4. the number of recipients of living allowance, participants in carers' training courses, recipients of the training payment of \$1,000 under the 2 pilot schemes and the utilisation rate of each type of allowance since its rollout;
5. the number of carers quitting the 2 pilot schemes since the rollout of the 2 types of allowance and their reasons;
6. the progress of evaluation of the second phase of the pilot schemes by a commissioned consultant; when and how the evaluation results will be published; and
7. the subsequent arrangement for the schemes.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 89)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. Under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers, 50 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating district elderly community centres and/or neighbourhood elderly centres (159 elderly centres in total) provided support services to carers and elderly persons. Under Phase II of the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers, 24 NGOs operating parents/relatives resource centres, integrated community centres for mental wellness/or district support centres for persons with

disabilities (46 centres in total) provided support services to carers and persons with disabilities. The total allocated funding for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers is about \$538 million and \$224 million respectively. The manpower deployed is about 457 man-months and 155 man-months respectively.

2. As at the end of December 2020, the amount of approved grant for the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers is about \$415 million and \$209 million respectively (including service fees for approved service providers). The administrative cost involved is about \$13.05 million and \$6.50 million respectively.
3. & 4. As at the end of December 2020, the number of applications and number of cases having received the allowances and training fees under the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers are set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only has information on the number of beneficiaries for each phase and in total, but not the information on number of beneficiaries and utilisation rate of each type of allowance by year.
5. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 3 842 elderly carers and 603 carers of persons with disabilities have withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers respectively. Their reasons for withdrawal and the relevant number of cases are set out in Annex 2.
6. & 7. SWD has commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation on both the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers. Meanwhile, a study on carer support has already been commenced to explore carers' needs in a more comprehensive manner. As such, the Government will take into consideration the content of both study reports to determine the way forward for the 2 Pilot Schemes. In this connection, SWD announced the extension of the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers Phase III and the Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers Phase II from October 2020 up to the end of March 2021 under the current mode of operation, and the launching of new phases of the 2 Pilot Schemes from April 2021 to September 2023.

Number of applications and number of cases having received allowances and training fees under Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers (as at end-December 2020)

| | Number of applications | | | Number of cases having received allowances | | | Number of cases having received training fees |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|---|
| | Phase I | Phase II | Phase III | Phase I | Phase II | Phase III | |
| Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers | 2 928 | 2 917 | 2 350 | 2 001 | 1 968 | 1 752 | 249 ^[Note 2] |
| Total | 8 195 | | | 5 721 ^[Note 1] | | | |
| Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers | 1 934 | 1 083 | N.A. | 1 528 | 792 | N.A. | 459 ^[Note 4] |
| Total | 3 017 | | | 2 320 ^[Note 3] | | | |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] 5 407 of them took care of 1 elderly person, while 314 took care of 2 elderly persons/1 elderly person and 1 person with disabilities.

^[Note 2] 36 of them have received \$1,000 training fees.

^[Note 3] 2 254 of them took care of 1 person with disabilities, while 66 took care of 2 persons with disabilities/1 person with disabilities and 1 elderly persons.

^[Note 4] 194 of them have received \$1,000 training fees.

**Number of persons having withdrawn from Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers and
Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers and their reasons for withdrawal
(as at end-December 2020)**

| Reason for withdrawal from the Pilot Scheme | Number of cases | |
|---|--|--|
| | Pilot Scheme for Elderly Carers | Pilot Scheme for PwD Carers |
| Elderly persons/persons with disabilities started receiving residential care services (including boarding schools or infirmary service) | 1 561 | 225 |
| Elderly persons/persons with disabilities passed away | 1 329 | 34 |
| Elderly carers/carers of persons with disabilities started receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance/Old Age Living Allowance | 350 | 121 |
| Carers/elderly persons/carers of persons with disabilities/persons with disabilities faced changing circumstances | 427 | 159 |
| Did not apply for Phase II/III of Pilot Scheme upon completion of Phase I/II | 175 | 64 |
| Total | 3 842 | 603 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)218****(Question Serial No. 0518)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the number of street sleepers in various districts over the past 10 years (2011-12 to 2020-21) (please set out by year and 18 districts)? Has the Government kept the figures on street sleepers staying at 24-hour fast food shops? If yes, what is the distribution in various districts? If no, what are the reasons?

| District | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central & Western | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | | | | |

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)Reply:

The number of street sleepers who had been approached by the 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers operated by non-governmental organisations subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and related service units from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) by district is set out as follows:

| Year \ District | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong & Islands | 123 | 106 | 118 | 191 | 199 |

| District \ Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Kowloon | 768 | 910 | 1 033 | 1 106 | 1 223 |
| New Territories | 33 | 111 | 146 | 126 | 119 |
| Total | 924 | 1 127 | 1 297 | 1 423 | 1 541 |

The information on street sleepers who had been approached and had stayed at 24-hour shops (including 24-hour fast food shops) from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) by district is set out below:

| District \ Year | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong & Islands | 10 | 30 | 36 |
| Kowloon | 136 | 164 | 167 |
| New Territories | 6 | 16 | 19 |
| Total | 152 | 210 | 222 |

SWD does not have the information before 2018-19.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)219****(Question Serial No. 0520)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What is the current utilisation rate of the places provided in different types of hostels? What is the number of manpower in different types of hostels and the ratio of service users to service staff?

| | Number of places provided | Utilisation rate (%) | Number of service staff | Ratio of service staff to service users |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH) | | | | |
| hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH) | | | | |
| care and attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD) | | | | |
| care and attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB) | | | | |
| hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH) | | | | |
| long stay care home (LSCH) | | | | |
| halfway house (HWH) | | | | |
| supported hostel (SHOS) | | | | |

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)Reply:

The number of service places for various types of residential services for persons with disabilities as at 31 December 2020 is set out in the Annex. In 2019-20, the actual enrolment rate for residential rehabilitation services on average is 93%. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Notional Staffing Establishment (NSE) is only used for calculating the subventions for subvented services and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower and staffing structure of the subvented services. Nevertheless, to enhance the transparency of subventions calculation, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has uploaded the NSE samples of subvented services onto the SWD website since February 2017 (the website address is as follows):

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_modesofsub/id_2907/

Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities

| Residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities | Number of service places (as at 31 December 2020) |
|--|--|
| Halfway house | 1 594 |
| Long stay care home | 1 587 |
| Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons | 2 800 |
| Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons | 4 060 |
| Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons | 715 |
| Care and attention home for severely disabled persons | 1 132 |
| Care and attention home for the aged blind | 828 |
| Supported hostel | 784 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)220

(Question Serial No. 0547)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), the net area of floor space per person for EA1 homes is 9.5m². Taking a care-and-attention (C&A) home with 40 places as an example, its number of staff is about 21.5 persons and its monthly charge is \$1,763. As for EA2 homes, the area of floor space per person should be 8m², with its number of staff of about 19 persons and a monthly charge of \$1,656. Please advise the following:

- a. the number of persons participating in the EBPS over the past decade;
- b. the average waiting time each year;
- c. the respective numbers of EA1 and EA2 places under the EBPS; and
- d. the estimated numbers of EA1 and EA2 places in the coming 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a. The number of persons admitted to subsidised residential care places for the elderly in private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in the EBPS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is set out in Annex 1.
- b. The average waiting time for subsidised residential care places in private RCHEs participating in the EBPS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is set out in Annex 2.
- c. The respective numbers of EA1 and EA2 places under the EBPS are set out in Annex 3.
- d. As at the end of December 2020, private RCHEs participating in the EBPS provided 7 059 EA1 places and 2 166 EA2 places. The Government will purchase an additional 5 000 EA1 places under the EBPS over 5 consecutive years starting from 2019-20 to increase the supply of subsidised residential care places for the elderly and enhance the overall service quality of private RCHEs, while EA2 places will not be increased.

**Number of persons admitted to private RCHEs participating in the EBPS
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| No. of persons admitted | 7 808 | 7 699 | 7 728 | 8 113 | 8 447 |

Average waiting time for private RCHEs participating in the EBPS

| Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the previous 3 months) ^[Note 1] | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 |

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

Number of subsidised places in private RCHEs participating in the EBPS

| Year | Private RCHEs participating in the EBPS | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | No. of subsidised places in EA1 homes | No. of subsidised places in EA2 homes |
| 2016-17 | 4 709 | 3 378 |
| 2017-18 | 5 831 | 2 178 |
| 2018-19 | 5 814 | 2 177 |
| 2019-20 | 6 444 | 2 172 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 7 059 | 2 166 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)221

(Question Serial No. 0556)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding community care services under this Programme, please advise as to:

1. the number of service places, the number of elderly persons served, the number of cases served yearly, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of persons having left the service, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure for integrated home care services (IHCS) (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district and age group;
2. the number of service places, the number of elderly persons served, the number of cases served yearly, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of persons having left the service, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure for IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by DC district and age group;
3. the number of service places, the number of elderly persons served, the number of cases served yearly, the number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of persons having left the service, the number of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away, the average cost per place per month, and the annual expenditure for enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by DC district and age group;
4. the annual provision granted to each service provider in respect of IHCS and EHCCS; and
5. the number of service places provided by each service provider and the number of service teams by district in respect of IHCS(OC), IHCS(FC) and EHCCS over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 3. The respective numbers of service places, service users throughout the year, persons waitlisted and persons withdrawn from the service under IHCS(OC) by DC district from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are at Annexes 1 to 4. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) currently operating the services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) and the number of persons who passed away while waiting for such services.

The respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year under IHCS(FC) by DC district from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are at Annexes 5 and 6.

The respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year under EHCCS by DC district from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are at Annexes 7 and 8.

SWD only keeps the statistical information on the overall number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time, the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting and number of persons withdrawn from the service in the territory under IHCS(FC) and EHCCS without a breakdown by DC district and age group.

The number of persons waitlisted, the average waiting time and the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | No. of persons waitlisted ^[Note] | Average waiting time ^[Note] (in months) (Average of the past 3 months) | No. of elderly persons who passed away while waiting ^[Note] |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 2016-17 | 4 504 | 11 | 37 |
| 2017-18 | 5 819 | 15 | 36 |
| 2018-19 | 7 930 | 18 | 45 |
| 2019-20 | 5 595 | 12 | 41 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 4 191 | 12 | 25 |

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

The number of persons withdrawn from the IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | IHCS(FC) | EHCCS |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| 2016-17 | 349 | 2 435 |
| 2017-18 | 317 | 2 597 |
| 2018-19 | 340 | 2 422 |
| 2019-20 | 278 | 2 635 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 289 | 2 130 |

SWD does not keep the average monthly cost of handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The average monthly cost of handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | Average monthly cost of handling each case (\$) | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 1,904 | 621.9 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 1,968 | 635.8 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2,215 | 696.6 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 2,453 | 740.6 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 2,679 | 831.9 |

The average monthly cost of handling each case and the total annual expenditure under EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | Average monthly cost of handling each case (\$) | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 4,533 | 389.2 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 4,635 | 398.1 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 4,853 | 419.0 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 6,646 | 638.1 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 8,417 | 935.1 |

4. At present, IHCS and EHCCS are offered by 24 and 14 NGOs respectively. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the 2 services is about \$831.9 million and \$935.1 million respectively, while the 2020-21 Estimate is about \$1,104.9 million and \$1,073.1 million respectively.
5. The number of service places and the number of IHCS Teams providing IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2016-17 to 2019-20 and for 2020-21 are at Annexes 9 to 12 respectively.

The number of service places and the number of EHCCS Teams from 2016-17 to 2018-19 and from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are at Annexes 13 to 15 respectively.

**Number of IHCS(OC) places
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service places ^[Note] | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 557 | 555 | 563 | 506 | 487 |
| Eastern | 1 486 | 1 463 | 1 475 | 1 414 | 1 403 |
| Wan Chai | 443 | 424 | 424 | 406 | 372 |
| Southern | 957 | 902 | 872 | 850 | 914 |
| Islands | 246 | 237 | 232 | 213 | 294 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 903 | 1 853 | 1 764 | 1 704 | 1 666 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 505 | 1 570 | 1 500 | 1 409 | 1 321 |
| Sai Kung | 412 | 407 | 415 | 425 | 410 |
| Kowloon City | 1 291 | 1 342 | 1 315 | 1 235 | 1 218 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 932 | 902 | 912 | 879 | 852 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 739 | 1 642 | 1 559 | 1 474 | 1 494 |
| Sha Tin | 1 333 | 1 305 | 1 302 | 1 296 | 1 250 |
| Tai Po | 645 | 589 | 566 | 548 | 541 |
| North | 1 253 | 1 279 | 1 197 | 1 124 | 1 083 |
| Yuen Long | 1 231 | 1 202 | 1 127 | 1 041 | 1 015 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 205 | 1 209 | 1 096 | 1 028 | 990 |
| Tsuen Wan | 414 | 401 | 418 | 361 | 402 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 112 | 1 181 | 1 200 | 1 067 | 1 067 |
| Total | 18 664 | 18 463 | 17 937 | 16 980 | 16 779 |

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

**Number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service users throughout the year | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 768 | 758 | 741 | 717 | 623 |
| Eastern | 2 019 | 2 016 | 2 047 | 1 970 | 1 799 |
| Wan Chai | 664 | 597 | 557 | 562 | 456 |
| Southern | 1 380 | 1 357 | 1 281 | 1 196 | 1 148 |
| Islands | 337 | 337 | 323 | 316 | 354 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 441 | 2 447 | 2 270 | 2 256 | 2 077 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 983 | 1 962 | 1 981 | 1 826 | 1 626 |
| Sai Kung | 560 | 551 | 547 | 571 | 504 |
| Kowloon City | 1 713 | 1 763 | 1 716 | 1 612 | 1 452 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 289 | 1 241 | 1 220 | 1 235 | 1 070 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 337 | 2 267 | 2 074 | 1 968 | 1 827 |
| Sha Tin | 1 859 | 1 728 | 1 737 | 1 724 | 1 575 |
| Tai Po | 938 | 892 | 801 | 761 | 716 |
| North | 1 515 | 1 637 | 1 643 | 1 553 | 1 364 |
| Yuen Long | 1 654 | 1 602 | 1 566 | 1 413 | 1 263 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 632 | 1 602 | 1 479 | 1 369 | 1 220 |
| Tsuen Wan | 602 | 593 | 595 | 572 | 524 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 668 | 1 729 | 1 774 | 1 769 | 1 461 |
| Total | 25 359 | 25 079 | 24 352 | 23 390 | 21 059 |

**Number of persons withdrawn from IHCS(OC)
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of persons withdrawn from the service | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 211 | 203 | 178 | 211 | 136 |
| Eastern | 533 | 553 | 572 | 556 | 396 |
| Wan Chai | 221 | 173 | 133 | 156 | 84 |
| Southern | 423 | 455 | 409 | 346 | 234 |
| Islands | 91 | 100 | 91 | 103 | 60 |
| Kwun Tong | 538 | 594 | 506 | 552 | 411 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 478 | 392 | 481 | 417 | 305 |
| Sai Kung | 148 | 144 | 132 | 146 | 94 |
| Kowloon City | 422 | 421 | 401 | 377 | 234 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 357 | 339 | 308 | 356 | 218 |
| Sham Shui Po | 598 | 625 | 515 | 494 | 333 |
| Sha Tin | 526 | 423 | 435 | 428 | 325 |
| Tai Po | 293 | 303 | 235 | 213 | 175 |
| North | 262 | 358 | 446 | 429 | 281 |
| Yuen Long | 423 | 400 | 439 | 372 | 248 |
| Tuen Mun | 427 | 393 | 383 | 341 | 230 |
| Tsuen Wan | 188 | 192 | 177 | 211 | 122 |
| Kwai Tsing | 556 | 548 | 574 | 702 | 394 |
| Total | 6 695 | 6 616 | 6 415 | 6 410 | 4 280 |

**Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 46 | 34 | 28 | 47 | 66 |
| Eastern | 180 | 242 | 106 | 146 | 166 |
| Wan Chai | 27 | 39 | 56 | 69 | 108 |
| Southern | 214 | 147 | 84 | 85 | 115 |
| Islands | - | - | - | - | 93 |
| Kwun Tong | 835 | 889 | 761 | 861 | 988 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 546 | 685 | 577 | 609 | 663 |
| Sai Kung | 63 | 67 | 87 | 125 | 150 |
| Kowloon City | 217 | 150 | 110 | 104 | 102 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 61 | 144 | 82 | 82 | 99 |
| Sham Shui Po | 232 | 290 | 251 | 292 | 363 |
| Sha Tin | 575 | 646 | 416 | 506 | 598 |
| Tai Po | 218 | 221 | 103 | 140 | 148 |
| North | 111 | 120 | 55 | 61 | 105 |
| Yuen Long | 257 | 224 | 122 | 151 | 196 |
| Tuen Mun | 184 | 230 | 302 | 261 | 337 |
| Tsuen Wan | 45 | 34 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Kwai Tsing | 187 | 161 | 112 | 70 | 50 |
| Total | 3 998 | 4 323 | 3 261 | 3 614 | 4 353 |

Number of IHCS(FC) places

| District | No. of service places 2016-17 to 2019-20 | No. of service places 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Central & Western | 40 | 70 |
| Eastern | 80 | 220 |
| Wan Chai | 30 | 65 |
| Southern | 80 | 130 |
| Islands | 20 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 150 | 355 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 100 | 260 |
| Sai Kung | 30 | 105 |
| Kowloon City | 30 | 90 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 40 | 80 |
| Sham Shui Po | 90 | 150 |
| Sha Tin | 120 | 230 |
| Tai Po | 30 | 100 |
| North | 30 | 110 |
| Yuen Long | 90 | 135 |
| Tuen Mun | 30 | 115 |
| Tsuen Wan | 40 | 120 |
| Kwai Tsing | 90 | 240 |
| Total | 1 120 | 2 620 |

**Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service users throughout the year | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 49 | 54 | 61 | 51 | 77 |
| Eastern | 114 | 105 | 113 | 100 | 238 |
| Wan Chai | 40 | 39 | 43 | 35 | 71 |
| Southern | 112 | 113 | 104 | 101 | 144 |
| Islands | 30 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 192 | 199 | 184 | 184 | 381 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 129 | 120 | 132 | 115 | 286 |
| Sai Kung | 43 | 35 | 34 | 39 | 116 |
| Kowloon City | 36 | 42 | 41 | 36 | 100 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 51 | 54 | 56 | 51 | 87 |
| Sham Shui Po | 109 | 109 | 130 | 119 | 181 |
| Sha Tin | 160 | 153 | 155 | 153 | 260 |
| Tai Po | 41 | 37 | 40 | 37 | 105 |
| North | 45 | 39 | 35 | 41 | 119 |
| Yuen Long | 124 | 124 | 117 | 119 | 149 |
| Tuen Mun | 34 | 36 | 32 | 33 | 119 |
| Tsuen Wan | 48 | 50 | 46 | 43 | 126 |
| Kwai Tsing | 104 | 103 | 109 | 105 | 243 |
| Total | 1 461 | 1 436 | 1 458 | 1 387 | 2 847 |

**Number of EHCCS places
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Year | From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2019 | | From 1 October 2019 to 31 August 2020 | | From 1 September 2020 to 31 December 2020 |
|-------------------|---|------------|--|------------|--|
| | by district | by cluster | by district | by cluster | by district ^[Note] |
| Central & Western | 171 | 347 | 209 | 501 | 242 |
| Eastern | 206 | | 250 | | 677 |
| Wan Chai | 154 | | 185 | | 226 |
| Southern | 158 | | 200 | | 200 |
| Islands | 89 | - | 105 | - | 105 |
| Kwun Tong | 421 | 497 | 535 | 675 | 1 210 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 406 | 769 | 505 | 952 | 1 173 |
| Sai Kung | 228 | | 268 | | 552 |
| Kowloon City | 290 | 535 | 323 | 682 | 554 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 188 | | 210 | | 339 |
| Sham Shui Po | 255 | | 325 | | 647 |
| Sha Tin | 192 | 394 | 247 | 548 | 795 |
| Tai Po | 129 | | 175 | | 175 |
| North | 141 | | 190 | | 190 |
| Yuen Long | 178 | 766 | 225 | 1 005 | 326 |
| Tuen Mun | 160 | | 200 | | 401 |
| Tsuen Wan | 235 | | 280 | | 463 |
| Kwai Tsing | 336 | | 450 | | 970 |
| Total | 7 245 | | 9 245 | | 9 245 |

