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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB001

(Question Serial No. 0453)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Government's planning on Qianhai development, please advise:

1. of the Government's collaborations with relevant Mainland departments in attracting more Hong Kong youths to engage in entrepreneurship and employment in Qianhai; and
2. whether the Government will collaborate with Qianhai to launch youth-oriented internship programmes, business start-up training or innovation competitions, thereby enhancing senses of participation and belonging in the Greater Bay Area development among Hong Kong youths.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) currently runs 4 schemes/programmes that support young people to engage in entrepreneurship and internship in Qianhai.

The HYAB, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Human Resources and Social Security Department of Guangdong Province took the lead to establish the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area (the Alliance) in December 2023. The Alliance has nearly 60 member organisations from various sectors in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), including government and public organisations, innovation and entrepreneurial bases, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and social organisations, post-secondary institutions and scientific research institutes, professional organisations and venture funds, such as the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth Innovation & Entrepreneur Hub, providing young entrepreneurs with a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform. As of February 2025, over 160 activities had been organised in Guangdong and Hong Kong by member organisations of the Alliance since its establishment, including the Pavilion and Symposium of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the GBA at the "Entrepreneur Day 2024" organised by HYAB on 5 and 6 December 2024, with the aim of

offering the latest venture information and support to aspired Hong Kong youths in pursuing development, innovation and entrepreneurship in different GBA cities.

In addition, the HYAB and the Youth Development Commission (YDC) rolled out in 2024 a new round of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Entrepreneurship Scheme) and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases (the Experiential Scheme), which provide support for potential Hong Kong young entrepreneurs.

The Entrepreneurship Scheme subsidises NGOs to implement youth entrepreneurship projects, under which young people intending to start their businesses locally and in other GBA cities are provided with entrepreneurial support, incubation services and start-up capital for 1 to 3 years. Under the previous round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we approved a total of about \$130 million to 16 NGOs and 217 youth start-up teams were successfully recruited. They cover a wide range of businesses, including research and development of innovation and technology projects, retail, information technology, healthcare, brand design and education services, etc. Relevant youth start-up teams have started their businesses in Hong Kong, and over 70 of them have also established their bases in the GBA Mainland cities such as Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Foshan. Under the new round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we have approved a total of about \$170 million to 19 NGOs in late 2024, which are expected to gradually launch their start-up projects in the first half of 2025 and provide start-up capital and support services for about 260 youth start-up teams.

The Experiential Scheme subsidised, in its previous round, 12 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the innovation and entrepreneurial bases in GBA Mainland cities, from which about 300 youths have benefitted. Under the new round of Experiential Scheme, we have approved a total of about \$4.2 million to 14 NGO, which will organise 18 different short-term experiential programmes in various Mainland provinces/cities from this year onwards. It is expected that around 600 youths will be able to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the enormous Mainland market.

The HYAB and the YDC also provide funding through the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM) for NGOs to organise internship projects in the Mainland for Hong Kong young people. Participants may experience first-hand the actual workplace environment in the Mainland, deepen their understanding of the employment market, workplace culture and development opportunities there. Under the FSYIM, about 2 600 internship placements are located in GBA Mainland cities, and many of them are in Qianhai, Shenzhen. The HYAB will further enhance the breadth and depth of various schemes/programmes, including strengthening our collaboration with different institutions in the Mainland and major corporates, thereby providing unique Mainland internship placements for Hong Kong youths with different backgrounds, talents and interests.

For matters pertaining to the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme, the Labour Department's reply is as follows:

The Government has regularised the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme since 2023, encouraging enterprises with businesses in both Hong Kong and GBA Mainland cities to employ Hong Kong young people to work in GBA Mainland cities, thereby fostering their career development and talent exchange in the GBA. The Government has been maintaining

close liaison with the governments of the Guangdong Province and GBA Mainland cities (including Qianhai) to support young people to adapt to working and living in the Mainland, and encourage eligible enterprises to provide more quality job vacancies for Hong Kong young people.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB002

(Question Serial No. 0457)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated that the Government will work with the Betting and Lotteries Commission to ensure proper regulation of horse race betting, football betting and lotteries. In this connection, please advise on the following:

1. What are the specific funding plans? Please tabulate the details.
2. As compared with last year, what is the increase in funding for gambling-related public education as well as counselling and treatment services for gamblers with gambling disorder?
3. How is the effectiveness of the use of funding for betting regulation evaluated?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (BDO) (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting, the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. These conditions include that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit betting; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorder; and shall not, in conducting any promotional activities, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that betting is a source of income.

The Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC) is a statutory body established under the BDO. Its function is to advise the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (SHYA) on certain aspects, such as regulation of the conduct of horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery in accordance with the BDO provisions and the corresponding licensing conditions; as well as issuance and revocation of the licences for horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery and variation of the conditions of such licences.

The work on the regulation of horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery is taken up by a team of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Administrative Officer and 1 Executive Officer. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and emoluments involved. The HYAB will continue to work closely with the BLC in 2025-26 to ensure the proper regulation of various authorised betting activities. The manpower and resources involved for such work in 2025-26 will be largely the same as in the past.

Moreover, the Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to fund various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling, including anti-gambling education for young people. The Government also established the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to give advice to the SHYA on the use and application of the PWF.

On counselling and treatment services, the PWF has been funding 4 counselling and treatment centres, namely Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Even Centre, Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre, Zion Social Service Yuk Lai Hin Counselling Centre and Sunshine Lutheran Centre of the Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, to provide telephone counselling, face-to-face counselling and other professional treatment services for (i) gamblers with gambling disorder and (ii) those affected by them (mainly family members of the gamblers with gambling disorder). The centres also answer enquiries from those in need and members of the public through the PWF's Gambling Counselling Hotline (183 4633). In 2024 and 2025, the PWF's total funding for such work are about \$26.55 million and \$27.13 million respectively. In addition, the PWF has launched an online gambling counselling platform in collaboration with a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to offer, round-the-clock, professional preliminary advice and support to people with gambling problems. In 2024 and 2025, the PWF's funding for such work are around \$4.5 million and \$6.8 million respectively.

On the public education and publicity front, the PWF has been promoting anti-gambling messages through diversified public education and publicity activities to the public, including young people to raise public awareness of the problems arising from gambling addiction. The measures include (i) funding NGOs and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants, for which the PWF's total funding in 2024 and 2025 are \$10 million and \$12 million respectively; (ii) enhancing publicity at school and community levels through the No-Gambling Publicity Truck, for which the PWF's funding in 2024 and 2025 are about \$2.2 million and \$2.25 million respectively; and (iii) conducting publicity work for online and traditional media, for which the total funding in 2024 and 2025 are around \$3.1 million and \$4.2 million respectively.

In addition to the above work, the PWF organises large-scale publicity and public education campaigns when there are mega football events, including the UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, with the aims of further raising public awareness of the problems caused by gambling addiction and promoting no-gambling messages. For example, the PWF's total funding for the large-scale publicity and public education campaign organised during the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period was about \$6 million.

The Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and its secretariat regularly review the effectiveness of the said measures. Through such means as evaluating the outcomes of the sponsored activities when processing the reimbursement claims from the funded organisations, as well as exchanging views with stakeholders, the measures' overall effectiveness has been enhanced. The Government will continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB003

(Question Serial No. 0198)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 of Programme (2) that the Bureau will continue to engage young people through the Youth Link (YL), and will plan and take forward the establishment of a physical platform for interaction in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre for YL members, thereby offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and take part in public affairs. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. How many young people have participated in the activities under the YL and become its members to date? Please set out the age distribution of YL members by District Council district.
2. How does the Bureau engage young people through the YL and offer them opportunities to develop diverse talents? What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved in this initiative? How does the Bureau assess the overall effectiveness of the initiative and set directions for future enhancement?
3. Regarding the plan to establish a physical platform for interaction in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre for YL members, what is the specific planning? How will the Bureau evaluate the efficacy of the platform in promoting youth participation in public affairs? What are the manpower and estimated expenditure to be involved in the Centre?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hok-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

1. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) launched the Youth Link (YL) in September 2023 to link up participants of various government youth programmes, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and participate in public affairs, as well as strengthening their communication, interaction and mutual trust with the Government. The YL currently has over 18 000 youth members and their age distribution is: 42% of them are aged 12 to 17, 45% aged 18 to 25, 10% aged 26 to 33

and 3% aged 34 to 39. We have not collected data on the districts where YL members live.

2. Since the launch of the YL, the HYAB has organised an array of activities for its members. To name a few, the Youth Dialogue on “The Chief Executive’s 2024 Policy Address” and other Youth Dialogue sessions, the historical and cultural exchange tour to Jiangxi Province, the exchange tour “Exploring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Greater Bay Area”, visits to youth hostels and the National Security Exhibition Gallery, some voluntary work in large-scale government events, as well as attendances at international events. For instance, in November 2024 several YL members took part as delegates from Hong Kong, China in an official youth development programme under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in Peru, where they had in-depth exchanges with other youth delegates from various member economies in the Asia-Pacific region. The HYAB has met and exceeded the target of organising and providing at least 10 youth development activities for YL members by end-2024, as the attendances at YL activities have reached over 2 400 to date. We will continue to provide YL members with various types of activities and will organise or provide at least 20 youth development activities for members within 2025.