[Note] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

**Number of EHCCS users throughout the year
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Year | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-August 2020) | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team |
| Central & Western | 218 | | 219 | | 221 | | 254 | | 223 | | 303 | |
| Eastern | 267 | 222 245 | 282 | 249 228 | 268 | 238 224 | 307 | 286 329 | 285 | 240 292 | 734 | |
| Wan Chai | 202 | | 195 | | 208 | | 226 | | 199 | | 284 | |
| Southern | 214 | | 221 | | 209 | | 246 | | 226 | | 262 | |
| Islands | 122 | N.A. | 117 | N.A. | 118 | N.A. | 145 | N.A. | 123 | N.A. | 137 | |
| Kwun Tong | 551 | 436 224 | 568 | 458 197 | 566 | 440 203 | 699 | 539 298 | 597 | 467 287 | 1 512 | |
| Wong Tai Sin | 523 | 1 013 [Note 1] | 531 | 1 021 [Note 1] | 528 | 1 012 [Note 1] | 627 | 1226 [Note 1] | 561 | 1 063 [Note 1] | 1 435 | |
| Sai Kung | 289 | | 292 | | 308 | | 340 | | 298 | | 672 | |
| Kowloon City | 364 | 541 [Note 2] | 395 | 537 [Note 2] | 376 | 524 [Note 2] | 423 | 620 [Note 2] | 361 | 554 [Note 2] | 671 | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 248 | | 249 | | 256 | | 274 | | 231 | | 409 | |
| Sham Shui Po | 341 | 176 | 347 | 194 | 319 | 195 | 395 | 245 | 363 | 213 | 800 | |
| Sha Tin | 251 | | 264 | | 244 | | 320 | | 273 | | 875 | |
| Tai Po | 165 | 286 242 | 194 | 278 234 | 181 | 280 237 | 225 | 325 348 | 200 | 298 304 | 245 | |
| North | 180 | | 186 | | 186 | | 229 | | 210 | | 279 | |
| Yuen Long | 248 | | 245 | | 240 | | 284 | | 244 | | 409 | |
| Tuen Mun | 210 | | 225 | | 205 | | 272 | | 215 | | 471 | |
| Tsuen Wan | 301 | 1 036 [Note 3] | 304 | 1 033 [Note 3] | 306 | 1 041 [Note 3] | 343 | 1 255 [Note 3] | 306 | 1 098 [Note 3] | 579 | |
| Kwai Tsing | 447 | | 458 | | 439 | | 589 | | 502 | | 1 162 | |
| Total | 9 562 | | 9 721 | | 9 572 | | 11 669 | | 10 233 | | 11 239 | |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

[Note 4] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

**Number of IHCS(OC) places and number of service teams
(2016-17 to 2019-20)**

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team ^[Note] | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 3 | 142 | 156 | 167 | 132 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 160 | 143 | 137 | 119 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 255 | 256 | 259 | 255 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 1 | 246 | 237 | 232 | 213 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 2 | 361 | 348 | 338 | 315 |
| | Methodist Centre | | 82 | 76 | 86 | 91 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 5 | 441 | 424 | 471 | 497 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 385 | 374 | 404 | 372 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | | 346 | 330 | 284 | 250 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 207 | 217 | 208 | 194 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 107 | 118 | 108 | 101 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 2 | 547 | 520 | 466 | 455 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 410 | 382 | 406 | 395 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 6 | 92 | 90 | 81 | 78 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 258 | 267 | 291 | 243 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | | 203 | 200 | 199 | 205 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 162 | 158 | 134 | 132 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 510 | 557 | 516 | 491 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | | 280 | 298 | 279 | 260 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 223 | 229 | 224 | 226 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 157 | 143 | 148 | 159 |
| | Salvation Army | | 32 | 35 | 43 | 40 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 4 | 749 | 749 | 692 | 660 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 149 | 137 | 118 | 131 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 756 | 728 | 714 | 670 |
| | Salvation Army | | 249 | 239 | 240 | 243 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 3 | 172 | 163 | 153 | 138 |
| | Salvation Army | | 481 | 464 | 463 | 443 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | | 279 | 275 | 296 | 298 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 3 | 133 | 133 | 133 | 130 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 930 | 983 | 981 | 917 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 228 | 226 | 201 | 188 |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 7 | 138 | 131 | 122 | 114 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 484 | 463 | 450 | 410 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 293 | 281 | 267 | 253 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 323 | 337 | 315 | 308 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | | 241 | 203 | 194 | 185 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 167 | 132 | 115 | 105 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 93 | 95 | 96 | 99 |

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team ^[Note] | | | |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 364 | 367 | 421 | 427 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | | 259 | 229 | 229 | 241 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | | 300 | 305 | 301 | 265 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 410 | 404 | 351 | 363 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 3 | 221 | 189 | 179 | 175 |
| | Salvation Army | | 298 | 273 | 277 | 268 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | | 126 | 127 | 110 | 105 |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 166 | 169 | 187 | 195 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | | 880 | 894 | 797 | 727 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 207 | 216 | 213 | 202 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 402 | 376 | 348 | 308 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 197 | 188 | 178 | 181 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | | 266 | 271 | 246 | 236 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | | 366 | 367 | 355 | 316 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 2 | 158 | 149 | 165 | 144 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 256 | 252 | 253 | 217 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 3 | 559 | 601 | 587 | 524 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | | 281 | 292 | 344 | 276 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 272 | 288 | 269 | 267 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 2 | 517 | 526 | 490 | 421 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 688 | 683 | 606 | 607 |
| Total | | 60 | 18 664 | 18 463 | 17 937 | 16 980 |

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

**Number of IHCS(OC) places and number of service teams
(2020-21)
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team ^[Note 1] |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 3 | 126 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 114 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 247 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 2 | 221 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited ^[Note 2] | | 73 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 2 | 280 |
| | Methodist Centre | | 92 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 5 | 497 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 370 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | | 238 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 203 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 95 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 2 | 477 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 437 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 6 | 71 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 227 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | | 191 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 135 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 455 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | | 242 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 231 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 140 |
| | Salvation Army | | 39 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 4 | 677 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 115 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 676 |
| | Salvation Army | | 198 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 3 | 110 |
| | Salvation Army | | 440 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | | 302 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 3 | 131 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 934 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 153 |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 7 | 94 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 424 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 258 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 304 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | | 181 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 124 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 109 |

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team ^[Note 1] |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 401 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | | 241 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | | 247 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 361 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 3 | 138 |
| | Salvation Army | | 281 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | | 122 |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 164 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | | 735 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 184 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 304 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 176 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | | 230 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | | 305 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 2 | 146 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 256 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 3 | 554 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | | 267 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 246 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 2 | 411 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 579 |
| Total | | 61 | 16 779 |

[Note 1] Individual IHCS(OC) service providers set their own service capacity.

[Note 2] The only Home Help Team has been upgraded to IHCS team since 1 October 2020, and there are a total of 61 IHCS teams in the territory.

**Number of IHCS(FC) places and number of service teams
(2016-17 to 2019-20)**

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 3 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 10 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 1 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 2 | 20 |
| | Methodist Centre | | 10 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 5 | 30 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 20 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 10 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 2 | 50 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 30 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 6 | 20 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 10 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | | 10 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 30 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | | 20 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | | 10 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 4 | 60 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 40 |
| | Salvation Army | | 40 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 3 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | | 20 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | | 10 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 3 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 10 |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 7 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 15 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 10 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 15 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | | 10 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 20 |
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 20 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | | 40 |

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 40 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 3 | 10 |
| | Salvation Army | | 10 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | | 10 |
| | | | |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 10 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 30 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 10 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | | 20 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | | 30 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 2 | 10 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 30 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 3 | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 20 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 2 | 15 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 15 |
| Total | | 60 | 1120 |

**Number of IHCS(FC) places and number of service teams
(2020-21)
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 3 | 30 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 20 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 2 | 25 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited ^[Note] | | 20 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 2 | 35 |
| | Methodist Centre | | 30 |
| Eastern | Hong Kong Society for Aged | 5 | 65 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 40 |
| | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 35 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 40 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 2 | 75 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 55 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 6 | 45 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 40 |
| | Christian Family Service Centre | | 40 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 50 |
| | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | | 45 |
| Sai Kung | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 40 |
| | Salvation Army | | 25 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 4 | 110 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 65 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 90 |
| | Salvation Army | | 90 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 3 | 30 |
| | Salvation Army | | 35 |
| | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited | | 15 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 3 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 35 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 35 |
| Sham Shui Po | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 7 | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Christian Service | | 20 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 15 |
| | Caritas-Hong Kong | | 20 |
| | Sik Sik Yuen | | 30 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 15 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 30 |

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams | Number of places by service team |
|--------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sha Tin | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 50 |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | | 70 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 60 |
| Tai Po | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services | 3 | 30 |
| | Salvation Army | | 30 |
| | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | | 40 |
| North | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 35 |
| | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | | 40 |
| | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | | 35 |
| Yuen Long | Caritas-Hong Kong | 4 | 35 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 25 |
| | Pok Oi Hospital | | 40 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | | 35 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | 2 | 50 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 70 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 3 | 100 |
| | Hong Kong Society for the Aged | | 70 |
| | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | | 70 |
| Tuen Mun | Yan Oi Tong | 2 | 60 |
| | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council | | 55 |
| Total | | 61 | 2 620 |

[Note] The only Home Help Team has been upgraded to IHCS team since 1 October 2020, and there are a total of 61 IHCS teams in the territory.

**Service teams and number of service places provided by
EHCCS operators
(2016-17 to 2018-19)**

| District | No. of places by service team | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|-----|--|-----|---|-----|
| | Number of EHCCS places (by district) (batch 1) | | Number of EHCCS places (by cluster) (batch 2) | | Number of EHCCS places (by cluster) (batch 3) | |
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 171 | Methodist Centre | 174 | St. James' Settlement | 173 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 154 | | | | |
| Eastern | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 206 | | | | |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 158 | | | | |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 89 | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Po Leung Kuk | 188 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 236 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 156 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 290 | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | Caritas-Hong Kong | 255 | | | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 143 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Christian Family Service Centre | 406 | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 428 | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 170 |
| Sai Kung | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 228 | | | | 171 |
| Kwun Tong | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 421 | Christian Family Service Centre | 336 | | 161 |
| Sha Tin | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 192 | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 212 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 182 |
| Tai Po | The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service | 129 | | | | |
| North | Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association | 141 | | | | |
| Yuen Long | Yan Oi Tong | 178 | Po Leung Kuk | 256 | Po Leung Kuk | 150 |
| Tuen Mun | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 160 | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 235 | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 336 | | | | 180 |
| Total | 3 937 | | 1 642 | | 1 666 | |
| | 18 service teams | | 6 service teams | | 10 service teams | |

**Service teams and number of service places provided by
EHCCS operators
(2019-20 to 2020-21)
(as at end-August 2020)**

| District | No. of places by service team | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|-----|--|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Number of EHCCS places (by district) (batch 1) | | Number of EHCCS places (by cluster) (batch 2) | | Number of EHCCS places (by cluster) (batch 3) | | | | |
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 209 | Methodist Centre | 235 | St. James' Settlement | 266 | | | |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 185 | | | | | | | |
| Eastern | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 250 | | | | | | | |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 200 | | | | | | | |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 105 | | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Po Leung Kuk | 210 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 316 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 176 | | | |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 323 | | | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 190 | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | Caritas-Hong Kong | 325 | | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | Christian Family Service Centre | 505 | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 525 | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 209 | | | |
| Sai Kung | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 268 | | | | | 218 | | |
| Kwun Tong | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 535 | Christian Family Service Centre | 430 | | 245 | | | |
| Sha Tin | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 247 | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 273 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 275 | | | |
| Tai Po | The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service | 175 | | | | | | | |
| North | Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association | 190 | | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | Yan Oi Tong | 225 | Po Leung Kuk | 336 | Po Leung Kuk | 200 | | | |
| Tuen Mun | Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 200 | | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 280 | | | | | | 234 | 235 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 450 | | | | | | | |
| Total | 4 882 | | 2 115 | | 2 248 | | | | |
| | 18 service teams | | 6 service teams | | 10 service teams | | | | |

**Service teams and number of service places provided by
EHCCS operators
2020-21
(as at end-December 2020)**

| District | Name of organisations | No. of service teams ^[Note] | Number of places by service team |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| Central & Western | St. James' Settlement | 1 | 242 |
| Wan Chai | St. James' Settlement | 1 | 226 |
| Eastern | St. James' Settlement | 3 | 192 |
| | Methodist Centre | | 235 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 250 |
| Southern | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 1 | 200 |
| Islands | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 1 | 105 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | Po Leung Kuk | 2 | 210 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 129 |
| Kowloon City | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 1 | 554 |
| Sham Shui Po | Caritas-Hong Kong | 3 | 325 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 190 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 132 |
| Wong Tai Sin | Christian Family Service Centre | 2 | 505 |
| | Haven of Hope Christian Service | | 668 |
| Sai Kung | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 1 | 552 |
| Kwun Tong | Christian Family Service Centre | 3 | 430 |
| | Haven of Hope Christian Service | | 245 |
| | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | | 535 |
| Sha Tin | Evangelical Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 2 | 520 |
| | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | | 275 |
| Tai Po | The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service | 1 | 175 |
| North | Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association | 1 | 190 |
| Yuen Long | Po Leung Kuk | 2 | 101 |
| | Yan Oi Tong | | 225 |
| Tuen Mun | Evangelical Church Social Service - Hong Kong | 2 | 200 |
| | Po Leung Kuk | | 201 |
| Tsuen Wan | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 2 | 280 |
| | Po Leung Kuk | | 183 |
| Kwai Tsing | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 2 | 450 |
| | Po Leung Kuk | | 520 |
| Total | | 31 | 9 245 |

^[Note] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020, and there are a total of 31 EHCCS teams in the territory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)222

(Question Serial No. 0557)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding community care services under this Programme, please advise as to:

1. the respective numbers of service places, persons served, cases served yearly, persons waitlisted and users of different age groups for each of the integrated home care services (IHCS) (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) in various districts with a breakdown by service provided over the past 5 years;
2. the respective numbers of service places, persons served, cases served yearly, persons waitlisted, users of different age groups for each of the IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) in various districts with a breakdown by service provided over the past 5 years;
3. the respective numbers of service places, persons served, cases served yearly, persons waitlisted, users of different age groups for each of the enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS) in various districts with a breakdown by the service provided over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The respective numbers of service places, service users throughout the year, and persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) by District Council (DC) district from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out in Annexes 1 to 3. The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations operating the service. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of IHCS(OC) by age group.

Annexes 4 & 5 set out the respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year for IHCS(FC) while Annexes 6 & 7 set out the respective numbers of service places and service users throughout the year for EHCCS by DC district from 2016-17 to 2020-21.

SWD has only kept the overall number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS in Hong Kong, but does not have the breakdown by DC district and age group.

The number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is as follows:

| Year | Number of persons waitlisted ^[Note] |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2016-17 | 4 504 |
| 2017-18 | 5 819 |
| 2018-19 | 7 930 |
| 2019-20 | 5 595 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 4 191 |

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

**Number of IHCS(OC) places
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service places ^[Note] | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 557 | 555 | 563 | 506 | 487 |
| Eastern | 1 486 | 1 463 | 1 475 | 1 414 | 1 403 |
| Wan Chai | 443 | 424 | 424 | 406 | 372 |
| Southern | 957 | 902 | 872 | 850 | 914 |
| Islands | 246 | 237 | 232 | 213 | 294 |
| Kwun Tong | 1 903 | 1 853 | 1 764 | 1 704 | 1 666 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 505 | 1 570 | 1 500 | 1 409 | 1 321 |
| Sai Kung | 412 | 407 | 415 | 425 | 410 |
| Kowloon City | 1 291 | 1 342 | 1 315 | 1 235 | 1 218 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 932 | 902 | 912 | 879 | 852 |
| Sham Shui Po | 1 739 | 1 642 | 1 559 | 1 474 | 1 494 |
| Sha Tin | 1 333 | 1 305 | 1 302 | 1 296 | 1 250 |
| Tai Po | 645 | 589 | 566 | 548 | 541 |
| North | 1 253 | 1 279 | 1 197 | 1 124 | 1 083 |
| Yuen Long | 1 231 | 1 202 | 1 127 | 1 041 | 1 015 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 205 | 1 209 | 1 096 | 1 028 | 990 |
| Tsuen Wan | 414 | 401 | 418 | 361 | 402 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 112 | 1 181 | 1 200 | 1 067 | 1 067 |
| Total | 18 664 | 18 463 | 17 937 | 16 980 | 16 779 |

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

**Number of IHCS(OC) users throughout the year
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service users throughout the year | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 768 | 758 | 741 | 717 | 623 |
| Eastern | 2 019 | 2 016 | 2 047 | 1 970 | 1 799 |
| Wan Chai | 664 | 597 | 557 | 562 | 456 |
| Southern | 1 380 | 1 357 | 1 281 | 1 196 | 1 148 |
| Islands | 337 | 337 | 323 | 316 | 354 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 441 | 2 447 | 2 270 | 2 256 | 2 077 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 983 | 1 962 | 1 981 | 1 826 | 1 626 |
| Sai Kung | 560 | 551 | 547 | 571 | 504 |
| Kowloon City | 1 713 | 1 763 | 1 716 | 1 612 | 1 452 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 289 | 1 241 | 1 220 | 1 235 | 1 070 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 337 | 2 267 | 2 074 | 1 968 | 1 827 |
| Sha Tin | 1 859 | 1 728 | 1 737 | 1 724 | 1 575 |
| Tai Po | 938 | 892 | 801 | 761 | 716 |
| North | 1 515 | 1 637 | 1 643 | 1 553 | 1 364 |
| Yuen Long | 1 654 | 1 602 | 1 566 | 1 413 | 1 263 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 632 | 1 602 | 1 479 | 1 369 | 1 220 |
| Tsuen Wan | 602 | 593 | 595 | 572 | 524 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 668 | 1 729 | 1 774 | 1 769 | 1 461 |
| Total | 25 359 | 25 079 | 24 352 | 23 390 | 21 059 |

**Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of persons waitlisted | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 46 | 34 | 28 | 47 | 66 |
| Eastern | 180 | 242 | 106 | 146 | 166 |
| Wan Chai | 27 | 39 | 56 | 69 | 108 |
| Southern | 214 | 147 | 84 | 85 | 115 |
| Islands | - | - | - | - | 93 |
| Kwun Tong | 835 | 889 | 761 | 861 | 988 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 546 | 685 | 577 | 609 | 663 |
| Sai Kung | 63 | 67 | 87 | 125 | 150 |
| Kowloon City | 217 | 150 | 110 | 104 | 102 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 61 | 144 | 82 | 82 | 99 |
| Sham Shui Po | 232 | 290 | 251 | 292 | 363 |
| Sha Tin | 575 | 646 | 416 | 506 | 598 |
| Tai Po | 218 | 221 | 103 | 140 | 148 |
| North | 111 | 120 | 55 | 61 | 105 |
| Yuen Long | 257 | 224 | 122 | 151 | 196 |
| Tuen Mun | 184 | 230 | 302 | 261 | 337 |
| Tsuen Wan | 45 | 34 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Kwai Tsing | 187 | 161 | 112 | 70 | 50 |
| Total | 3 998 | 4 323 | 3 261 | 3 614 | 4 353 |

Number of IHCS(FC) places

| District | Number of service places from 2016-17 to 2019-20 | Number of service places in 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Central & Western | 40 | 70 |
| Eastern | 80 | 220 |
| Wan Chai | 30 | 65 |
| Southern | 80 | 130 |
| Islands | 20 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 150 | 355 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 100 | 260 |
| Sai Kung | 30 | 105 |
| Kowloon City | 30 | 90 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 40 | 80 |
| Sham Shui Po | 90 | 150 |
| Sha Tin | 120 | 230 |
| Tai Po | 30 | 100 |
| North | 30 | 110 |
| Yuen Long | 90 | 135 |
| Tuen Mun | 30 | 115 |
| Tsuen Wan | 40 | 120 |
| Kwai Tsing | 90 | 240 |
| Total | 1 120 | 2 620 |