The HYAB has implemented the YL mainly with existing resources. At present, YL activities are primarily co-ordinated by 1 Chief Executive Manager and 2 Senior Executive Managers appointed on non-civil service contract terms at the HYAB. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

The HYAB has adopted various measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the YL, such as conducting ongoing and regular meetings or exchanges with YL members, as well as gauging feedback and suggestions from youths on YL activities. The HYAB has also selected a group of young people with a sense of responsibility, leadership skills and commitment to serving the community as YL committee members. From the perspectives of young people, these committee members brainstorm ideas for the HYAB and give practical and feasible suggestions on activities, enabling us to better understand our youths’ development needs and expectations for adjusting the natures of YL activities and setting directions for future enhancement, thereby offering YL members more suitable and diverse activities.

3. As mentioned in the 2024 Policy Address, the HYAB will set up a physical platform for YL members in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent Tung Chau Street Temporary Market, which will include youth activity facilities such as multi-function areas, a youth culture and creativity bazaar, and small-scale performance spaces. Our goal is to provide a gathering place for ongoing interaction among YL members, and establish a base for implementing the measures under the Youth Development Blueprint to encourage communication and collaboration among the Government, the Youth Development Commission and young people.

Through organising more diverse activities, the HYAB will strive to attract more young people to become YL members. From time to time, we will keep in view the effectiveness of such activities, review their scopes and draw conclusions from

experience, with the aim of stimulating exchanges among youths and boosting their development.

The HYAB will undertake the co-ordination work for establishing the physical platform for YL members with existing manpower and resources, and will seek approval for block allocation from the Capital Works Reserve Fund for construction, fitting-out and improvement works related to the physical platform. Our target is to progressively commence operation of the physical platform by end-2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB004

(Question Serial No. 0202)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 of Programme (3) that the Bureau will work with the Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC) to ensure proper regulation of horse race betting, football betting and lotteries. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. How will the BLC work with the Bureau and the Police to step up the combat against illegal betting activities in 2025-26? What are the specific law enforcement strategies and estimated expenditure?
2. How does the Bureau evaluate the effectiveness of existing regulatory measures on betting? Are there any plans to introduce new regulatory technologies or policies to address the changes in the betting market?
3. It is reported that the illegal market for offshore basketball betting is rampant. How many resources will be earmarked by the Government to combat the illegal market?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hok-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the existing Gambling Ordinance (Cap. 148) clearly stipulates that all unauthorised gambling activities, except for those specified in the Ordinance, are unlawful. The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) has put in place strategies to combat illegal gambling activities, especially those involving triad-related or organised crimes, in four aspects, namely prevention, education, intelligence gathering and law enforcement. The HKPF closely monitors the trend of these crimes and takes appropriate intelligence-led law enforcement actions against them. To combat crimes related to illegal online gambling, the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau as well as other formations of the HKPF will gather intelligence

through cyber patrols and other channels, exchange intelligence with overseas law enforcement agencies and investigate illegal gambling websites within and outside Hong Kong. In 2024, the HKPF arrested a total of 5 341 persons for various illegal gambling offences.

The HKPF has also strengthened the promotion of anti-gambling messages on various platforms. For example, during the UEFA European Football Championship period in June and July last year, publicity and education efforts were enhanced under the theme of Stay Away From Illegal Betting. The relevant work included holding a press conference on the harms of gambling addiction and producing promotional videos for broadcasting on online and offline platforms. In addition, the HKPF conducts internal training to raise the frontline officers' awareness of the latest development of online gambling activities and enhance their capability in handling such cases.

The HKPF will continue to closely monitor changes in the illegal market for offshore betting, take intelligence-led law enforcement actions and strengthen the publicity and education efforts to combat various types of illegal gambling activities. The HKPF also regularly attends meetings of the Betting and Lotteries Commission to report on the latest progress on combating illegal gambling activities. Since the expenditure on combating illegal gambling is included in the total expenditure under the HKPF's Programme (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime, the HKPF does not maintain a separate breakdown on such expenditure.

Meanwhile, as mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities.