**Number of IHCS(FC) users throughout the year
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| District/Year | Number of service users throughout the year | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 49 | 54 | 61 | 51 | 77 |
| Eastern | 114 | 105 | 113 | 100 | 238 |
| Wan Chai | 40 | 39 | 43 | 35 | 71 |
| Southern | 112 | 113 | 104 | 101 | 144 |
| Islands | 30 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 45 |
| Kwun Tong | 192 | 199 | 184 | 184 | 381 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 129 | 120 | 132 | 115 | 286 |
| Sai Kung | 43 | 35 | 34 | 39 | 116 |
| Kowloon City | 36 | 42 | 41 | 36 | 100 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 51 | 54 | 56 | 51 | 87 |
| Sham Shui Po | 109 | 109 | 130 | 119 | 181 |
| Sha Tin | 160 | 153 | 155 | 153 | 260 |
| Tai Po | 41 | 37 | 40 | 37 | 105 |
| North | 45 | 39 | 35 | 41 | 119 |
| Yuen Long | 124 | 124 | 117 | 119 | 149 |
| Tuen Mun | 34 | 36 | 32 | 33 | 119 |
| Tsuen Wan | 48 | 50 | 46 | 43 | 126 |
| Kwai Tsing | 104 | 103 | 109 | 105 | 243 |
| Total | 1 461 | 1 436 | 1 458 | 1 387 | 2 847 |

**Number of EHCCS places
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Year | 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2019 | | 1 October 2019 to 31 August 2020 | | 1 September 2020 to 31 December 2020 |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| District | By district | By cluster | By district | By cluster | By district ^[Note] |
| Central & Western | 171 | 347 | 209 | 501 | 242 |
| Eastern | 206 | | 250 | | 677 |
| Wan Chai | 154 | | 185 | | 226 |
| Southern | 158 | | 200 | | 200 |
| Islands | 89 | - | 105 | - | 105 |
| Kwun Tong | 421 | 497 | 535 | 675 | 1 210 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 406 | 769 | 505 | 952 | 1 173 |
| Sai Kung | 228 | | 268 | | 552 |
| Kowloon City | 290 | 535 | 323 | 682 | 554 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 188 | | 210 | | 339 |
| Sham Shui Po | 255 | | 325 | | 647 |
| Sha Tin | 192 | | 247 | | 795 |
| Tai Po | 129 | 394 | 175 | 548 | 175 |
| North | 141 | | 190 | | 190 |
| Yuen Long | 178 | 766 | 225 | 1 005 | 326 |
| Tuen Mun | 160 | | 200 | | 401 |
| Tsuen Wan | 235 | | 280 | | 463 |
| Kwai Tsing | 336 | | 450 | | 970 |
| Total | 7 245 | | 9 245 | | 9 245 |

[Note] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

**Number of EHCCS users throughout the year
(2016-17 to 2020-21)**

| Year | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-August 2020) | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team | By cluster team | By district team ^[Note 4] |
| Central & Western | 218 | | 219 | | 221 | | 254 | | 223 | | 303 |
| Eastern | 267 | 222 245 | 282 | 249 228 | 268 | 238 224 | 307 | 286 329 | 285 | 240 292 | 734 |
| Wan Chai | 202 | | 195 | | 208 | | 226 | | 199 | | 284 |
| Southern | 214 | | 221 | | 209 | | 246 | | 226 | | 262 |
| Islands | 122 | N.A. | 117 | N.A. | 118 | N.A. | 145 | N.A. | 123 | N.A. | 137 |
| Kwun Tong | 551 | 436 224 | 568 | 458 197 | 566 | 440 203 | 699 | 539 298 | 597 | 467 287 | 1 512 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 523 | 1 013 | 531 | 1 021 | 528 | 1 012 | 627 | 1 226 | 561 | 1 063 | 1 435 |
| Sai Kung | 289 | ^[Note 1] | 292 | ^[Note 1] | 308 | ^[Note 1] | 340 | ^[Note 1] | 298 | ^[Note 1] | 672 |
| Kowloon City | 364 | 541 | 395 | 537 | 376 | 524 | 423 | 620 | 361 | 554 | 671 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 248 | ^[Note 2] | 249 | ^[Note 2] | 256 | ^[Note 2] | 274 | ^[Note 2] | 231 | ^[Note 2] | 409 |
| Sham Shui Po | 341 | 176 | 347 | 194 | 319 | 195 | 395 | 245 | 363 | 213 | 800 |
| Sha Tin | 251 | | 264 | | 244 | | 320 | | 273 | | 875 |
| Tai Po | 165 | 286 242 | 194 | 278 234 | 181 | 280 237 | 225 | 325 348 | 200 | 298 304 | 245 |
| North | 180 | | 186 | | 186 | | 229 | | 210 | | 279 |
| Yuen Long | 248 | | 245 | | 240 | | 284 | | 244 | | 409 |
| Tuen Mun | 210 | 1 036 | 225 | 1 033 | 205 | 1 041 | 272 | 1 255 | 215 | 1 098 | 471 |
| Tsuen Wan | 301 | ^[Note 3] | 304 | ^[Note 3] | 306 | ^[Note 3] | 343 | ^[Note 3] | 306 | ^[Note 3] | 579 |
| Kwai Tsing | 447 | | 458 | | 439 | | 589 | | 502 | | 1 162 |
| Total | 9 562 | | 9 721 | | 9 572 | | 11 669 | | 10 233 | | 11 239 |

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] Including 3 cluster teams.

^[Note 2] Including 2 cluster teams.

^[Note 3] Including 4 cluster teams.

^[Note 4] All cluster teams of EHCCS have been changed to district teams since 1 September 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)223

(Question Serial No. 0558)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS) (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs over the past 5 years, what is the number of service places, that of users served, that of cases served yearly, that of active cases receiving services, that of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time in each district, the number of persons having left, that of waitlisted persons having passed away, the average cost per month, and the annual expenditure?
2. Regarding the IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs over the past 5 years, what is the number of service places, that of users served, that of cases served yearly, that of active cases receiving services and the total number of such cases, the number of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time in each district, the number of persons having left, the number of waitlisted persons having passed away, the average cost per month, and the annual expenditure?
3. Regarding IHCS(OC) involving elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs over the past 5 years, what is the number of service places, that of users served, that of cases served and that of waitlisted persons over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service provided.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The number of service places, that of active cases receiving services, that of cases served yearly, that of waitlisted persons, and that of persons having left IHCS(OC) for elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals and families with social needs from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out as follows:

| Year | No. of service places ^[Note] / No. of active cases receiving services | | | No. of cases served yearly | | | No. of waitlisted person | | | No. of persons having left | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | Elderly persons | Persons with disabilities | Individuals and families with social needs | Elderly persons | Persons with disabilities | Individuals and families with social needs | Elderly persons | Persons with disabilities | Individuals and families with social needs | Elderly persons | Persons with disabilities | Individuals and families with social needs |
| 2016-17 | 17 194 | 1 214 | 256 | 23 448 | 1 535 | 376 | 3 759 | 167 | 72 | 6 254 | 321 | 120 |
| 2017-18 | 17 124 | 1 118 | 221 | 23 338 | 1 374 | 367 | 4 029 | 198 | 96 | 6 214 | 256 | 146 |
| 2018-19 | 16 614 | 1 091 | 232 | 22 673 | 1 331 | 348 | 2 981 | 176 | 104 | 6 059 | 240 | 116 |
| 2019-20 | 15 740 | 999 | 241 | 21 771 | 1 249 | 350 | 3 360 | 153 | 101 | 6 047 | 254 | 109 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 15 593 | 962 | 224 | 19 672 | 1 092 | 295 | 4 072 | 188 | 93 | 4 079 | 130 | 71 |

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

The waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations currently operating the services. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the average waiting time for IHCS(OC) in each district and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away by service provided.

The number of service places, that of cases served yearly, that of active cases receiving services, that of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time, the number of waitlisted persons having passed away and that of persons having left IHCS(FC) for elderly persons and persons with disabilities from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are provided as follows:

| Year | Service places | No. of cases served yearly | No. of active cases receiving services | No. of waitlisted persons ^[Note 1] _[Note 2] | Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months) | No. of persons having left | No. of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| 2016-17 | 1 120 | 1 461 | 1 108 | 4 504 | 11 | 349 | 37 |
| 2017-18 | 1 120 | 1 436 | 1 109 | 5 819 | 15 | 317 | 36 |
| 2018-19 | 1 120 | 1 458 | 1 107 | 7 930 | 18 | 340 | 45 |
| 2019-20 | 1 120 | 1 387 | 1 104 | 5 595 | 12 | 278 | 41 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 2 620 | 2 847 | 2 552 | 4 191 | 12 | 289 | 25 |

[Note 1] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or enhanced home and community care services. The number of waitlisted persons does not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

[Note 2] Since the launch of Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS) and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS) in March and November 2014

respectively, IHCS(FC) no longer accept applications from persons with severe physical disabilities aged under 60. These persons may apply for HCS or ISS instead.

SWD does not have the average waiting time in each district for IHCS(FC) by type of service users.

SWD does not keep the average monthly cost for handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) separately. The average monthly cost for handling each case and the total annual expenditure under IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows:

| Year | Average monthly cost for handling each case (\$) | Total annual expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 1,904 | 621.9 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 1,968 | 635.8 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2,215 | 696.6 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 2,453 | 740.6 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 2,679 | 831.9 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)224****(Question Serial No. 0559)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding integrated home care services (IHCS), please advise:

1. For each of the past 10 years, please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery and household cleaning services among the cases of IHCS (ordinary cases (OC)).
2. For each of the past 10 years, please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery and household cleaning services among the cases of IHCS (frail cases (FC)).
3. For each of the past 10 years, please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery and household cleaning services among the cases of enhanced home and community care services (EHCCS).
4. Please list the number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery service on holidays among the cases of IHCS(OC) for each year. If no statistics are available, please explain why. Will relevant statistics be compiled in the future for increase of resources?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of meal delivery service users under IHCS(OC) from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is provided as follows:

| Year | No. of meal delivery service users ^[Note] |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 2016-17 | 8 824 |
| 2017-18 | 9 154 |
| 2018-19 | 10 670 |
| 2019-20 | 11 008 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 8 989 |

[Note] The figures reflect the number of persons using the service at the year-end, and the aforesaid number of cases cover elderly persons, persons with disabilities and individuals and families with social needs.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of persons receiving household cleaning service under IHCS(OC).

2. SWD has not kept the number of persons having used meal delivery service under IHCS(FC) from 2016-17 to 2019-20 or the number of persons having used household cleaning service under IHCS(FC) from 2016-17 to 2020-21. As for 2020-21, as at the end of December 2020, the total number of persons receiving meal delivery service under IHCS(FC) is 720.
3. The number of elderly persons having used the meal delivery service under EHCCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is provided as follows:

| Year | No. of elderly persons having used meal delivery service ^[Note] |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2016-17 | 1 088 |
| 2017-18 | 1 069 |
| 2018-19 | 1 055 |
| 2019-20 | 1 280 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 1 380 |

[Note] The figures reflect the number of persons using the service at the year end.

SWD does not have the number of persons having used household cleaning service under EHCCS.

4. SWD has only kept the overall number of persons receiving meal delivery service, but does not keep the breakdown figures of elderly persons and persons with disabilities receiving meal delivery service on holidays among the cases of IHCS(OC).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)225

(Question Serial No. 0560)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please advise:

1. the number of service units, the number of service places and the total number of such places, the number of service users throughout the year, the number of cases served yearly, the number of waitlisted persons, the average cost per place per month, the average waiting time and the number of waitlisted persons having passed away over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district and age group;
2. the number of cases receiving services in each district over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service provided;
3. the number of subvented, self-financing and private DEs/DCUs, the number of service places and the number of cases receiving services over the past 5 years; and
4. the cost, the annual total expenditure, the manpower involved and the average cost per case for each unit over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. For the period from 2016-17 to 2020-21, the number of service units and service places as well as the full-year number of service users for DEs/DCUs by DC district are set out in Annexes 1 to 3, while the number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, the average waiting time, the number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting and the cost per place per month are set out in Annexes 4 & 5. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information broken down by age group.
2. For the period from 2016-17 to 2020-21, the number of cases receiving services at DEs/DCUs by DC district is set out in Annex 6. SWD does not have information on the number of cases receiving services broken down by service type.
3. SWD does not have the various items of information on self-financing and private DEs/DCUs.
4. The cost per place per month from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is set out in Annex 5. SWD does not have a breakdown on the cost of each unit, the total annual expenditure and the manpower involved.

Number of DEs/DCUs

| District | Number of Units | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Eastern | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Wan Chai | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Southern | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Islands | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Kwun Tong | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Sai Kung | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Kowloon City | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Sham Shui Po | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Sha Tin | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Tai Po | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| North | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Yuen Long | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Tsuen Wan | 2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Kwai Tsing | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Tuen Mun | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 73 | 76 | 76 | 80 | 88 |

Number of places at DEs/DCUs

| District | Number of places | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 |
| Eastern | 256 | 256 | 256 | 256 | 256 |
| Wan Chai | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 130 |
| Southern | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 | 108 |
| Islands | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Kwun Tong | 407 | 407 | 407 | 432 | 452 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 290 | 290 | 290 | 290 | 290 |
| Sai Kung | 205 | 205 | 205 | 205 | 225 |
| Kowloon City | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 |
| Sham Shui Po | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 152 | 152 | 152 | 152 | 152 |
| Sha Tin | 313 | 318 | 318 | 318 | 318 |
| Tai Po | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| North | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| Yuen Long | 115 | 115 | 115 | 198 | 218 |
| Tsuen Wan | 84 | 154 | 154 | 154 | 174 |
| Kwai Tsing | 194 | 262 | 262 | 262 | 302 |
| Tuen Mun | 110 | 110 | 148 | 208 | 208 |
| Total | 3 059 | 3 202 | 3 240 | 3 408 | 3 548 |

Full-year number of DE/DCU service users by district

| District | Full-year number of service users | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 281 | 306 | 292 | 281 | 255 |
| Eastern | 546 | 547 | 517 | 502 | 438 |
| Wan Chai | 185 | 211 | 196 | 196 | 181 |
| Southern | 206 | 216 | 198 | 189 | 184 |
| Islands | 79 | 86 | 79 | 81 | 71 |
| Kwun Tong | 773 | 795 | 801 | 819 | 770 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 527 | 525 | 551 | 504 | 476 |
| Sai Kung | 403 | 439 | 436 | 400 | 372 |
| Kowloon City | 287 | 303 | 301 | 290 | 249 |
| Sham Shui Po | 573 | 579 | 574 | 589 | 488 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 350 | 303 | 314 | 307 | 247 |
| Sha Tin | 614 | 669 | 688 | 621 | 550 |
| Tai Po | 135 | 141 | 149 | 129 | 115 |
| North | 89 | 108 | 92 | 86 | 72 |
| Yuen Long | 235 | 229 | 250 | 310 | 359 |
| Tsuen Wan | 184 | 269 | 374 | 349 | 318 |
| Kwai Tsing | 385 | 396 | 487 | 457 | 480 |
| Tuen Mun | 254 | 256 | 265 | 351 | 330 |
| Total | 6 106 | 6 378 | 6 564 | 6 457 | 5 955 |

**Number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, average waiting time and
number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting**

| Year | No. of persons waitlisted | Average waiting time (in months) (Average of the past 3 months) | No. of waitlisted elderly persons having passed away |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 2016-17 | 3 338 | 11 | 23 |
| 2017-18 | 3 568 | 10 | 21 |
| 2018-19 | 4 370 | 12 | 19 |
| 2019-20 | 4 519 | 11 | 29 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 3 891 | 12 | 26 |

The aforesaid figures of the persons waitlisted do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

Cost per place per month for DEs/DCUs

| Year | Cost per place per month (\$) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 (Actual) | 8,755 |
| 2017-18 (Actual) | 9,109 |
| 2018-19 (Actual) | 9,942 |
| 2019-20 (Actual) | 10,721 |
| 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) | 10,878 |

Number of persons receiving services at DEs/DCUs by district

| District | Number of persons receiving services | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
| Central & Western | 221 | 233 | 220 | 220 | 204 |
| Eastern | 392 | 409 | 402 | 382 | 361 |
| Wan Chai | 142 | 147 | 143 | 143 | 153 |
| Southern | 155 | 155 | 153 | 144 | 144 |
| Islands | 55 | 61 | 56 | 63 | 51 |
| Kwun Tong | 572 | 576 | 582 | 589 | 601 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 389 | 392 | 395 | 398 | 371 |
| Sai Kung | 300 | 308 | 309 | 307 | 300 |
| Kowloon City | 224 | 224 | 227 | 217 | 209 |
| Sham Shui Po | 410 | 419 | 432 | 410 | 384 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 233 | 221 | 239 | 224 | 201 |
| Sha Tin | 472 | 480 | 497 | 459 | 420 |
| Tai Po | 94 | 94 | 101 | 94 | 96 |
| North | 65 | 67 | 67 | 63 | 54 |
| Yuen Long | 175 | 175 | 185 | 234 | 277 |
| Tsuen Wan | 132 | 195 | 267 | 251 | 259 |
| Kwai Tsing | 262 | 296 | 352 | 334 | 374 |
| Tuen Mun | 177 | 185 | 186 | 272 | 278 |
| Total | 4 470 | 4 637 | 4 813 | 4 804 | 4 737 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)226

(Question Serial No. 0593)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) has been launched since October 2011. In this connection, please advise:

- a. the number of children served under NSCCP in respective districts in each of the past 10 years;
- b. the number of home-based child carers under NSCCP in respective districts in each of the past 10 years;
- c. the incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour in respective districts in each of the past 10 years.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information on NSCCP in the past 3 financial years by District Council district is set out in the Annex.

Table 1: Number of home-based child carers, incentive payment for home-based child carers and number of service users under NSCCP (2018-19)

| District | Number of home-based child carers | Number of children served | Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour (\$) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Central & Western | 21 | 394 | 20 |
| Eastern | 124 | 456 | 22 |
| Islands | 31 | 399 | 20 |
| Kowloon City | 460 | 630 | 20 |
| Kwun Tong | 53 | 650 | 21 |
| Kwai Tsing | 80 | 533 | 21 |
| North | 79 | 382 | 20 |
| Southern | 26 | 269 | 20 |
| Sai Kung | 108 | 853 | 19 |
| Sham Shui Po | 106 | 1 135 | 20 |
| Sha Tin | 95 | 849 | 22 |
| Tuen Mun | 33 | 954 | 23 |
| Tai Po | 56 | 861 | 18 |
| Tsuen Wan | 60 | 675 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | 101 | 268 | 22 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 52 | 700 | 20 |
| Yuen Long | 66 | 1 608 | 22 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 285 | 970 | 20 |
| Total | 1 836 | 12 586 | - |

Table 2: Number of home-based child carers, incentive payment for home-based child carers and number of service users under NSCCP (2019-20)

| District | Number of home-based child carers | Number of children served [Note] | Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour (\$) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Central & Western | 40 | 411 | 20 |
| Eastern | 176 | 427 | 22 |
| Islands | 16 | 305 | 20 |
| Kowloon City | 473 | 498 | 20 |
| Kwun Tong | 52 | 502 | 21 |
| Kwai Tsing | 88 | 574 | 21 |
| North | 58 | 268 | 20 |
| Southern | 29 | 181 | 20 |
| Sai Kung | 114 | 746 | 19 |
| Sham Shui Po | 74 | 713 | 20 |
| Sha Tin | 87 | 905 | 22 |
| Tuen Mun | 42 | 881 | 23 |
| Tai Po | 64 | 682 | 20 |
| Tsuen Wan | 56 | 661 | 20 |
| Wan Chai | 161 | 214 | 22 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 59 | 589 | 22 |
| Yuen Long | 58 | 1 321 | 22 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 267 | 826 | 20 |
| Total | 1 914 | 10 704 | - |

[Note] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users over 2018-19.