The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB005

(Question Serial No. 0204)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 of Programme (3) that the Bureau will conduct public education on gambling-related issues and provide counselling and treatment services for gamblers with gambling disorder and those affected by them. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Has the Bureau considered enhancing the effectiveness of betting regulation by means of innovation and technology (e.g. big data and artificial intelligence), as well as the use of big data for targeted publicity and public education? If so, what are the estimated expenditures for such measures?
2. How is the effectiveness of existing public education measures on gambling-related issues evaluated? What are the specific evaluation indicators?
3. Are there any plans to step up publicity targeting specific groups, such as young people, to prevent them from becoming pathological gamblers? What is the content of the counselling and treatment services provided by the Bureau for gamblers with gambling disorder and those affected by them? What is the manpower involved in these services?
4. As regards betting regulation and gambling-related issues, how will public engagement and feedback on public education measures be enhanced to ensure that the policies can better meet the needs of the public?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hok-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

On the regulatory front, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) has put in place strategies to combat illegal gambling activities, especially those involving triad-related or organised crimes, in four aspects, namely prevention, education, intelligence gathering and law enforcement. The HKPF closely monitors the trend of these crimes and takes appropriate intelligence-led law enforcement actions against them. To combat crimes related to illegal online gambling, the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau as well as other formations of the HKPF will gather intelligence through cyber patrols and other channels, exchange intelligence with overseas law enforcement agencies and investigate illegal gambling websites within and outside Hong Kong.

Moreover, the Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to fund various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling, including anti-gambling education for young people. The Government also established the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to give advice to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs on the use and application of the PWF.

On counselling and treatment services, the PWF has been funding 4 counselling and treatment centres, namely Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Even Centre, Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre, Zion Social Service Yuk Lai Hin Counselling Centre and Sunshine Lutheran Centre of the Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, to provide telephone counselling, face-to-face counselling and other professional treatment services for (i) gamblers with gambling disorder and (ii) those affected by them (mainly family members of the gamblers with gambling disorder). The centres also answer enquiries from those in need and members of the public through the PWF's Gambling Counselling Hotline (183 4633). In 2024 and 2025, the PWF's total funding for such work are about \$26.55 million and \$27.13 million respectively. In addition, the PWF has launched an online gambling counselling platform in collaboration with a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to offer, round-the-clock, professional preliminary advice and support to people with gambling problems. In 2024 and 2025, the PWF's funding for such work are around \$4.5 million and \$6.8 million respectively.

On the public education and publicity front, the PWF has been promoting anti-gambling messages through diversified public education and publicity activities to the public, including young people to raise public awareness of the problems arising from gambling addiction. The measures include (i) funding NGOs and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants, for which the PWF's total funding in 2024 and 2025 are \$10 million and \$12 million respectively; (ii) enhancing publicity at school and community levels through the No-Gambling Publicity Truck, for which the PWF's funding in 2024 and 2025 are about \$2.2 million and \$2.25 million respectively; and (iii) conducting publicity work for online and traditional media, for which the total funding in 2024 and 2025 are around \$3.1 million and \$4.2 million respectively..

In addition to the above work, the PWF organises large-scale publicity and public education campaigns when there are mega football events, including the UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, with the aims of further raising public awareness of the problems caused by gambling addiction and promoting no-gambling messages. For example, the PWF's total funding for the large-scale publicity and public education campaign

organised during the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period was about \$6 million.

The Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and its secretariat regularly review the effectiveness of the said measures. Through such means as evaluating the outcomes of the sponsored activities when processing the reimbursement claims from the funded organisations, as well as exchanging views with stakeholders, the measures' overall effectiveness has been enhanced. The Government will continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB006

(Question Serial No. 0392)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the expenditures and effectiveness of the Funding Scheme for Women's Development in the past 3 years;
- (2) of the expenditures of the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) in the past 3 years, and the number of students enrolled and their average age in each of the past 3 years;
- (3) of the numbers of applications for bursary under the CBMP, numbers of successful applicants and amounts of bursary approved in the past 3 years;
- (4) of the manpower and expenditures involved in supporting the work of the Women's Commission in the past 3 years;
- (5) of the manpower, expenditures and work details of the Women Empowerment Fund since its establishment; number of funded projects; names of the funded projects and their respective organisers, project scopes, funding amounts, implementation periods and effectiveness; and
- (6) in 2025-26, how the Bureau will continue to promote family-friendly measures to support working women in achieving work-life balance and improving their mental health, and create an environment conducive to family reproduction.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

- (1) The Funding Scheme for Women's Development (Funding Scheme) provided women's organisations and those non-governmental organisations serving women with funding support to organise programmes and activities conducive to women's development. The Women Empowerment Fund (WEF), established in June 2023, has since replaced the Funding Scheme and thus no funding was approved under the Funding Scheme in 2023-24 and 2024-25. In 2022-23, a total

of 52 projects¹ were approved under the Funding Scheme and the funding involved was about \$4.38 million. Organisations were required to submit activity and financial reports for each funded project, and all the projects met the expected deliverables, including empowering women, bringing their strengths into full play and promoting their awareness on physical and mental health.