Table 3: Number of home-based child carers, incentive payment for home-based child carers and number of service users under NSCCP (April to December 2020)

| District | Number of home-based child carers | Number of children served [Note] | Incentive payment for home-based child carers per hour (\$) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Central & Western | 46 | 236 | 25 |
| Eastern | 183 | 258 | |
| Islands | 80 | 148 | |
| Kowloon City | 489 | 175 | |
| Kwun Tong | 51 | 220 | |
| Kwai Tsing | 41 | 315 | |
| North | 54 | 197 | |
| Southern | 28 | 110 | |
| Sai Kung | 130 | 356 | |
| Sham Shui Po | 38 | 560 | |
| Sha Tin | 49 | 454 | |
| Tuen Mun | 36 | 545 | |
| Tai Po | 69 | 389 | |
| Tsuen Wan | 43 | 214 | |
| Wan Chai | 114 | 145 | |
| Wong Tai Sin | 22 | 315 | |
| Yuen Long | 32 | 660 | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 299 | 371 | |
| Total | 1 804 | 5 668 | |

[Note] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users over 2018-19 and 2019-20.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)227

(Question Serial No. 1166)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), would the Government advise this Committee by listing the following since the launch of the services:

1. the quarterly number of users of the various service units under ISS and HCS (the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 only);
2. the total number of service places, number of service places of the various services that come under ISS and HCS, number of users, number of waitlisted persons, number of refused persons and the distribution of users in various districts, with a breakdown by age group;
3. the total number of service places, number of service places of the various services that come under ISS and HCS, number of users, number of waitlisted persons, number of refused persons and the age group distribution of users, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
4. the total number of service places, number of users, number of waitlisted persons and number of refused persons, with a breakdown by the various services that come under ISS and HCS.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of users of ISS and HCS per quarter from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) by service unit is set out in Annex 1.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the information sought by age group.
3. SWD does not have the information sought by DC district or administrative district of SWD.
4. In 2020-21, there were 900 and 3 550 places under ISS and HCS respectively. The output of services provided by the 2 services from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out respectively in Table 1 and Table 2 in Annex 2. SWD does not have information on the distribution of number of waitlisted persons and persons having been refused by service type.

**Table 1: Number of ISS users per quarter
from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020)**

| Service Unit | Financial Year | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2016-17 | | | | 2017-18 | | | | 2018-19 | | | |
| | April to June 2016 | July to September 2016 | October to December 2016 | January to March 2017 | April to June 2017 | July to September 2017 | October to December 2017 | January to March 2018 | April to June 2018 | July to September 2018 | October to December 2018 | January to March 2019 |
| Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | 365 | 395 | 420 | 456 | 477 | 497 | 502 | 479 | 463 | 481 | 479 | 480 |
| New Territories | 330 | 348 | 384 | 423 | 451 | 459 | 474 | 474 | 473 | 499 | 502 | 524 |
| Total | 695 | 743 | 804 | 879 | 928 | 956 | 976 | 953 | 936 | 980 | 981 | 1 004 |

| Service Unit | Financial Year | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | 2019-20 | | | | 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) | | | |
| | April to June 2019 | July to September 2019 | October to December 2019 | January to March 2020 | April to June 2020 | July to September 2020 | October to December 2020 | |
| Hong Kong Island and Kowloon | 475 | 474 | 466 | 446 | 445 | 444 | 459 | |
| New Territories | 512 | 518 | 535 | 513 | 512 | 486 | 497 | |
| Total | 987 | 992 | 1 001 | 959 | 957 | 930 | 956 | |

Table 2: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2016-17

| Service Unit | April to June 2016 | July to September 2016 | October to December 2016 | January to March 2017 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 455 | 503 | 483 | 504 |
| Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 452 | 484 | 505 | 529 |
| Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 612 | 639 | 654 | 660 |
| Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 413 | 434 | 455 | 497 |
| Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 416 | 438 | 470 | 499 |
| Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 525 | 548 | 569 | 575 |
| Total | 2 873 | 3 046 | 3 136 | 3 264 |

Table 3: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2017-18

| Service Unit | April to June 2017 | July to September 2017 | October to December 2017 | January to March 2018 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 526 | 573 | 608 | 619 |
| Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 546 | 539 | 546 | 554 |
| Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 673 | 673 | 677 | 682 |
| Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 540 | 555 | 558 | 564 |
| Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 518 | 531 | 536 | 537 |
| Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 605 | 625 | 636 | 697 |
| Total | 3 408 | 3 496 | 3 561 | 3 653 |

Table 4: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2018-19

| Service Unit | April to June 2018 | July to September 2018 | October to December 2018 | January to March 2019 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 629 | 628 | 624 | 635 |
| Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 542 | 536 | 552 | 562 |
| Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 722 | 731 | 755 | 748 |
| Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 580 | 586 | 618 | 627 |
| Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 545 | 545 | 554 | 558 |
| Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 729 | 768 | 786 | 802 |
| Total | 3 747 | 3 794 | 3 889 | 3 932 |

Table 5: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2019-20

| Service Unit | April to June 2019 | July to September 2019 | October to December 2019 | January to March 2020 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 606 | 597 | 603 | 539 |
| Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 556 | 556 | 563 | 539 |
| Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 736 | 682 | 673 | 624 |
| Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 627 | 604 | 595 | 532 |
| Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 550 | 532 | 485 | 442 |
| Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 773 | 775 | 769 | 720 |
| Total | 3 848 | 3 746 | 3 688 | 3 396 |

**Table 6: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2020-21
(As at end-December 2020)**

| Service Unit | April to June 2020 | July to September 2020 | October to December 2020 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Service unit of Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai | 516 | 475 | 510 |
| Service unit of Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin | 580 | 588 | 621 |
| Service unit of Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O | 710 | 718 | 754 |
| Service unit of Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai | 510 | 490 | 505 |
| Service unit of Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun | 444 | 451 | 491 |
| Service unit of Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung | 731 | 731 | 749 |
| Total | 3 491 | 3 453 | 3 630 |

Table 1: Output of various services under ISS utilised by service users

| Service | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) ^[Note 1] |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Nursing care (no. of sessions/hours ^[Note 2]) | 17 603 sessions | 16 637 hours | 20 672 hours | 14 604 hours | 11 637 hours |
| Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions/hours ^[Note 2]) | 15 309 sessions | 20 810 hours | 26 338 hours | 23 325 hours | 15 548 hours |
| Personal care service (no. of hours) | 28 625 | 37 786 | 42 168 | 36 755 | 18 593 |
| Escort service (no. of hours) | 4 705 | 6 456 | 8 143 | 6 427 | 3 272 |
| Carer support activities (no. of activities) | 43 | 54 | 51 | 59 | 36 |
| Home respite service (headcount of users) | 1 581 | 4 941 | 7 995 | 7 191 | 4 449 |
| Social work service (no. of users) | 982 | 1 148 | 1 193 | 1 157 | 1 098 |
| Meal support service (no. of users) | 10 | 18 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| Household cleaning service (no. of users) | 62 | 59 | 55 | 51 | 46 |

^[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users of individual items over the previous years.

^[Note 2] In 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement that came into effect on 1 November 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standards for nursing care service and rehabilitation training service has been changed from sessions to hours. For statistical purposes, the full-year service output of these nursing care and rehabilitation training services in 2017-18 has been standardised into hours.

Table 2: Output of various services under HCS utilised by service users

| Service | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) ^[Note 1] |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| Nursing care (no. of sessions/hours ^[Note 2]) | 24 149 sessions | 32 482 hours | 39 502 hours | 38 804 hours | 28 553 hours |
| Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions/hours ^[Note 2]) | 48 541 sessions | 63 279 hours | 73 552 hours | 64 737 hours | 37 689 hours |
| Personal care service (no. of hours) | 53 901 | 65 850 | 84 730 | 75 660 | 53 509 |
| Escort service (no. of hours) | 44 077 | 48 453 | 61 629 | 58 164 | 27 961 |
| Carer support activities (no. of activities) | 106 | 149 | 162 | 129 | 54 |
| Home respite service (headcount of users) | 6 173 | 7 995 | 11 666 | 12 056 | 7 996 |
| Social work service (no. of users) | 3 929 | 4 507 | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |
| Meal support service (no. of users) | 11 | 21 | 76 | 157 ^[Note 3] | 131 ^[Note 3] |
| Household cleaning service (no. of users) | 2 | 2 | 16 | 25 | 42 |

^[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users of individual items over the previous years.

^[Note 2] In 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement that came into effect on 1 March 2017 between SWD and service operators, the measuring unit of the output standards for nursing care service and rehabilitation training service has been changed from sessions to hours since 2017-18.

^[Note 3] Among the users of meal support service in 2019-20, 80 of them only used the service once while among those service users in 2020-21, 12 of them used the service once.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)228

(Question Serial No. 1167)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Special Subsidy for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment (RSME programme) and the Special Subsidy for Purchasing Medical Consumables (Consumables programme) provided under the integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS), please advise, since the regularisation of ISS:

1. the number of places, applicants, recipients, waitlisted persons and utilisation rate of each subsidy;
2. the units, manpower, total number of applicants and resources involved;
3. the number of persons having withdrawn or having been rejected application for each subsidy and their respective reasons.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of applicants and recipients of the 2 programmes from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Table 1 of the Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the respective numbers of applicants, waitlisted persons and the utilisation rate of the 2 programmes.
2. As applications for the 2 programmes are handled together by 2 units operating ISS, SWD does not have information on the manpower involved in handling the relevant applications. The actual expenditure on these 2 programmes each year from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) is set out in Table 2 of the Annex.
3. In 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), there were 12, 36, 21, 16 and 15 applicants for the 2 programmes having withdrawn from service respectively, and there were 2, 10, 8, 8 and 3 applicants having failed the means test in the corresponding years. SWD does not have information on reasons for the applicants' withdrawal from service.

Table 1: Number of applicants and recipients under RSME programme and Consumables programme

| Year Type of Subsidies | 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients | No. of applicants [Note 1] | No. of recipients |
| RSME programme | 102 | 300 | 111 | 326 | 83 | 281 | 84 | 262 | 52 | 246 |
| Consumables programme | | 319 | | 344 | | 302 | | 287 | | 267 |
| Total | 102 | 325 [Note 2] | 111 | 349 [Note 2] | 83 | 304 [Note 2] | 84 | 287 [Note 2] | 52 | 267 [Note 2] |

[Note 1] SWD does not have the respective numbers of applicants for the 2 programmes.

[Note 2] The total number includes recipients under RSME programme only, recipients under Consumables programme only and recipients under both programmes.

Table 2: Annual actual expenditure on RSME programme and Consumables programme

| Year | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Annual actual expenditure (\$ million) | 5.77 | 6.36 | 6.58 | 7.02 | 5.20 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)229

(Question Serial No. 3151)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please advise the following:

1. the number of service places, the number of cases, the number of service users, the age distribution of the service users, the utilisation rate, the number of waitlisted applicants and the waiting time under ISS and the HCS respectively each year since their launch;
2. the number of service places, the utilisation rate, the age distribution of service users, the number of users, the number of sessions provided and the waiting situation for each of the various services that come under ISS and the HCS;
3. the average service cost per case;
4. the total amount of funding for each year;
5. the number of persons under ISS and the HCS who are waiting for residential care places; and
6. does the Government have any plan to increase the respective services and funding so as to cope with the needs of persons with disabilities residing in community?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2020-21, there were 900 and 3 550 places for ISS and HCS respectively. The numbers of cases served under the 2 services each year from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) are set out in Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the age distribution of users, the utilisation rate, the number of persons waitlisted or the waiting time in respect of the 2 services.
2. The outputs of ISS and HCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 2 respectively. SWD does not have information on the utilisation rate, the age distribution of users or the waitlisting situation of various services.

3. SWD does not have information on the average service cost per case.
4. The service expenditures on ISS and HCS from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are set out in Annex 3.
5. In 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (April to December), 96, 90, 55, 35 and 19 HCS users were being waitlisted respectively for residential care services for severely disabled persons. SWD does not have information on ISS users waitlisted for the residential care services.
6. In the past, HCS and ISS users included persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes. At the launch of the Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Teams for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities and the Pilot Scheme on Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly in the first quarter of 2019, the support services for persons with disabilities living in private residential care homes, previously provided under HCS and ISS, were covered by the 2 pilot schemes. Since 2019-20, the 2 home-based care services have started to redeploy resources to provide home-based care service for around 1 500 persons with disabilities living in the community. SWD also allocated additional resources for the 6 HCS teams in March 2020 to provide an additional total of 300 service places.

Number of cases served under ISS and HCS each year

| Service | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| ISS | 982 | 1 148 | 1 193 | 1 157 | 1 098 |
| HCS | 3 929 | 4 507 | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |

Table 1: Output of various services utilised by ISS users

| Service | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end- December 2020) [Note 1] |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Nursing care service (no. of sessions/hours [Note 2]) | 17 603 sessions | 16 637 hours | 20 672 hours | 14 604 hours | 11 637 hours |
| Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions/hours [Note 2]) | 15 309 sessions | 20 810 hours | 26 338 hours | 23 325 hours | 15 548 hours |
| Personal care service (no. of hours) | 28 625 | 37 786 | 42 168 | 36 755 | 18 593 |
| Escort service (no. of hours) | 4 705 | 6 456 | 8 143 | 6 427 | 3 272 |
| Carer support activities (no. of activities) | 43 | 54 | 51 | 59 | 36 |
| Home respite service (headcount of users) | 1 581 | 4 941 | 7 995 | 7 191 | 4 449 |
| Social work service (no. of users) | 982 | 1 148 | 1 193 | 1 157 | 1 098 |
| Meal support service (no. of users) | 10 | 18 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| Household cleaning service (no. of users) | 62 | 59 | 55 | 51 | 46 |

[Note 1] Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users of individual items over the previous years.

[Note 2] In 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (effective since 1 November 2017) of SWD and service operators, the measuring unit for the output standard of nursing care and rehabilitation training services was changed from session to hour. For statistical purpose, the full-year output of nursing care and rehabilitation training services was standardised to measure in hours in 2017-18.

Table 2: Output of various services utilised by HCS users

| Service | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) ^[Note 1] |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Nursing care service (no. of sessions/hours ^[Note 2]) | 24 149 sessions | 32 482 hours | 39 502 hours | 38 804 hours | 28 553 hours |
| Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions/hours ^[Note 2]) | 48 541 sessions | 63 279 hours | 73 552 hours | 64 737 hours | 37 689 hours |
| Personal care service (no. of hours) | 53 901 | 65 850 | 84 730 | 75 660 | 53 509 |
| Escort service (no. of hours) | 44 077 | 48 453 | 61 629 | 58 164 | 27 961 |
| Carer support activities (no. of activities) | 106 | 149 | 162 | 129 | 54 |
| Home respite service (headcount of users) | 6 173 | 7 995 | 11 666 | 12 056 | 7 996 |
| Social work service (no. of users) | 3 929 | 4 507 | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |
| Meal support service (no. of users) | 11 | 21 | 76 | 157 ^[Note 3] | 131 ^[Note 3] |
| Household cleaning service (no. of users) | 2 | 2 | 16 | 25 | 42 |

^[Note 1] Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users of individual items over the previous years.

^[Note 2] In 2016-17, the output standard was measured in sessions (45 minutes per session). Under the Funding and Service Agreement (effective since 1 March 2017) of SWD and service operators, the measuring unit for the output standard of nursing care and rehabilitation training services was changed from session to hour starting from 2017-18.

^[Note 3] In 2019-20, among the service users of meal support service, 80 of them have only used the service once; while in 2020-21, 12 service users used the service once only.

Service expenditure on ISS and HCS

| Service | 2016-17 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2017-18 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2018-19 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) (\$ million) |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| ISS | 61.9 | 61.6 | 64.9 | 68.8 | 68.6 |
| HCS | 254.1 | 262.8 | 287.0 | 305.3 | 330.4 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)230

(Question Serial No. 3152)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), please provide the following information for the period from 2013-14 to 2020-21:

- a) the yearly figures of the cases served, service places, persons on the waiting list and the waiting time;
- b) the number of users of various services:

| | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-21 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Nursing care service | | | | | | | | |
| Rehabilitation training | | | | | | | | |
| Personal care service | | | | | | | | |
| Carer support service | | | | | | | | |
| Home respite service | | | | | | | | |
| Social work service | | | | | | | | |
| Meal support service | | | | | | | | |
| Household cleaning service | | | | | | | | |

- c) the service cost per case on average;
- d) the total funding allocation for each year; and
- e) the number of such service users waiting for residential care services.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- a) The 6 non-governmental organisations operating HCS across the territory served a total of 3 929, 4 507, 4 730, 4 473 and 4 133 cases in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020) respectively. In 2020-21, the number of places for HCS was 3 550. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted or the waiting time.
- b) The service output of HCS by service type is set out in the Annex.

- c) Since the needs of individual service users and the services required differ, SWD does not have information on the service cost per case under HCS.
- d) The actual expenditures on HCS in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 were about \$250 million, \$260 million, \$290 million and \$310 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2020-21 is about \$330 million.
- e) In 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as at the end of December 2020), there were 96, 90, 55, 35 and 19 persons respectively among the users of HCS waiting for residential care services for persons with disabilities.

Service output of HCS by service type

| Service | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) [Note 1] |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Nursing care service (no. of sessions/hours [Note 2]) | 24 149 sessions | 32 482 hours | 39 502 hours | 38 804 hours | 28 553 hours |
| Rehabilitation training (no. of sessions/hours [Note 2]) | 48 541 sessions | 63 279 hours | 73 552 hours | 64 737 hours | 37 689 hours |
| Personal care service (no. of hours) | 53 901 | 65 850 | 84 730 | 75 660 | 53 509 |
| Escort service (no. of hours) | 44 077 | 48 453 | 61 629 | 58 164 | 27 961 |
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| Home respite service (headcount of users) | 6 173 | 7 995 | 11 666 | 12 056 | 7 996 |
| Social work service (no. of users) | 3 929 | 4 507 | 4 730 | 4 473 | 4 133 |
| Meal support service (no. of users) | 11 | 21 | 76 | 157 [Note 3] | 131 [Note 3] |
| Household cleaning service (no. of users) | 2 | 2 | 16 | 25 | 42 |

[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users of individual item over previous years.

[Note 2] “Session” was used as the unit for measuring the service output standards for 2016-17 (45 minutes per session). According to the Funding and Service Agreements between SWD and the service operators with effect from 1 March 2017, the unit for measuring the service output standards for the nursing care services and the rehabilitation training services has been changed from “session” to “hour” starting from 2017-18.

[Note 3] 80 of the users of meal support service only used the service once in 2019-20, whereas 12 of the service users used the service once in 2020-21.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)231

(Question Serial No. 2085)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the “school social work (SSW)” under the Programme, please advise:

1. the number of cases handled in the past 3 years under the services with a breakdown by type of cases;
2. further to the question above, the number of cases involving school bullying, cyber bullying, etc.; their percentages of the total number of cases;
3. further to the question above, the number of cases involving social incidents and politics;
4. whether school teachers have been provided with support under the services; if yes, the number of cases involving teaching staff; and
5. the specific details as to “strengthen the supporting manpower for SSW services in secondary schools to support school social workers in providing professional services for students-in-need” as mentioned under the Programme and the additional expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of student cases served by secondary school social workers from 2018-19 to 2020-21 is set out as follows:

| 2018-19 (Actual) | 2019-20 (Actual) | 2020-21 (Revised Estimate) |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 23 415 | 24 386 | 26 500 |

SWD revised the type of active cases in 2019-20. As at 31 December 2020, the type and number of active cases served by secondary school social workers are set out as follows:

| S/N | Type of cases | Number of cases |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | School-related issues | 5 407 |
| 2 | Developmental adjustment | 1 020 |
| 3 | Emotional/mental health | 5 662 |
| 4 | Family problem | 3 053 |
| 5 | Social norms | 249 |
| 6 | Sex-related issues | 194 |
| 7 | Peer relationship | 2 166 |
| 8 | Bullying | 115 |
| 9 | Internet addiction | 137 |
| 10 | Drug-related issues | 13 |
| 11 | Others | 340 |
| Total | | 18 356 |

2. As at 31 December 2020, a total of 115 active cases served by secondary school social workers involved bullying, accounting for about 0.6% of the total number of active cases.
3. SWD does not have information on the number of cases related to social incidents and politics.
4. Secondary school social workers provide consultation services to students, schools, teachers, parents and student-related committees. The required output standard for each school social worker includes the provision of consultation services on 380 occasions within a year. SWD does not have information on the number of consultations involving teaching staff.
5. Starting from September in the 2021/22 school year, SWD will strengthen the supporting manpower for SSW services in 463 secondary schools across the territory to assist school social workers in handling administrative work and implementing programmes, so that they can provide more in-depth counselling and groups/programmes to needy students. This new measure will involve an additional full-year recurrent expenditure of about \$24.96 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)232

(Question Serial No. 2088)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under "Detail" of the Department that the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention is the mainstream subvention mode. It allows non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to deploy subventions in a flexible manner for delivering the most appropriate welfare services. In 2020-21, 164 NGOs are operating under the LSG. In this connection, please advise the following:

1. the list of 164 NGOs with the amount of LSG subvention received last year and in the coming year;
2. the scope of subsidised services by NGOs receiving LSG subvention, the minimum number of staff and social workers required to be employed by those NGOs, and their amount of reserve.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The name of the 164 NGOs under LSG subvention and the amount of subvention received in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are set out in the Annex.
2. The scope of subsidised services by NGOs receiving LSG subvention includes (1) family and child welfare; (2) social security; (3) services for the elderly; (4) rehabilitation and medical social services; (5) services for offenders; (6) community development; and (7) services for young people. Under the LSG Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. Relevant notional staffing establishments (NSEs) are only used by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for calculating the subventions for subvented services and should not be used for benchmarking the manpower structure of the subvented services. Therefore, SWD does not have the requested information on the minimum number of staff and social workers. SWD has uploaded the NSE samples of subvented services onto its website. For details, please refer to the SWD's website:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_subventions/sub_modesofsub/id_2907/

Information on the LSG reserve of each NGO is the financial information of individual NGOs. For information of the latest year, please refer to the annual financial reports of the NGOs which have been uploaded onto the SWD's website or are accessible via links to the NGOs' websites. The following is the relevant website:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_ngo/page_AFRandRR/

Social Welfare Department
LSG Subvention ^[Note 1] to NGOs in 2020-21 and 2021-22

| S/N | Name of NGOs | 2020-21 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 2] | 2021-22 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 3] |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 1 | Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre | 108,651,504 | 118,162,135 |
| 2 | Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited | 5,605,863 | 5,607,367 |
| 3 | Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services | 20,990,312 | 22,438,227 |
| 4 | Lok Chi Association Limited | 3,259,007 | 3,984,095 |
| 5 | Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited | 1,871,561 | 1,879,068 |
| 6 | Against Child Abuse Ltd | 2,583,005 | 2,583,512 |
| 7 | Agency for Volunteer Service | 6,629,122 | 6,886,166 |
| 8 | Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation | 75,696,762 | 75,962,849 |
| 9 | Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited | 3,049,632 | 2,086,152 |
| 10 | ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association (The) | 13,755,957 | 13,730,802 |
| 11 | Asbury Methodist Social Service | 26,229,518 | 25,970,920 |
| 12 | Asia Women's League Limited | 62,781,223 | 59,356,293 |
| 13 | Hong Kong ABWE Social Services | 32,169,516 | 31,071,979 |
| 14 | Baptist Mid-Missions | 8,992,497 | 7,827,202 |
| 15 | Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service | 219,815,834 | 179,875,526 |
| 16 | Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The) | 8,113,391 | 8,128,703 |
| 17 | Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The) | 396,460,232 | 396,688,584 |
| 18 | Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The) | 6,338,022 | 6,349,193 |
| 19 | Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The) | 66,397,177 | 59,444,613 |
| 20 | Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The) | 27,563,382 | 24,758,720 |
| 21 | Caritas - Hong Kong | 1,351,080,507 | 1,328,472,148 |
| 22 | Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery | 1,573,478 | 1,187,174 |
| 23 | Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre | 3,489,992 | 3,444,001 |
| 24 | Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The) | 20,910,619 | 20,487,118 |
| 25 | Chi Lin Nunnery | 70,991,052 | 64,239,804 |
| 26 | China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation | 5,672,028 | 5,655,388 |
| 27 | Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited | 10,464,343 | 9,120,704 |
| 28 | Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The) | 99,153,084 | 86,798,622 |
| 29 | Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong | 225,949,232 | 221,076,082 |
| 30 | Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited | 45,272,037 | 40,932,448 |
| 31 | Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited | 31,616,989 | 28,426,995 |
| 32 | Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The) | 13,542,146 | 13,572,829 |
| 33 | Christian Family Service Centre | 514,326,457 | 563,244,766 |
| 34 | Christian Concern for the Homeless Association | 6,198,944 | 6,024,529 |
| 35 | Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre | 5,702,498 | 5,680,057 |
| 36 | Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited | 37,895,725 | 35,097,483 |
| 37 | Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited | 48,531,797 | 42,828,106 |
| 38 | Chung Sing Benevolent Society | 47,792,092 | 46,272,540 |
| 39 | Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China | 5,546,343 | 5,547,623 |
| 40 | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited | 1,015,770,167 | 952,823,728 |
| 41 | Endeavourers Hong Kong (The) | 5,649,847 | 5,639,627 |

| S/N | Name of NGOs | 2020-21 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 2] | 2021-22 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 3] |
|-----|--|---|---|
| 42 | Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired | 22,678,017 | 21,462,921 |
| 43 | Emmanuel Church | 1,483,759 | 800,872 |
| 44 | Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home | 15,176,257 | 15,196,969 |
| 45 | Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong (The) | 22,077,698 | 20,086,460 |
| 46 | ELCHK, Social Service Head Office | 364,577,210 | 345,853,861 |
| 47 | Fung Kai Public School | 31,882,156 | 29,843,438 |
| 48 | Five Districts Business Welfare Association | 1,892,716 | 1,525,541 |
| 49 | Fung Ying Seen Koon | 10,946,216 | 10,860,359 |
| 50 | Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong (The) | 28,078,927 | 27,929,061 |
| 51 | Hans Andersen Club | 4,062,729 | 3,598,638 |
| 52 | Harmony House Limited | 11,251,242 | 11,265,255 |
| 53 | Heep Hong Society | 476,666,363 | 469,596,141 |
| 54 | Helping Hand | 96,995,463 | 84,248,234 |
| 55 | Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association | 233,100,737 | 226,635,525 |
| 56 | Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association | 13,075,224 | 10,936,954 |
| 57 | Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited | 22,086,701 | 20,276,714 |
| 58 | Hong Chi Association | 489,632,887 | 493,074,310 |
| 59 | Hong Kong Blind Union | 5,745,305 | 6,478,105 |
| 60 | Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (The) | 31,844,391 | 32,880,378 |
| 61 | Hong Kong Children and Youth Services | 242,501,636 | 243,455,199 |
| 62 | Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club | 49,747,851 | 46,609,465 |
| 63 | Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society | 11,844,129 | 11,831,349 |
| 64 | Hong Kong Christian Service | 522,049,253 | 503,783,729 |
| 65 | Hong Kong Council of Social Service (The) | 46,306,712 | 46,005,998 |
| 66 | Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The) | 18,967,401 | 18,999,751 |
| 67 | Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited | 17,591,944 | 18,836,082 |
| 68 | Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited | 5,888,632 | 5,946,955 |
| 69 | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society | 443,281,352 | 504,588,389 |
| 70 | Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth | 6,128,125 | 6,863,174 |
| 71 | Hong Kong Federation of the Blind | 3,178,181 | 3,908,551 |
| 72 | Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The) | 279,331,153 | 275,031,801 |
| 73 | Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre | 23,766,023 | 23,591,634 |
| 74 | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited | 378,158,076 | 365,499,614 |
| 75 | Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited | 11,081,426 | 11,051,850 |
| 76 | Hong Kong PHAB Association | 60,804,515 | 63,872,321 |
| 77 | Hong Kong Playground Association | 110,942,865 | 110,283,608 |
| 78 | Hong Kong Red Cross | 8,419,098 | 7,693,515 |
| 79 | Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power | 5,482,969 | 5,494,223 |
| 80 | Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The) | 417,522,828 | 400,489,778 |
| 81 | Hong Kong Society for the Blind (The) | 169,586,550 | 160,948,987 |
| 82 | Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The) | 66,168,895 | 68,183,897 |
| 83 | Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (The) | 40,519,666 | 40,123,694 |
| 84 | Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children | 118,330,937 | 96,834,775 |
| 85 | Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability | 3,063,516 | 3,796,258 |
| 86 | Hong Kong Student Aid Society Limited (The) | 78,409,163 | 77,937,533 |

| S/N | Name of NGOs | 2020-21 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 2] | 2021-22 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 3] |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 87 | Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The) | 39,493,588 | 34,094,000 |
| 88 | Nesbitt Centre Limited (The) | 3,897,076 | 3,898,828 |
| 89 | Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association | 348,591,369 | 341,838,741 |
| 90 | Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh - day Adventists | 19,218,132 | 19,027,913 |
| 91 | Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited | 5,691,732 | 5,689,621 |
| 92 | International Social Service Hong Kong Branch | 128,442,174 | 129,392,217 |
| 93 | International Women's League Limited | 5,805,780 | 5,800,992 |
| 94 | Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association | 5,738,975 | 5,773,333 |
| 95 | Haven of Hope Christian Service | 354,130,462 | 407,252,971 |
| 96 | Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association | 44,110,403 | 38,249,797 |
| 97 | Kowloon City Baptist Church | 6,050,605 | 6,032,946 |
| 98 | Wai Ji Christian Service | 239,590,872 | 239,908,952 |
| 99 | Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The) | 20,463,684 | 18,621,984 |
| 100 | Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service | 30,765,651 | 29,029,385 |
| 101 | Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The) | 5,810,142 | 5,812,794 |
| 102 | Light and Love Home Limited | 5,674,175 | 5,657,239 |
| 103 | Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The) | 109,176,845 | 102,901,582 |
| 104 | International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited | 11,238,256 | 11,311,328 |
| 105 | Lutheran Philip House Limited | 8,013,061 | 6,762,212 |
| 106 | Mental Health Association of Hong Kong (The) | 283,994,352 | 285,019,719 |
| 107 | Child Development Centre (The) | 9,732,612 | 9,587,354 |
| 108 | Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare | 67,708,840 | 68,434,370 |
| 109 | Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The) | 44,756,411 | 44,559,717 |
| 110 | Mother's Choice | 23,062,445 | 23,179,010 |
| 111 | Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The) | 589,578,508 | 584,291,346 |
| 112 | New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited | 11,010,476 | 10,995,010 |
| 113 | New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association | 400,001,692 | 400,151,854 |
| 114 | New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The) | 13,161,995 | 11,409,376 |
| 115 | Operation Dawn Limited | 9,695,459 | 9,715,090 |
| 116 | S.K.H. St. Simon's Social Services | 3,949,218 | 2,928,313 |
| 117 | Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong | 42,117,925 | 40,868,038 |
| 118 | Po Leung Kuk | 1,143,438,849 | 1,146,718,853 |
| 119 | Pok Oi Hospital | 291,534,479 | 262,547,818 |
| 120 | Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The) | 18,139,365 | 18,143,536 |
| 121 | Project Care | 13,070,175 | 12,957,200 |
| 122 | Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong | 77,503,242 | 77,477,454 |
| 123 | Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited | 8,568,221 | 8,386,196 |
| 124 | Salvation Army (The) | 576,442,185 | 559,086,773 |
| 125 | Scout Association of Hong Kong | 50,602,389 | 50,349,289 |
| 126 | Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association | 5,187,053 | 5,170,563 |
| 127 | Sik Sik Yuen | 216,284,994 | 200,283,355 |
| 128 | Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary | 3,837,559 | 3,329,607 |
| 129 | Society for Community Organisation | 3,844,660 | 4,707,347 |
| 130 | Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The) | 147,365,496 | 145,549,738 |

| S/N | Name of NGOs | 2020-21 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 2] | 2021-22 Subvention (\$) ^[Note 3] |
|-----|--|---|---|
| 131 | Society of Boys' Centres | 72,294,579 | 72,374,676 |
| 132 | Fu Hong Society | 430,042,690 | 440,981,676 |
| 133 | Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong | 1,884,297 | 1,405,625 |
| 134 | SAHK | 638,456,676 | 652,112,516 |
| 135 | Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled | 2,867,741 | 2,905,883 |
| 136 | Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited | 74,327,976 | 73,766,420 |
| 137 | St. James' Settlement | 391,914,234 | 422,490,134 |
| 138 | SKH St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited | 1,883,943 | 1,524,985 |
| 139 | Stewards | 104,228,970 | 103,864,211 |
| 140 | Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association | 3,433,121 | 3,434,143 |
| 141 | Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The) | 20,316,703 | 20,092,272 |
| 142 | Methodist Centre | 75,412,800 | 63,766,117 |
| 143 | Mission Covenant Church Limited (The) | 7,301,452 | 6,786,928 |
| 144 | Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association | 5,643,433 | 5,631,050 |
| 145 | Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The) | 14,184,119 | 14,191,600 |
| 146 | Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre | 5,091,948 | 5,093,055 |
| 147 | Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited | 4,934,700 | 3,549,638 |
| 148 | Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service (The) | 80,355,613 | 80,523,396 |
| 149 | Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited | 4,271,303 | 4,258,453 |
| 150 | Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited | 14,035,519 | 12,923,459 |
| 151 | Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged | 11,270,289 | 9,679,095 |
| 152 | Tung Wah Group of Hospitals | 1,790,093,832 | 1,706,706,638 |
| 153 | United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service | 13,863,425 | 15,556,076 |
| 154 | Watchdog Limited | 17,369,376 | 19,179,841 |
| 155 | Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church | 5,628,901 | 5,614,785 |
| 156 | Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The) | 50,049,658 | 44,137,685 |
| 157 | Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong | 14,385,826 | 13,394,612 |
| 158 | Yan Chai Hospital | 530,780,553 | 501,207,360 |
| 159 | Yan Oi Tong | 148,360,212 | 154,692,322 |
| 160 | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service | 384,389,665 | 377,656,317 |
| 161 | Youth Outreach | 16,426,253 | 14,755,599 |
| 162 | Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited | 34,374,793 | 34,372,724 |
| 163 | Yuen Yuen Institute (The) | 51,759,129 | 43,715,200 |
| 164 | Zion Social Service Limited | 9,875,720 | 9,814,022 |
| | Total ^[Note 4] | 20,164,410,819 | 19,838,638,018 |

[Note 1] Subvention includes LSG (including provident fund subvention) and other subventions (such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc).

[Note 2] The figures in 2020-21 are subventions (revised estimate).

[Note 3] The figures in 2021-22 are provisional subventions.

[Note 4] Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)233

(Question Serial No. 2089)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please advise:

1. the number of CSSA cases in the past 2 years with a breakdown by case nature;
2. further to the above, the number of CSSA cases having been granted discretionary approval to apply for CSSA on an individual basis while living with family members. Please provide the number of such cases with a breakdown by case nature, their percentages in the total number of CSSA cases, consideration criteria and details of the mechanism;
3. further to the above, the number of CSSA cases living in self-owned residential properties and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases;
4. further to the above, the number of CSSA recipients who have resided in Hong Kong (HK) for less than 7 years and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases;
5. the number of CSSA cases spot checked by the Department to prevent abuse in the past 2 years; of which, the number of cases involving non-compliance and the number of cases prosecuted.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of CSSA cases with a breakdown by case nature from 2019-20 to 2020-21 is set out in the Annex.
2. As CSSA is designed to be a safety net of last resort and members of the same family should in principle support one another, CSSA applications are required to be made on a household basis. Nevertheless, if a person living with other family members has been verified by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as an independent household (e.g. the person and other members under the same roof are obviously using separate facilities of their own) and/or has no financial ties with each other, SWD will consider allowing the person to apply for CSSA separately having due regard to the circumstances of the case. Moreover, in case of a person expressing the need to apply for CSSA separately

due to problems between family members (e.g. poor relationship between the applicant and his/her families), the case will first be referred to social work service units of SWD for assistance. If there is still no improvement in the situation after getting help from social workers, SWD will consider allowing the applicant in need to apply for CSSA separately on a discretionary basis, giving due regard to the special circumstances of the case. SWD does not have the total number of cases with recipients living with their families and having been granted approval for making applications separately because of various reasons.

3. SWD does not have the information sought.
4. Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme, SWD restored the “one-year residence requirement” on 17 December 2013, which had been in effect before 1 January 2004. As in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement of the CSSA Scheme. From 2019-20 to 2020-21, the number of CSSA cases involving persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years and the percentage in the total number of CSSA cases are as follows:

| Year | Number of CSSA cases involving persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years | Percentage in total number of CSSA cases (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2019-20 | 10 017 | 4.5 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 10 709 | 4.8 |

SWD does not have the number of CSSA cases involving persons who had resided in HK for less than 7 years by case nature.

5. The CSSA Scheme provides a safety net for those who are in genuine financial difficulties. To combat fraud and abuse, SWD conducts regular case reviews and checking on specific CSSA cases by different means, arranges data matching with other government departments and organisations on a regular or needs basis, and conducts in-depth investigations into suspected fraud cases. After investigation and verification, person proves to be a fraudster may be prosecuted. The number of CSSA cases with fraud established and referred for prosecution from 2019-20 to 2020-21 is provided in the table below:

| Year | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of CSSA cases with fraud established | 329 | 237 |
| Number of CSSA fraud cases referred for prosecution | 182 | 145 |

Number of CSSA cases by case nature from 2019-20 to 2020-21

| Case nature | Year | |
|----------------------|----------------|---|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Old age | 135 239 | 130 647 |
| Permanent disability | 17 026 | 17 377 |
| Ill health | 24 562 | 26 056 |
| Single parent | 24 030 | 24 760 |
| Low-earnings | 2 974 | 2 520 |
| Unemployment | 14 647 | 19 506 |
| Others | 4 213 | 4 029 |
| Total | 222 691 | 224 895 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)234

(Question Serial No. 3108)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under the Programme that the Department “provided additional places of on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs) and occasional child care (OCC) service”. Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the number of places and utilisation rate of the above services by 18 districts in the past 2 years;
2. the waiting time for the above services by district in the past 2 years;
3. whether the Department has achieved the objective of “zero-waiting time” for pre-school rehabilitation services; if no, ways to continue to provide more places and services;
4. whether the Department has assessed the impact caused by the epidemic and suspension of schools in the past year on the development of school-age children, and anticipated an increase in the future demand for the services, as well as ways to step up support in relevant aspects to meet such demand; and
5. the future additional funding and the latest estimates for the above services.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places and utilisation rates of EETCs and SCCC over the past 2 years with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are set out at Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1, and the number of places for occasional child care service for disabled children (OCC for DC) over the past 2 years, with a breakdown by administrative district of SWD is set out at Table 3 of Annex 1. SWD does not have information on the number of service places for and utilisation rate of OPRS by district, or the utilisation rate of OCC for DC.
2. SWD does not have statistical information on the waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services by district.

3. The Government increased the number of places for OPRS to over 8 000 in September 2020, and plans to further increase the service places by 1 000 each year in the 2 school years from 2021/22 to 2022/23, bringing the number of service places to 10 000 in total. From 2019-20 to 2021-22, the number of service places of SCCCs and EETCs will also be increased by some 1 200 altogether, making a total of around 6 700. The Government will continuously assess the demand for pre-school rehabilitation services and the manpower supply of relevant allied health professionals, and strive to devote more resources if required, with a view to achieving the objective of “zero- waiting time”.
4. To assist pre-school children with special needs in learning and training amidst the epidemic, subsidised pre-school rehabilitation service units have been providing continuous support for children and parents in need during the class suspension period through the provision of individual training services of various modes (e.g. centre-based training with crowd control in force, e-learning, home training, etc.), on the prerequisite of fully considering the parents’ preferences and ensuring the health of the service users and staff members.
5. The 2020-21 Revised Estimate and the 2021-22 Estimate for various types of pre-school rehabilitation services are set out at Annex 2.

Table 1: Number of service places and utilisation rate of EETCs and SCCCs (2019-20)

| District | EETCs | | SCCCs | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | No. of service places | Utilisation rate (%) [Note 1] | No. of service places | Utilisation rate (%) [Note 1] |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 448 | 85.5 | 253 | 94.5 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 401 | 96.8 | 216 | 99.1 |
| Kwun Tong | 390 | 99.7 | 126 | 100.0 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 416 | 97.8 | 333 | 99.1 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 231 | 97.4 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Sham Shui Po | 400 | 83.0 | 205 | 100.0 |
| Sha Tin | 291 | 95.5 | 138 | 98.6 |
| Tai Po/North | 387 | 99.0 | 299 | 93.3 |
| Yuen Long | 172 | 96.5 | 108 | 99.1 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 406 | 98.0 | 168 | 98.8 |
| Tuen Mun | 229 | 99.6 | 144 | 100.0 |
| Total | 3 771 | 94.9 | 2 020 | 97.8 |

[Note] The utilisation rates of EETCs and SCCCs were derived from the number of service users as at the end of March 2020 divided by the number of service places.

Table 2: Number of service places and average utilisation rate of EETCs and SCCCs (2020-21)(as at 31 December 2020)

| District | EETCs | | SCCCs | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | No. of service places | Utilisation rate (%) [Note] | No. of service places | Utilisation rate (%) [Note 1] |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 448 | 90.2 | 313 | 93.6 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 401 | 95.3 | 216 | 98.1 |
| Kwun Tong | 390 | 95.6 | 186 | 97.8 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 416 | 93.8 | 333 | 97.0 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 231 | 94.4 | 30 | 100.0 |
| Sham Shui Po | 400 | 99.5 | 235 | 94.9 |
| Sha Tin | 291 | 97.6 | 138 | 97.1 |
| Tai Po/North | 387 | 96.4 | 299 | 96.0 |
| Yuen Long | 172 | 93.6 | 108 | 100.0 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 406 | 95.1 | 168 | 91.7 |
| Tuen Mun | 229 | 91.3 | 144 | 98.6 |
| Total | 3 771 | 94.9 | 2 170 | 96.9 |

[Note] The utilisation rates of EETCs and SCCCs were derived from the number of service users as at the end of December 2020 divided by the number of service places.

Table 3: Number of places for OCC for DC

| District | No. of places | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at 31 December 2020) |
| Central/Western/Southern & Islands | 4 | 6 |
| Eastern/Wan Chai | 8 | 8 |
| Kwun Tong | 8 | 10 |
| Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung | 13 | 12 |
| Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong | 2 | 2 |
| Sham Shui Po | 10 | 13 |
| Sha Tin | 11 | 10 |
| Tai Po/North | 15 | 15 |
| Yuen Long | 10 | 10 |
| Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing | 6 | 6 |
| Tuen Mun | 10 | 10 |
| Total | 97 | 102 |

Expenditure on OPRS, EETCs, SCCCs and OCC for DC in 2020-21 and 2021-22

| Service type | 2020-21 Revised Estimate (\$ million) | 2021-22 Estimate (\$ million) |
|---------------------|--|--|
| OPRS | 826.7 | 948.5 |
| EETCs | 325.1 | 352.5 |
| SCCCs | 538.5 | 595.7 |
| OCC for DC | 4.6 | 4.6 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3109)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the After School Care Programme (ASCP) and the Enhanced ASCP, please advise:

1. the number of service places, number of users and utilisation rate of the above services in the 18 districts over the past 2 years;
2. the waiting time for the above services in each district over the past 2 years and whether zero-waiting time can be achieved;
3. whether ASCP places and support have been provided to children with special educational needs; if yes, the details. Please also advise the number of places and their utilisation;
4. the extent of increase in the demand for the above services due to the epidemic and suspension of classes last year and whether the services have been enhanced to meet the families' needs; if yes, the relevant details;
5. the enhancement measures to be rolled out for ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in the coming year, the number of additional places and services; and the additional expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The number of service places, number of users and utilisation rate under the ASCP and the Enhanced ASCP in the 18 districts in Hong Kong in the past 2 years (i.e. from 2019- 20 to 2020-21) are set out in the Annex.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the waiting time concerned.
3. To further support children with special educational needs (SENs) and their families, the Government has provided double monthly subsidy amount for eligible students with SENs under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS) under the ASCP since October 2020. The subsidy amount will also be adjusted annually according to the inflation rate. ASCP centres have the flexibility to redeploy and utilise the fee-waiving

places so as to benefit more children with SENs. As at the end of December 2020, a total of 512 children with SENs benefitted from the FWSS under the ASCP.

4. SWD provides supportive ASCP services for primary school students through non- governmental organisations on a fee-charging basis. ASCP centres remain open to serve those in need during the fight against the epidemic and class suspension so as to alleviate the pressure of parents in taking care of their children.
5. The Government has regularised the Pilot Scheme on ASCP under the Community Care Fund and introduced a host of enhancement measures since October 2020. They include the addition of 2 500 full fee-waiving places, relaxation of application eligibility, increase of subsidy level, provision of extra subsidy for students with special educational needs, and streamlining means-test procedures. The additional recurrent expenditure involved is \$65 million. The Government will continue to implement the above enhancement measures in 2021-22. More than 5 700 students and their families are expected to benefit from these measures.

Number of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP places and utilisation by district

| District | 2019-2020 | | | | | | 2020-2021 (as at end-December 2020) ^[Note 1] | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | ASCP | | | Enhanced ASCP | | | ASCP | | | Enhanced ASCP | | |
| | No. of places | No. of users | Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] | No. of places | No. of users ^[Note 3] | Utilisation rate ^[Note 4] | No. of places | No. of users | Utilisation rate ^[Note 2] | No. of places | No. of users ^[Note 3] | Utilisation rate ^[Note 4] |
| Central & Western | 90 | 85 | 94% | - | N.A. | | 90 | 29 | 32% | - | N.A. | |
| Southern | 286 | 247 | 86% | 16 | 18 | 73% | 306 | 201 | 66% | 16 | 14 | 5% |
| Islands | 248 | 217 | 88% | 42 | 75 | 82% | 254 | 120 | 47% | 52 | 46 | 70% |
| Eastern | 365 | 298 | 82% | 44 | 67 | 79% | 405 | 282 | 70% | 44 | 57 | 54% |
| Wan Chai | 174 | 153 | 88% | 8 | 10 | 80% | 220 | 169 | 77% | 8 | 7 | 37% |
| Kowloon City | 211 | 175 | 83% | 8 | 19 | 89% | 194 | 148 | 76% | 8 | 12 | 47% |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 171 | 148 | 87% | 20 | 37 | 74% | 155 | 120 | 77% | 20 | 20 | 69% |
| Sham Shui Po | 262 | 225 | 86% | 43 | 80 | 57% | 329 | 237 | 72% | 43 | 42 | 24% |
| Kwun Tong | 485 | 438 | 90% | 14 | 27 | 72% | 557 | 345 | 62% | 14 | 11 | 48% |
| Wong Tai Sin | 387 | 356 | 92% | 12 | 11 | 74% | 374 | 227 | 61% | 12 | 11 | 61% |
| Sai Kung | 125 | 115 | 92% | - | N.A. | | 142 | 121 | 85% | - | N.A. | |
| Sha Tin | 623 | 592 | 95% | 54 | 102 | 83% | 688 | 406 | 59% | 54 | 72 | 45% |
| Tai Po | 203 | 199 | 98% | 6 | 2 | 15% | 224 | 130 | 58% | 6 | 4 | 34% |
| North | 315 | 224 | 71% | 28 | 22 | 29% | 208 | 160 | 77% | 24 | 5 | 8% |
| Yuen Long | 412 | 355 | 86% | 91 | 94 | 70% | 502 | 300 | 60% | 95 | 100 | 59% |
| Tsuen Wan | 175 | 153 | 87% | 8 | 11 | 53% | 191 | 90 | 47% | 8 | 13 | 59% |
| Kwai Tsing | 503 | 425 | 84% | 69 | 77 | 69% | 458 | 358 | 78% | 76 | 93 | 79% |
| Tuen Mun | 494 | 411 | 83% | 35 | 32 | 78% | 476 | 273 | 57% | 35 | 38 | 85% |
| Total | 5 529 | 4 816 | 87.1% | 498 | 684 | 70.1% | 5 773 | 3 716 | 64% | 515 | 545 | 55% |

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there is a decrease in the number of service users and utilisation rate over 2019-20.

[Note 2] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 3] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 4] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)236

(Question Serial No. 3110)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the provision under Programme (4), the financial provision of the government sector will be substantially increased by 66%, and that of the subvented/private sectors by 7.1%. The increase in the amount of both sectors is comparable and the Government mentioned that it would be used for the continued implementation of anti-epidemic measures including those funded by the Anti-Epidemic Fund (AEF) and the full-year effect of new initiatives implemented in the year. Please advise:

1. the reasons for increasing the estimate for the government sector by 66% and that for the subvented/private sectors by 7.1%, as well as the number of projects and organisations respectively involved;
2. the amount of the relevant additional expenditure for the anti-epidemic measures and new initiatives respectively; and
3. whether the additional anti-epidemic measures include helping persons with disabilities or users of the service units to get vaccinated, if yes, the details and timetable; if no, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

Under the Programme of "Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services", the increase of 66.1% in the 2021-22 Estimate over the 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the government sector is mainly due to the additional provision for the continued implementation of anti-epidemic measures funded by the AEF in 2020-21, including the operation of quarantine centres for residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), and implementation of the Targeted Group Testing Scheme for staff/residents/service users of RCHEs, RCHDs and nursing homes.

The increase of 7.1% in the 2021-22 Estimate over the 2020-21 Revised Estimate for the subvented/private sectors under the same Programme is mainly due to the additional provision for the further increase of 1 000 service places under on-site pre-school rehabilitation services; provision of additional places for pre-school, day training, vocational rehabilitation

and residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, and the setting up of new district support centres for persons with disabilities, etc.

The 2021-22 Estimate does not cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccination. The Social Welfare Department will deploy internal resources for the implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)237

(Question Serial No. 3111)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please advise:

1. the number of new CSSA applications each month in the past 18 months;
2. further to the above, please provide the number of cases with a breakdown by case nature and household size;
3. further to the above, please provide the district and type of residence (with a breakdown by public rental housing, private rental housing, private housing with mortgage, fully-paid housing, others such as subdivided units) as well as the education attainment of the applicants;
4. further to the above, please provide the age distribution and type of trade (if any) of the cases concerned;
5. further to the above, please list out the asset distribution of the applying households with a breakdown by each \$10,000;
6. the number of days required for a case to receive payment from the date of application;
7. how many cases have left the CSSA net in the past 18 months?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. to 5. The number of new CSSA applications from 2019-20 to 2020-21 with a breakdown by case nature is set out in the Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.
6. Regarding the processing of CSSA applications, under normal circumstances, and if the applicant or his/her guardian/appointee can produce all the necessary information, the application process can be completed within 4 weeks.
7. The number of CSSA cases closed from 2019-20 to 2020-21 is provided as follows:

| Year | Number of CSSA cases closed |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 24 339 |
| 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) | 17 864 |

**Number of new CSSA applications
(intermittent CSSA cases have been counted more than once) by case nature**

| Case nature | Year | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (as at end-December 2020) |
| Old age | 12 590 | 10 475 |
| Permanent disability | 1 649 | 1 421 |
| Ill health | 7 551 | 6 309 |
| Single parent | 3 858 | 4 150 |
| Low-earnings | 1 087 | 1 338 |
| Unemployment | 7 991 | 13 808 |
| Others | 4 682 | 4 517 |
| Total | 39 408 | 42 018 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(WW)238****(Question Serial No. 3118)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Under the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, many home care services for the elderly have been suspended or reduced. In this connection, would the Government please advise:

- 1) the number of persons receiving integrated home care services (ordinary cases) (IHCS(OC)), the number of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time and the number of persons affected by the epidemic over the past 2 years (please tabulate the figures);
- 2) the number of persons receiving IHCS (frail cases) (IHCS(FC)), the number of waitlisted persons, the average waiting time and the number of persons affected by the epidemic over the past 2 years (please tabulate the figures); and
- 3) how will the Government assist IHCS service users under the impact of the epidemic?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)Reply:

The number of elderly cases receiving IHCS(OC) and the number of waitlisted persons from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are set out below:

| Year | No. of elderly cases receiving services ^[Note] | No. of waitlisted persons ^[Note] |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2019-20 | 15 740 | 3 360 |
| 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) | 15 593 | 4 072 |

^[Note] The figures reflect the number of elderly cases receiving services and that of waitlisted persons at year-end.

The Social Welfare Department only keeps statistical information on the number of service users throughout the year and that of waitlisted persons for IHCS(OC) but does not have the waiting time for IHCS(OC). Besides, the waiting list for IHCS(OC) is kept and managed by non-governmental organisations currently operating the services.

The number of elderly cases receiving IHCS(FC), the number of waitlisted persons and the average waiting time are set out below:

| Year | No. of elderly cases receiving services [Note1] | No. of waitlisted persons [Note 1] [Note 2] | Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2019-20 | 1 025 | 5 595 | 12 |
| 2020-21 (As at end-December 2020) | 2 479 | 4 191 | 12 |

[Note 1] The figures reflect the number of elderly cases receiving services and that of waitlisted persons at year-end.

[Note 2] Frail elderly persons who have been confirmed as moderately or severely impaired under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services could wait for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The figures do not include the elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

While minimising the risk of the epidemic from spreading in the community, the Government is concerned about the needs of frail elderly persons within the community. During the epidemic, services under IHCS such as delivery of meals, escort, nursing, administration of medicine, assistance with personal hygiene and procurement of necessities, etc. are provided as normal, so as to minimise the impact on those in need and relieve the stress of carers. Moreover, IHCS teams will closely liaise with the elderly and their families/carers by telephone to keep informed of the conditions of the elderly and provide timely services in response to their needs. In view of the development of the epidemic, IHCS have resumed normal services progressively starting from 22 February 2021.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)239

(Question Serial No. 1462)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government's provision of support services to encourage childbirth and release the labour force of housewives, the estimated number of places in standalone child care centres (CCCs) in 2021-22 is only 1 084 with the utilisation rate expected to reach 100%. As the number of places is far from meeting the actual demand of the society, does the Government have any plan to meet the demand and what would be done to respond to the parents' need for child care services?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

To enhance the long-term planning of child care services, the Government has made reference to the recommendations of the "Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services" and formulated a population-based planning ratio for aided CCC places with an aim to reserve suitable premises for the provision of child care facilities in housing development projects so as to better meet the service needs of new communities. We have incorporated the planning ratio of 100 aided CCC places for children aged below 3 for every 25 000 persons in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in March 2020, and will review the planning ratio regularly. To further enhance day child care services, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has planned to set up 10 aided standalone CCCs and provide about 900 additional aided CCC places in the coming 3 to 4 years through different development projects (such as the Land Sale Programme, the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, public housing development or redevelopment projects and urban renewal developments, etc.). SWD has also planned to provide about 1 000 additional long full day CCC places through the purchase of premises exercise starting from 2021-22.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)240

(Question Serial No. 1464)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Given that the local unemployment situation is likely to last for a period of time, the Government has planned to regularise the short-term food assistance service to support the unemployed and their families with the basic necessities of life. What are the details, including the expenditure involved, the implementation timetable and specific aim of the service?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

The Government will regularise the Short-term Food Assistance Service Projects (the Projects) upon completion of the existing service contracts in August 2021, and has earmarked an annual sum of about \$415 million to meet its recurrent expenditure. The provision is expected to benefit about 60 000 to 80 000 service users each year. Upon regularisation, the Projects will be included in the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System to provide steady financial and manpower resources.

Furthermore, starting from 1 June 2021, the Government will relax the asset limit requirements of the Projects, pitching to those of the Working Family Allowance Scheme, for a limited period of 12 months, so as to aid the unemployed and underemployed during the epidemic, subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee. The relaxed measure is expected to benefit about 120 000 additional service users.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)241

(Question Serial No. 1585)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Gordon LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under the Programme that during 2021-22, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) would re-engineer in phases existing Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs), and consider converting them to provide after-school care service for pre-school children so as to further meet child care needs in the community. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. The demand for after-school care service has been on the rise. For many families, in particular, single-parent families, the demand is especially strong. What new policies and measures does the Government have to improve the existing after-school care service, and what criteria are used to assess the public's demand for relevant services so as to support more families in need? If new policies and measures are in place, what are the details? Please also list out information on the number of applicants, the waiting time for applications, etc. If not, what are the reasons?
2. In how many phases would the conversion of the existing MHCCCs be implemented to provide after-school care service for pre-school children? Are there any timeline and plan? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 19 MHCCCs run by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis throughout the territory, providing a flexible form of child care service for children under 3 (children under 6 may also use the service if needed). The Government has completed a feasibility study in April 2020 on the provision of after-school care service for children aged 3 to 6 in suitable welfare facilities with a proposed way forward of re-engineering the existing MHCCCs to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children so as to address the needs of the community and optimise the use of resources. SWD has discussed with MHCCC operators on their intention to participate in service re-engineering at different stages, and obtained their views on the implementation details. In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the first phase of re-engineering originally scheduled for January to March 2020 will be tentatively deferred to 2021-22. The specific commencement date will be subject to the epidemic situation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)242

(Question Serial No. 2703)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance, please provide breakdowns by District Council district on:

- 1) the numbers of applications and approved applications in the past 5 years;

| | 1-person family | 2-person family | 3-person family | 4-person family | 5-person family | 6-person or more family |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Central and Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | |

2) among the approved applications in the past 5 years, how many of them were granted Child Allowance at the same time? What were the amounts involved?

| | 1-person family | 2-person family | 3-person family | 4-person family | 5-person family | 6-person or more family |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Central and Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | |

3) what are the estimated numbers of Working Family Allowance recipients who may be unemployed or underemployed?

| | 1-person family | 2-person family | 3-person family | 4-person family | 5-person family | 6-person or more family |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Central and Western | | | | | | |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | |
| Eastern | | | | | | |
| Southern | | | | | | |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | |
| North | | | | | | |
| Tai Po | | | | | | |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | |
| Islands | | | | | | |

- 4) what other measures are in place to support grassroots families in taking care of their children besides the WFA?
- 5) what new measures will be implemented in the next 5 years to support grassroots families in taking care of their children?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (LegCo internal reference no.: 81)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. & 2. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 28 February 2021, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) received a total of 325 713 applications. Among them, 285 810 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Of these 285 810 approved applications, 232 305 were granted the Child Allowance, and the amount of Child Allowance involved was \$2,143,864,150. The breakdowns of the approved WFA applications are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex.
3. The WFAO does not have the estimated number of WFA recipients who may be unemployed or underemployed.
4. & 5. The Government has rolled out various measures to support grassroots families to take care of their children. For example, the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme implemented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides cash assistance for financially vulnerable individuals and families (including children) to help them meet their basic needs. In addition to the standard rates, CSSA children in need are entitled to a wide range of special grants to meet their special needs and educational expenses.

Meanwhile, child care centres provide day care services for children aged below 3. To alleviate parents' financial burden in meeting the service fees of child care centres, the SWD has implemented the "Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy" in February 2020 to provide parents with direct subsidies to pay the service fees of full-day aided child care centres at the ceiling of \$600 per child each month for easing their economic burden.

In addition, non-CSSA families with financial needs can also apply for various student financial assistance schemes administered by the Student Finance Office of the WFSFAA, including the Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme and the Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students for pre-primary students; and the School Textbook Assistance Scheme, the Student Travel Subsidy Scheme and the Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges for primary and secondary students.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by district and household size is as follows:

| District | Number of approved WFA applications (Household size) | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | 1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons or more |
| Kwun Tong | 2 199 | 7 867 | 11 734 | 15 829 | 4 757 | 1 502 |
| Yuen Long | 1 455 | 4 731 | 8 188 | 10 401 | 2 764 | 950 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 274 | 5 548 | 7 671 | 9 396 | 2 601 | 715 |
| Kwai Tsing | 1 497 | 4 187 | 5 986 | 9 789 | 3 048 | 1 123 |
| Sha Tin | 892 | 3 914 | 6 812 | 8 690 | 2 395 | 553 |
| Tuen Mun | 1 519 | 4 664 | 6 315 | 8 226 | 1 944 | 378 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 844 | 2 900 | 4 282 | 6 249 | 1 915 | 732 |
| Kowloon City | 1 041 | 3 248 | 4 352 | 5 242 | 1 357 | 369 |
| North | 800 | 2 723 | 3 997 | 5 267 | 1 206 | 346 |
| Eastern | 483 | 1 995 | 2 759 | 4 327 | 1 262 | 405 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 100 | 2 533 | 2 862 | 3 318 | 768 | 164 |
| Tsuen Wan | 498 | 1 660 | 2 446 | 3 802 | 943 | 231 |
| Sai Kung | 387 | 1 414 | 2 430 | 3 447 | 1 046 | 340 |
| Islands | 234 | 1 022 | 2 308 | 3 457 | 976 | 362 |
| Tai Po | 295 | 1 310 | 2 301 | 2 993 | 846 | 161 |
| Southern | 176 | 807 | 1 350 | 2 078 | 653 | 174 |
| Central and Western | 205 | 452 | 747 | 1 098 | 330 | 80 |
| Wan Chai | 91 | 256 | 434 | 483 | 78 | 49 |
| Total | 15 990 | 51 231 | 76 974 | 104 092 | 28 889 | 8 634 |

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of applications with Child Allowance granted by district and household size is as follows:

| District | Number of applications with Child Allowance granted (Household size) | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons or more |
| Kwun Tong | 3 691 | 10 000 | 15 474 | 4 720 | 1 494 |
| Yuen Long | 2 523 | 7 088 | 10 049 | 2 744 | 946 |
| Sham Shui Po | 2 934 | 6 605 | 9 156 | 2 574 | 713 |
| Kwai Tsing | 2 061 | 5 031 | 9 502 | 3 021 | 1 121 |
| Sha Tin | 2 084 | 6 011 | 8 521 | 2 381 | 553 |
| Tuen Mun | 2 340 | 5 396 | 8 053 | 1 935 | 378 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 332 | 3 565 | 6 024 | 1 901 | 729 |
| Kowloon City | 1 843 | 3 911 | 5 151 | 1 343 | 369 |
| North | 1 515 | 3 581 | 5 161 | 1 196 | 346 |
| Eastern | 1 069 | 2 398 | 4 218 | 1 261 | 403 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 617 | 2 600 | 3 277 | 764 | 164 |
| Tsuen Wan | 995 | 2 143 | 3 744 | 937 | 231 |
| Sai Kung | 722 | 2 018 | 3 322 | 1 038 | 340 |
| Islands | 607 | 2 025 | 3 362 | 965 | 362 |
| Tai Po | 718 | 2 036 | 2 973 | 842 | 161 |
| Southern | 414 | 1 142 | 2 014 | 648 | 174 |
| Central and Western | 232 | 667 | 1 075 | 329 | 78 |
| Wan Chai | 161 | 396 | 470 | 78 | 49 |
| Total | 26 858 | 66 613 | 101 546 | 28 677 | 8 611 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)243

(Question Serial No. 2873)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please set out the following figures by district and type of allowance in the past 3 years:

1. the number of WFA approved applications and the amount of allowance granted;
2. the number of approved applications for WITS;
3. the amount of subsidy granted for I-WITS applications.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 187)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 28 February 2021, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 325 713 applications. Among them, 285 810 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The breakdowns of the approved WFA applications are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex.

2 & 3. The Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS) Scheme was open for applications in October 2011 and was managed by the Labour Department (LD). The WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the LD on 1 April 2019. From 1 April 2018 to 28 February 2021, a total of 127 694 applications were received under the WITS Scheme. Among them, 114 547 WITS applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The breakdowns of the approved WITS applications are set out in Table 3 and Table 4 of the Annex. The figure has already included applications approved by the LD and the WFAO. The breakdowns of the amount of subsidy granted from 2019-20 to 2020-21 for I-WITS are set out in Table 5 and Table 6 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications and the amount of allowance granted by district is as follows:

| District | Number of approved WFA applications 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | Amount of allowance granted 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Kwun Tong | 43 888 | \$597,924,100 |
| Yuen Long | 28 489 | \$393,272,400 |
| Sham Shui Po | 28 205 | \$367,432,550 |
| Kwai Tsing | 25 630 | \$359,767,550 |
| Sha Tin | 23 256 | \$322,061,800 |
| Tuen Mun | 23 046 | \$305,818,500 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 16 922 | \$231,630,500 |
| Kowloon City | 15 609 | \$206,181,400 |
| North | 14 339 | \$196,325,400 |
| Eastern | 11 231 | \$156,953,650 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 10 745 | \$138,032,800 |
| Tsuen Wan | 9 580 | \$134,760,250 |
| Sai Kung | 9 064 | \$123,965,950 |
| Islands | 8 359 | \$120,834,900 |
| Tai Po | 7 906 | \$111,531,800 |
| Southern | 5 238 | \$74,505,250 |
| Central and Western | 2 912 | \$40,627,100 |
| Wan Chai | 1 391 | \$19,013,000 |
| Total | 285 810 | \$3,900,638,900 |

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications and the amount of allowance granted by type of allowance is as follows:

| Type of allowance | Number of approved WFA applications 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | Amount of allowance granted 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Full-rate allowance | | |
| Basic allowance | 9 219 | \$89,928,200 |
| Medium allowance | 16 232 | \$204,908,000 |
| Higher allowance | 179 945 | \$2,851,590,000 |
| 3/4-rate allowance | | |
| Basic allowance | 739 | \$4,723,350 |
| Medium allowance | 3 183 | \$28,089,750 |
| Higher allowance | 50 052 | \$549,579,600 |
| Half-rate allowance | | |
| Basic allowance | 288 | \$1,096,000 |
| Medium allowance | 1 343 | \$7,020,700 |
| Higher allowance | 24 809 | \$163,703,300 |
| Total | 285 810 | \$3,900,638,900 |

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of approved WITS applications by district is as follows:

| District | Number of approved WITS applications 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021)# |
|---------------------|---|
| Kwun Tong | 16 743 |
| Yuen Long | 15 245 |
| Tuen Mun | 12 974 |
| Kwai Tsing | 12 487 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 9 021 |
| Sha Tin | 8 489 |
| Sham Shui Po | 8 424 |
| North | 5 410 |
| Sai Kung | 4 320 |
| Kowloon City | 4 181 |
| Eastern | 3 779 |
| Tai Po | 2 974 |
| Tsuen Wan | 2 954 |
| Islands | 2 335 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 1 981 |
| Southern | 1 892 |
| Central and Western | 632 |
| Wan Chai | 349 |
| Outside Hong Kong | 357 |
| Total | 114 547 |

Including the WITS applications approved by the LD and the I-WITS applications approved by the WFAO after 1 April 2019.

Table 4

The LD does not keep a breakdown of the number of all WITS applications by type of subsidy in 2018-19. Regarding I-WITS, a breakdown of the number of approved I-WITS applications by type of subsidy is as follows:

| Type of subsidy | Number of approved I-WITS applications 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021)# |
|--|---|
| Full-rate subsidy | 96 749 |
| Half-rate subsidy | 2 361 |
| Full-rate or half-rate subsidy granted in different months for the same application | 12 159 |
| Total | 111 269 |

Including the I-WITS applications approved by the LD and by the WFAO after 1 April 2019.

Table 5

A breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted for I-WITS applications by the WFAO after 1 April 2019 by district is as follows:

| District | Amount of I-WITS granted 2019-20 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021)# |
|---------------------|---|
| Kwun Tong | \$40,475,400 |
| Yuen Long | \$37,114,500 |
| Tuen Mun | \$30,675,900 |
| Kwai Tsing | \$30,195,900 |
| Wong Tai Sin | \$21,839,700 |
| Sha Tin | \$20,406,900 |
| Sham Shui Po | \$20,083,800 |
| North | \$13,098,000 |
| Sai Kung | \$10,242,600 |
| Kowloon City | \$9,711,300 |
| Eastern | \$9,296,400 |
| Tsuen Wan | \$7,171,800 |
| Tai Po | \$7,005,000 |
| Islands | \$5,947,800 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | \$4,770,600 |
| Southern | \$4,526,100 |
| Central and Western | \$1,431,900 |
| Wan Chai | \$842,400 |
| Outside Hong Kong | \$772,200 |
| Total | \$275,608,200 |

In 2018-19, the amount of WITS granted by the LD was \$197.6 million. The LD does not keep a breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted by applicants' residential district.

Table 6

A breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted for I-WITS applications by the WFAO after 1 April 2019 by type of subsidy is as follows:

| Type of subsidy | Amount of I-WITS granted 2019-20 to 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021)# |
|--|---|
| Full-rate subsidy | \$246,495,000 |
| Half-rate subsidy | \$2,566,200 |
| Full-rate or half-rate subsidy granted in different months for the same application | \$26,547,000 |
| Total | \$275,608,200 |

In 2018-19, the amount of WITS granted by the LD was \$197.6 million. The LD does not keep a breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted by type of subsidy.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)244

(Question Serial No. 0389)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Low-income Working Family Allowance and the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Schemes, please advise the following since the launch of the schemes:

1. the number of applications each year, with a yearly breakdown by (1) household size (2) working hours of applicant, in table form;
2. the number of beneficiaries from single-parent households and non-single-parent households, with breakdown by year and type of allowance granted (full-rate/ 3/4-rate/ half-rate);
3. the amount of allowance involved each year;
4. the number of children benefitted, with breakdown by year and type of allowance granted since the launch of the schemes.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme

The Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme was open for applications on 3 May 2016 and renamed as the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme on 1 April 2018. Annual breakdowns of the number of LIFA/WFA applications received from 3 May 2016 to 28 February 2021 by household size and average monthly working hours are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex. Besides, annual breakdowns of the number of beneficiaries from single-parent households and non-single-parent households granted the allowance, the amount of allowance granted, the number of children granted the Child Allowance and the amount of the Child Allowance are set out in Tables 3 to 5 of the Annex.

Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme

The Government started receiving individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) applications from July 2013 and the scheme was managed by the Labour Department (LD). The Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency took over the management of the I-WITS Scheme from the LD on 1 April 2019. Annual breakdowns of the number of I-WITS applications received from 1 April 2019 to 28 February 2021 by average monthly working hours and the amount of subsidy granted are set out in Table 6 and Table 7 of the Annex. The WFAO does not keep other requested information.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of LIFA and WFA applications received by household size and year is as follows:

| Household size | Number of applications received | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| | LIFA Scheme | | WFA Scheme | | |
| | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) |
| 1 person | Not applicable | Not applicable | 5 075 | 6 488 | 8 278 |
| 2 persons | 6 568 | 6 017 | 15 997 | 20 186 | 23 074 |
| 3 persons | 19 299 | 18 577 | 25 629 | 29 320 | 33 252 |
| 4 persons | 27 329 | 26 119 | 34 036 | 38 660 | 43 196 |
| 5 persons | 6 746 | 6 752 | 9 301 | 10 968 | 12 340 |
| 6 persons or more | 1 810 | 1 856 | 2 845 | 3 386 | 3 682 |
| Total | 61 752 | 59 321 | 92 883 | 109 008 | 123 822 |

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of LIFA and WFA applications received by average monthly working hours and year is as follows:

| Average monthly working hours ¹ | | Number of applications received | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| | | LIFA Scheme | | WFA Scheme | | |
| Single-parent household | Non-single-parent household | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) |
| Less than 36 hours | Less than 144 hours | 1 811 | 489 | 1 313 | 1 730 | 3 989 |
| 36 hours - less than 54 hours | 144 hours - less than 168 hours | 6 342 | 5 402 | 1 996 | 2 412 | 3 916 |
| 54 hours - less than 72 hours | 168 hours - less than 192 hours | | | 6 225 | 7 818 | 11 419 |
| 72 hours or more | 192 hours or more | 52 866 | 53 327 | 83 110 | 96 761 | 100 914 |
| Information not provided by applicant | | 733 | 103 | 239 | 287 | 3 584 |
| Total | | 61 752 | 59 321 | 92 883 | 109 008 | 123 822 |

Note 1: Under the existing WFA Scheme, to meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month. To meet the working hour requirements for a Medium Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 168 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 54 hours per month. To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Under the previous LIFA Scheme, to meet the working hour requirements for a Basic Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 144 hours per month and single-parent households should work at least 36 hours per month. To meet the working hour requirements for a Higher Allowance, non-single-parent households should work at least 192 hours or more per month and single-parent households should work at least 72 hours or more per month.

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of beneficiaries from non-single-parent households and single-parent households granted the LIFA and WFA by type of allowance and year is as follows:

| Year | Number of household members granted the allowance | | | | | | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Single-parent household | | | Non-single-parent household | | | |
| | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | |
| 2016-17 | 8 060 | Not applicable | 2 311 | 78 995 | Not applicable | 25 048 | 114 414 |
| 2017-18 | 9 412 | Not applicable | 2 358 | 84 687 | Not applicable | 25 794 | 122 251 |
| 2018-19 | 12 845 | 2 744 | 1 281 | 106 532 | 31 222 | 17 380 | 172 004 |
| 2019-20 | 15 194 | 2 784 | 1 314 | 125 990 | 34 315 | 18 119 | 197 716 |
| 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | 16 288 | 2 950 | 1 453 | 143 766 | 34 920 | 18 860 | 218 237 |

Table 4

A breakdown of the amount of LIFA and WFA granted by year is as follows:

| Year | | Amount of allowance granted |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LIFA Scheme | 2016-17 | \$602,661,600 |
| | 2017-18 | \$678,719,700 |
| WFA Scheme | 2018-19 | \$1,190,013,550 |
| | 2019-20 | \$1,351,989,250 |
| | 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | \$1,358,636,100 |

Table 5

A breakdown of the number of children granted the Child Allowance and the amount of the Child Allowance by year is as follows:

| | Number of children granted the Child Allowance | Amount of the Child Allowance |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| LIFA Scheme | | |
| 2016-17 | 50 121 | \$346,564,000 |
| 2017-18 | 53 580 | \$393,331,200 |
| WFA Scheme | | |
| 2018-19 | 70 023 | \$653,911,500 |
| 2019-20 | 79 654 | \$734,637,750 |
| 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | 86 597 | \$755,314,900 |

Table 6

A breakdown of the number of I-WITS applications received by average monthly working hours and year is as follows:

| Average monthly working hours | 2019-20 ¹ | 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Less than 36 hours | 841 | 1 233 |
| 36 hours - less than 72 hours | 3 181 | 2 695 |
| 72 hours or more | 43 605 | 32 152 |
| Information not provided by applicant | 159 | 693 |
| Total | 47 786 | 36 773 |

Note 1: The WFAO took over the management of the I-WITS Scheme from the LD on 1 April 2019. The number of applications received in 2019-20 includes the applications received by the LD on or before 31 March 2019 but were outstanding. The LD does not keep the relevant figures before April 2019.

Table 7

A breakdown of the amount of I-WITS granted by year is as follows:

| Year | Amount of subsidy granted |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2019-20 ¹ | \$180,268,800 |
| 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | \$95,339,400 |

Note 1: Including the applications received by the LD on or before 31 March 2019 but were outstanding.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)245

(Question Serial No. 3211)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continuous promotion and administration of the WFA Scheme and assistance to eligible households in applying for the allowance; and provision of a one-off extra payment for eligible recipients, please inform this Committee of:

1. the numbers of applicants and successful applicants since the launch of the Scheme and its renaming as the Working Family Allowance Scheme, with a breakdown by year and household size;
2. the amount of allowance granted and the median monthly household income, with a breakdown by year and household size;
3. the establishment in charge of the Working Family Allowance Scheme in the past 3 years;
4. the average number of applications handled by each staff and the processing time for each application in the past 3 years; and
5. the expenditure involved in providing a one-off extra payment for eligible recipients, the estimated number of recipients and the timetable for receiving payment.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. & 2. Since the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme was open for applications on 1 April 2018 and up to 28 February 2021, the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 325 713 applications. Among them, 285 810 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. The breakdowns of the number of households with applications submitted, the number of households with allowance

granted, the amount of allowance granted and the median monthly household income are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of the Annex.

3. The establishment of the WFAO responsible for implementing the WFA Scheme comprised about 370 civil service posts and about 160 non-civil service contract positions in 2018-19. The WFAO took over the management of the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme from the Labour Department with effect from 1 April 2019. In 2019-20 and 2020-21, the establishment comprised about 460 civil service posts and about 210 non-civil service contract positions.
4. From 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, the WFAO received 92 883 WFA applications. These applications were mainly processed and vetted by about 350 vetting officers. From 1 April 2019 to 28 February 2021, the WFAO received 232 830 WFA applications. The WFAO has an establishment of about 480 vetting officers for processing and vetting WFA and I-WITS applications. If a household applying for the WFA has a member who submits an I-WITS application in the same month, the WFAO will process the two applications in one go. Since the circumstances of each application are not the same and completeness of information submitted varies, it is difficult for the WFAO to provide a general time frame for processing an application. As always, the WFAO will endeavour to complete the processing of each application as soon as possible, with a view to disbursing the allowance to the households in a timely manner.
5. The estimated expenditure involved in providing a one-off extra payment to eligible WFA households in 2021-22 is \$114 million, and it is estimated about 69 000 WFA households will be benefited. The WFAO expects to start disbursing the above-mentioned extra payment one month after the passage of the Appropriation Bill 2021 at the earliest.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of households with WFA applications submitted by household size and year is as follows:

| Household size | Number of households | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) |
| 1 person | 3 459 | 4 204 | 5 699 |
| 2 persons | 10 113 | 12 211 | 14 818 |
| 3 persons | 15 302 | 17 587 | 21 100 |
| 4 persons | 19 755 | 22 423 | 26 208 |
| 5 persons | 5 493 | 6 468 | 7 584 |
| 6 persons or more | 1 716 | 2 015 | 2 294 |
| Total | 55 838 | 64 908 | 77 703 |

Table 2

Breakdowns of the number of households with WFA granted, the amount of allowance granted and the median monthly household income by household size and year are as follows:

| Household size | Households with WFA granted 2018-19 | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number of households | Amount of allowance granted | Median monthly household income |
| 1 person | 2 794 | \$22,870,300 | \$9,120 |
| 2 persons | 9 144 | \$136,308,350 | \$11,534 |
| 3 persons | 14 021 | \$280,932,300 | \$14,250 |
| 4 persons | 18 493 | \$518,964,400 | \$17,500 |
| 5 persons | 5 053 | \$172,480,200 | \$18,084 |
| 6 persons or more | 1 552 | \$58,458,000 | \$19,755 |
| Total | 51 057 | \$1,190,013,550 | Not applicable |

| Household size | Households with WFA granted 2019-20 | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number of households | Amount of allowance granted | Median monthly household income |
| 1 person | 3 518 | \$30,353,650 | \$9,500 |
| 2 persons | 10 999 | \$164,788,350 | \$12,395 |
| 3 persons | 15 940 | \$312,775,750 | \$15,200 |
| 4 persons | 20 895 | \$578,580,300 | \$18,263 |
| 5 persons | 5 933 | \$198,800,550 | \$19,000 |
| 6 persons or more | 1 797 | \$66,690,650 | \$20,265 |
| Total | 59 082 | \$1,351,989,250 | Not applicable |

| Household size | Households with WFA granted 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Number of households | Amount of allowance granted | Median monthly household income |
| 1 person | 4 182 | \$32,113,900 | \$9,971 |
| 2 persons | 12 199 | \$158,276,150 | \$12,730 |
| 3 persons | 17 644 | \$308,730,300 | \$15,233 |
| 4 persons | 22 947 | \$591,484,350 | \$18,235 |
| 5 persons | 6 571 | \$202,736,500 | \$19,000 |
| 6 persons or more | 1 950 | \$65,294,900 | \$20,057 |
| Total | 65 493 | \$1,358,636,100 | Not applicable |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)246

(Question Serial No. 1139)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance (WFA) and the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Schemes, will the Government please provide the following information:

- (1) the establishment for handling the WFA and the I-WITS Schemes in the past year;
- (2) the respective numbers of applications received under the WFA and the I-WITS Schemes, and the average number of applications handled by each staff in the past year;
- (3) the numbers of approved applications under the WFA and the I-WITS Schemes in the past year; and among them, the number of applicants who were required to provide self-declared statements or statutory declaration as proof of their working hours or income from work;
- (4) the number of applications received from ethnic minorities, and the proportion of these applications in the past year;
- (5) the number of applications withdrawn in the past year; and
- (6) whether the Agency has any specific measures to meet the future demand arising from significant increase in the number of WFA applications which is foreseeable due to the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and the current social and economic situation; and whether there is any plan to provide additional provisions for increasing manpower to meet such demand and streamline the vetting process, and facilitate the submission of documents and information by applicants. If yes, what are the details and specific measures? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1. In 2020-21, the establishment of the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency responsible for administering the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme and the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (I-WITS) Scheme comprised about 460 civil service posts and about 210 non-civil service contract positions.
2. From 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021, the WFAO received 123 822 WFA applications and 36 773 I-WITS applications. These applications were mainly processed and vetted by about 480 vetting officers (excluding staff members responsible for administrative duties and the provision of support services). If a household applying for the WFA has a member who submits an I-WITS application in the same month, the WFAO will process the two applications in one go.
3. From 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021, among the 96 501 applications granted WFA, 21 169 were approved with the applicants submitting self-declared statements as proof of their working hours or income from work. As for the 30 067 applications granted I-WITS, 18 482 were approved with the applicants submitting self-declared statements as proof of their working hours or income from work.
4. From 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021, the WFAO received a total of 3 050 WFA applications from non-Chinese households. These applications were from 2 058 households, representing 2.5% of the total number of WFA applications received. As for the I-WITS, the WFAO received a total of 312 applications from non-Chinese applicants, representing 0.8% of the total number of I-WITS applications received.
5. From 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021, 1 958 WFA applications were withdrawn and 1303 I-WITS applications were withdrawn.
6. Starting from 30 September 2019, the WFAO has been providing the service of online submission of WFA applications. Apart from visiting the WFAO in person, applicants may also submit supplementary documentary proof and additional information by post, by dropping the documents in the drop-in boxes, by e-mail or by fax. The WFAO will closely monitor the operation of the WFA Scheme and review the manpower requirement in a timely manner, having regard to the actual number of applications.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)247

(Question Serial No. 1140)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Working Family Allowance (WFA), please inform the Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of applications received and approved in the past year with breakdown by household size;
- (2) the distribution of cases according to different types of allowance granted (the Basic Allowance, the Medium Allowance, the Higher Allowance, full-rate, 3/4-rate or half-rate) with breakdown by family size; and
- (3) the distribution of cases according to different types of allowance granted (the Basic Allowance, the Medium Allowance, the Higher Allowance, full-rate, 3/4-rate or half-rate) with breakdown by non-single-parent families and single-parent families.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The information requested is provided as follows:

1, 2 & 3. The Working Family Allowance Office of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency received a total of 123 822 Working Family Allowance (WFA) applications between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021. Among them, 96 501 applications were approved while some applications are still being processed. Breakdowns of the number of WFA applications received and approved are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of the Annex.

Table 1

A breakdown of the number of applications received and approved WFA applications by household size between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021 is as follows:

| Household size | 2020-21 (up to 28 February 2021) | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Number of applications received | Number of approved WFA applications |
| 1 person | 8 278 | 5 918 |
| 2 persons | 23 074 | 17 582 |
| 3 persons | 33 252 | 25 507 |
| 4 persons | 43 196 | 34 837 |
| 5 persons | 12 340 | 9 798 |
| 6 persons or more | 3 682 | 2 859 |
| Total | 123 822 | 96 501 |

Note: Some WFA applications are still being processed.

Table 2

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications by household size and by type of allowance between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021 is as follows:

| Household size | Number of approved WFA applications | | | | | | | | | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Basic Allowance | | | Medium Allowance | | | Higher Allowance | | | |
| | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | |
| 1 person | 451 | 74 | 23 | 574 | 191 | 86 | 2 078 | 1 537 | 904 | 5 918 |
| 2 persons | 768 | 41 | 16 | 1 178 | 182 | 71 | 10 710 | 3 208 | 1 408 | 17 582 |
| 3 persons | 1 002 | 69 | 31 | 1 523 | 307 | 138 | 15 831 | 4 378 | 2 228 | 25 507 |
| 4 persons | 1 294 | 73 | 25 | 2 403 | 347 | 143 | 23 192 | 4 900 | 2 460 | 34 837 |
| 5 persons | 343 | 20 | 7 | 680 | 92 | 43 | 6 480 | 1 360 | 773 | 9 798 |
| 6 persons or more | 113 | 10 | 4 | 178 | 23 | 20 | 1 865 | 414 | 232 | 2 859 |
| Total | 3 971 | 287 | 106 | 6 536 | 1 142 | 501 | 60 156 | 15 797 | 8 005 | 96 501 |

Table 3

A breakdown of the number of approved WFA applications of non-single-parent households and single-parent households by type of allowance between 1 April 2020 and 28 February 2021 is as follows:

| Type | Number of approved WFA applications | | | | | | | | | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Basic Allowance | | | Medium Allowance | | | Higher Allowance | | | |
| | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | Full-rate allowance | 3/4-rate allowance | Half-rate allowance | |
| Non-single-parent households | 3 715 | 282 | 102 | 6 314 | 1 138 | 497 | 51 867 | 14 125 | 7 209 | 85 249 |
| Single-parent households | 256 | 5 | 4 | 222 | 4 | 4 | 8 289 | 1 672 | 796 | 11 252 |
| Total | 3 971 | 287 | 106 | 6 536 | 1 142 | 501 | 60 156 | 15 797 | 8 005 | 96 501 |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)248

(Question Serial No. 2087)

Head: (173) Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Working Family Allowance and Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy

Controlling Officer: Head, Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (Mr Donald NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of approved applications for the Working Family Allowance in the past year? Among them, how many applications involved applicants who were casual workers in the construction sector, self-employed persons, workers in the transport industry and taxi drivers? What were the amounts of allowance involved and their percentages of the total number of approved applications?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

From 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021, 96 501 applications were approved for Working Family Allowance (WFA). Among them, 5 572 applications (accounting for 6% of the total number of approved applications) were from self-employed persons, involving an amount of approved allowance of \$89,192,850.

By industry, among the 96 501 approved WFA applications, 16 404 applications (accounting for 17% of the total number of approved applications) were from applicants engaged in the construction sector, involving an amount of approved allowance of \$260,791,800, and 14 460 applications (accounting for 15% of the total number of approved applications) were from applicants engaged in the transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications sector (including taxi drivers), involving an amount of approved allowance of \$225,204,500.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)249

(Question Serial No. 0262)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the Scheme), please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

1. the amount of subsidy provided by the Government each year;
2. the amount of reimbursement claimed by each participating transport operator each year;
3. the details of illegal practices found (e.g. deception or abuse of the Scheme);
4. the respective numbers of eligible persons with disabilities, elderly persons aged 65-69, elderly persons aged 70-79 and elderly persons aged 80 or above benefited from the Scheme each year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. In 2018-19 and 2019-20, the Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme) were \$1.21 billion and \$1.27 billion respectively. The relevant revised estimated expenditure for 2020-21 was \$1.03 billion.
2. The Government's reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the \$2 Scheme in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 is tabulated below:

| Public transport operator | 2018-19 Actual (\$'000) | 2019-20 Actual (\$'000) | 2020-21 Revised Estimate (\$'000) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| MTR Corporation Limited | 314,527 | 341,669 | 269,342 |
| Franchised bus operators | 515,349 | 541,167 | 409,906 |
| Ferry operators | 31,240 | 29,601 | 27,167 |
| Green minibus operators | 348,292 | 362,551 | 322,710 |
| Total | 1,209,408 | 1,274,988 | 1,029,125 |

3. The Transport Department (TD) has all along requested public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work and to strictly enforce the penalty as set out in relevant legislation and by-laws to prevent any abuse. It has also arranged surveys to monitor the situation. Public transport operators have also enhanced publicity and reminded passengers to honestly tender the fares payable. At present, non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares by the MTR Corporation Limited are liable to a surcharge or even prosecutions. Bus captains or field staff of bus companies, staff of ferry companies and green minibus drivers will also observe the boarding passengers. Non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares will normally be required to pay the shortfall on the spot. Depending on the circumstances, individual cases may be referred to the Police for follow-up action. Individual cases of abuse of the \$2 Scheme by non-eligible passengers were detected during TD's surveys, and all the passengers concerned paid the shortfall on the spot. As the amount of differential fares in such cases have been deducted from the amount reimbursed to the public transport operators concerned, no Government's reimbursement has been involved. During site monitoring surveys jointly conducted by TD and public transport operators between 2018 and 2020 on MTR, buses, green minibuses and ferries, 390 suspected abuse cases were found. TD also launched publicity programmes in March 2021 to enhance public awareness towards any abuse of the \$2 Scheme. It will continue to request the public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work.

TD has also been closely monitoring the public transport operators in implementing the \$2 Scheme to prevent any abuse. TD has put in place a series of monitoring measures with participating public transport operators, including the establishment of a set of audit standards to strengthen the internal control system and the deployment of TD staff to conduct on-site inspections on the internal control procedures adopted by various public transport operators. The participating public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited are required to submit annually assurance and audit reports on the relevant patronage and differential fare under the \$2 Scheme prepared by independent auditors in accordance with the relevant standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. TD also regularly examines the records and reports submitted by the participating public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited. If suspected abuse cases are detected, TD will refer them to the Police for follow-up action. Between 2018 and 2020, TD detected one abnormal case when examining the relevant reports and the case was referred to the Police for follow-up action. The Police subsequently instituted prosecution and the two minibus drivers concerned were

convicted. The amount of differential fares involved was later returned to the Government by the operator concerned.

4. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, the average daily passenger trips taken under the \$2 Scheme are tabulated below. The Government does not keep the figures on using the \$2 Scheme by age group.

| Calendar year | Average daily passenger trips taken under the \$2 Scheme | |
|----------------------|---|--|
| | The Elderly^(Note 1) | Eligible Persons with Disabilities^(Note 2) |
| 2018 | 1 154 000 | 159 000 |
| 2019 | 1 256 000 | 168 000 |
| 2020 | 985 000 | 129 000 |

(Note 1) Persons aged 65 or above.

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)250

(Question Serial No. 2233)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding the transport services for persons with disabilities and the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), the estimated expenditure for 2021-22 is 159.6% higher than that for last year. What are the reasons for the substantial increase?
2. What were the numbers of suspected cases of abuse and unauthorised use under the \$2 Scheme in the past three years? How many cases were successfully prosecuted? What types of public transports were involved?
3. Has the Transport Department enhanced measures to prevent the abuse of the \$2 Scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The provision of Programme (5) for 2021-22 is \$1,913.1 million higher than the revised estimate for 2020-21. This is mainly due to the additional provision of \$1,885 million for the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), including the additional provisions for the differential fare reimbursable in the year in respect of beneficiaries aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities and the differential fare reimbursable in the first quarter of 2022 upon the enhancement of the \$2 Scheme, i.e. extending the \$2 scheme to beneficiaries aged 60 to 64 and to red minibuses, kaitos and the tramways, and the relevant administrative cost. Besides, the increased provision of \$28.1 million for rehabus service includes the additional provisions for subventions to rehabus operators and related expenses, procurement and replacement of rehabuses, and replacement of the existing rehabus operating system with a new integrated computerised system and accessories.

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The Transport Department (TD) has all along requested public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work and to strictly enforce the penalty as set out in relevant legislation and by-laws to prevent any abuse. It has also arranged surveys to monitor the situation. Public transport operators have also enhanced publicity and reminded passengers to honestly tender the fares payable. At present, non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares by the MTR Corporation Limited are liable to a surcharge or even prosecutions. Bus captains or field staff of bus companies, staff of ferry companies and green minibus drivers will also observe the boarding passengers. Non-eligible passengers who are found travelling at the concessionary fares will normally be required to pay the shortfall on the spot. Depending on the circumstances, individual cases may be referred to the Police for follow-up action. Individual cases of abuse of the \$2 Scheme by non-eligible passengers were detected during TD's surveys, and all the passengers concerned paid the shortfall on the spot. As the amount of differential fares in such cases have been deducted from the amount reimbursed to the public transport operators concerned, no Government's reimbursement has been involved. During site monitoring surveys jointly conducted by TD and public transport operators between 2018 and 2020 on MTR, buses, green minibuses and ferries, 390 suspected abuse cases were found. TD also launched publicity programmes in March 2021 to enhance public awareness towards any abuse of the \$2 Scheme. It will continue to request the public transport operators to strengthen ticket inspection and passenger identity verification work.

TD has also been closely monitoring the public transport operators in implementing the \$2 Scheme to prevent any abuse. TD has put in place a series of monitoring measures with participating public transport operators, including the establishment of a set of audit standards to strengthen the internal control system and the deployment of TD staff to conduct on-site inspections on the internal control procedures adopted by various public transport operators. The participating public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited are required to submit annually assurance and audit reports on the relevant patronage and differential fare under the \$2 Scheme prepared by independent auditors in accordance with the relevant standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. TD also regularly examines the records and reports submitted by the participating public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited. If suspected abuse cases are detected, TD will refer them to the Police for follow-up action. Between 2018 and 2020, TD detected one abnormal case when examining the relevant reports and the case was referred to the Police for follow-up action. The Police subsequently instituted prosecution and the two minibus drivers concerned were convicted. The amount of differential fares involved was later returned to the Government by the operator concerned.

To prevent abuse of the \$2 Scheme, the Government will step up efforts to conduct joint site monitoring surveys with public transport operators and launch publicity programmes to raise public awareness against the abuse of the \$2 Scheme. At the same time, the Government plans to require the beneficiaries of the \$2 Scheme to use tailor-made Personalised Octopus Cards with photo and age eligibility, so as to facilitate monitoring and inspection and deter non-eligible passengers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)251

(Question Serial No. 2396)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities, commonly known as \$2 Scheme, has been implemented since 2012. What are the total amounts of reimbursement granted to public transport operators since 2012 (with a breakdown by year and operator)? Has the Transport Department conducted annual examination/random checks on the patronage and differential fare settlement reports submitted by the public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited under the Scheme? Has it found any cases of fraudulent reimbursement? How many cases of attempted fraudulent reimbursement of differential fare under the Scheme have been found since its implementation? Among these, how many have ended up with successful prosecution?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The Government's reimbursements of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme) by financial years from 2016-17 to 2020-21 are tabulated below:

| Public transport operator | 2016-17 Actual (\$'000) | 2017-18 Actual (\$'000) | 2018-19 Actual (\$'000) | 2019-20 Actual (\$'000) | 2020-21 Revised Estimate (\$'000) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| MTR Corporation Limited | 243,513 | 279,361 | 314,527 | 341,669 | 269,342 |
| Franchised bus operators | 446,846 | 476,510 | 515,349 | 541,167 | 409,906 |
| Ferry operators | 24,717 | 27,536 | 31,240 | 29,601 | 27,167 |

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|-------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Green minibus operators | 275,953 | 310,049 | 348,292 | 362,551 | 322,710 |
| Total | 991,029 | 1,093,456 | 1,209,408 | 1,274,988 | 1,029,125 |

The Transport Department (TD) has been closely monitoring the public transport operators in implementing the \$2 Scheme to prevent any abuse. TD has put in place a series of monitoring measures with participating public transport operators, including the establishment of a set of audit standards to strengthen the internal control system and the deployment of TD staff to conduct on-site inspections on the internal control procedures adopted by various public transport operators. The participating public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited are required to submit annually assurance and audit reports on the relevant patronage and differential fare under the \$2 Scheme prepared by independent auditors in accordance with the relevant standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. TD also regularly examines the records and reports submitted by the participating public transport operators and Octopus Cards Limited. If suspected abuse cases are detected, TD will refer them to the Police for follow-up action. Since the implementation of the \$2 Scheme, TD has detected two abnormal cases when examining the relevant reports and the cases were referred to the Police for follow-up action. The Police subsequently instituted prosecution and the three minibus drivers concerned were convicted. The amount of differential fares involved was later returned to the Government by the operators concerned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)252

(Question Serial No. 3007)

Head: (186) Transport Department

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

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The expenditure of Programme (5) of the Transport Department for 2021-22 has significantly increased. Please provide in table form a detailed breakdown of the additional estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The provision of Programme (5) for 2021-22 is \$1,913.1 million higher than the revised estimate for 2020-21. This is mainly due to the additional provision of \$1,885 million for the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), including the additional provisions for the differential fare reimbursable in the year in respect of beneficiaries aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities and the differential fare reimbursable in the first quarter of 2022 upon the enhancement of the \$2 Scheme, i.e. extending the \$2 scheme to beneficiaries aged 60 to 64 and to red minibuses, kaitos and the tramways, and the relevant administrative cost. Besides, the increased provision of \$28.1 million for rebus service includes the additional provisions for subventions to rebus operators and related expenses, procurement and replacement of rebuses, and replacement of the existing rebus operating system with a new integrated computerised system and accessories.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)253

(Question Serial No. 0614)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (927) Rehabus services (block vote)

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With the Department purchasing 20 and 12 rehabuses in 2020 and 2021 respectively, a total of 130 rebus scheduled routes in the territory are expected in 2021. What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved in the Government's work in handling and arranging rehabuses in 2021-22? Apart from continuing to purchase additional rehabuses, will the Government take into account the high market demand for rebus services and consider, as a facilitation measure for those in need and a means to save Government expenditure, providing transport subsidy for rebus service users and their carers so that they may choose from other public transport modes? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons and how will the Government solve the problem of shortage of rebus services?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

The manpower and estimated expenditure involved in the Government's work in handling and arranging rehabuses in 2021-22 are about \$173.15 million.

The Transport Department will review from time to time with rebus service operators the operational arrangements including service demand, fleet size, service routes and mode of service to ensure continued improvement of services. In 2021-22, the Government plans to provide funding for rebus service operators to procure 12 new rehabuses for enhancing the dial-a-ride service and introducing new scheduled routes.

At present, eligible persons with disabilities may travel on MTR, franchised buses, ferries and green minibuses anytime for a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(WW)254

(Question Serial No. 0615)

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (166) Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Programme: (5) Transport Services for Persons with Disabilities and Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Miss Rosanna LAW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), please provide a breakdown of the number of beneficiaries by mode of public transport in 2020. In 2021-22, the Transport Department will assist the Labour and Welfare Bureau in enhancing the \$2 Scheme. What are the work details, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

Currently, there are around 1.49 million eligible beneficiaries under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme), of whom around 1.32 million are elderly persons aged 65 or above, and around 170 000 are eligible persons with disabilities.

The average daily numbers of passenger trips under the \$2 Scheme in 2020 are tabulated below:

| Public transport operator | Average daily number of passenger trips taken under the \$2 Scheme |
|----------------------------------|---|
| MTR Corporation Limited | 409 000 |
| Franchised bus operators | 462 000 |
| Ferry operators | 7 500 |
| Green minibus operators | 235 000 |

In 2021-22, the Transport Department (TD) will assist the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) in following up the preparatory work for progressive implementation of enhancement measures under the \$2 Scheme. The enhancement measures include implementing the lowering of the eligible age on the strict condition that persons aged 60 to 64 must apply for and use tailor-made Personalised Octopus Cards (P-Cards) with photo and age eligibility as a prerequisite for benefitting from the concessionary fare, extending the mandatory requirement of using P-Cards to all existing beneficiaries aged 65 and above in the following two years upon completion of the issue of P-Cards to new beneficiaries, and extending the \$2 Scheme to red minibuses (RMBs), kaitos and the tramways on the condition of their strict compliance with TD's monitoring conditions prior to their admission. TD's tasks include working with Octopus Cards Limited and the public transport operators on the detailed arrangements, assisting interested RMB and kaito operators in their preparation for joining the \$2 Scheme, strengthening regulatory measures and disseminating publicity messages to enhance public awareness towards any abuse of the \$2 Scheme, etc.

In 2021-22, TD's estimated staff establishment for assisting the LWB in enhancing the \$2 Scheme is nine time-limited posts to be created. The Government's estimated expenditure on reimbursement of the revenue forgone to the participating public transport operators under the \$2 Scheme is \$2.744 billion, including the differential fare reimbursable in the year in respect of beneficiaries aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities and the differential fare reimbursable in the first quarter of 2022 upon the enhancement of the \$2 Scheme, i.e. extending the \$2 scheme to beneficiaries aged 60 to 64 and to RMBs, kaitos and the tramways. In addition, the non-recurrent commitment mainly for progressive implementation of tailor-made P-Cards for beneficiaries is \$208 million.

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