- (2)&(3) Launched in 2004, the Capacity Building Mileage Programme (CBMP) is run by the Hong Kong Metropolitan University with the aim of encouraging women of different ages, backgrounds and educational levels to pursue lifelong learning, thereby achieving self-development and unleashing their potential. The expenditure, number of enrolment, average age of students, number of applications and successful applications for bursary, as well as amount of bursary approved in relation to the CBMP in each of the past 3 academic years are as follows:

Academic year	Number of enrolment	Average age of students	Government expenditure (\$ million)	Number of applications for bursary	Number of successful applications for bursary	Amount of bursary approved (\$'000)
2021/22	5 375	59.6	12.5	338	334	115
2022/23	6 711	54.7	12.5	417	413	139
2023/24	8 086	56.4	12.5	769	763	259

- (4) For the period in 2022-23 after the re-organisation of the Government Secretariat (i.e. from July 2022 to March 2023) and 2023-24, the actual expenditures of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) on supporting the Women's Commission (WoC) in conducting the relevant activities were about \$19.12 million and \$27.13 million respectively, and the revised estimate in 2024-25 was about \$34.13 million. Since the re-organisation of the Government Secretariat with effect from 1 July 2022 to 2023-24, the HYAB's work on the promotion of women's development, including the provision of support for the WoC, was taken up mainly by 1 Principal Assistant Secretary (Administrative Officer Staff Grade C) post and 4 other civil servant posts, with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. On 1 April 2024, the HYAB designated the said Principal Assistant Secretary post as the Commissioner for Women Affairs (the Commissioner) and set up the Women Affairs Team. In 2024-25, the Women Affairs Team headed by the Commissioner was staffed by 6 civil servant posts, including Administrative Officer, Executive Officer as well as Clerical and Secretarial Grades staff, with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff.
- (5) The WEF aims to empower women, regardless of their age, occupation, background, etc., to realise their full potential in their respective arenas, ultimately achieving the goal of promoting women's development in Hong Kong. Projects under the WEF are categorised into general projects and thematic projects. Themes under the general projects include assisting women in accomplishing transformations in the job market; enhancing women's awareness on their physical

¹ 4 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

and mental health; helping women to cope with different roles in family and society; motivating women to enhance their personal attributes and achieve full potential; and facilitating the use of new information and communication technology. One-year general projects must be completed within 12 months, and two-year general projects must be completed within 24 months. Thematic projects include the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Exchange Programme (Exchange Programme) and the Programme on Women's Participation in Community Services (Community Services Programme). Launched in 2023-24 and regularised since 2024-25, the Exchange Programme aims to promote women's development by broadening their horizons, deepening their understanding of our country's development, and enabling them to have exchanges with local people. Launched in 2024-25, the Community Services Programme aims to encourage women to make use of their own strength to plan and implement community service programmes, thereby promoting care and inclusion. All thematic projects must be completed within 12 months.

In 2023-24 and 2024-25, 289 projects² were approved under the WEF and the funding involved was about \$43.28 million. The list of funded organisations and projects is available on the WEF website (www.wef.gov.hk). The number of projects and funding amounts by category are as follows:

Category	Number of projects	Funding amount (\$'000)
General projects		
(i) Assisting women in accomplishing transformations in the job market	46	9,810
(ii) Enhancing women's awareness on their physical and mental health	54	9,110
(iii) Helping women to cope with different roles in family and society	17	3,150
(iv) Motivating women to enhance their personal attributes and achieve full potential	37	6,910
(v) Facilitating the use of new information and communication technology	25	3,570
Thematic projects		
(i) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Exchange Programme	93	6,930
(ii) Programme on Women's Participation in Community Services	17	3,800
Total:	289	43,280

Since the establishment of the WEF, 73 approved projects have been completed successfully. The remaining projects are either in progress or being rolled out. The funded organisations are required to conduct a questionnaire survey upon completion of each funded project to collect participants' opinions. The funded

² 15 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

organisations are also required to submit activity and financial reports for each funded project to the Women's Commission (WoC) for reviewing the effectiveness of the project. Moreover, we will deploy staff to inspect the funded projects to help evaluate their effectiveness. The WoC will also review, among others, the utilisation and the vetting mechanism of the WEF to optimise its operation. For the completed projects, feedback from participants was generally positive. They consider that the projects have effectively supported their development in various arenas and that the WEF met the deliverable of empowering women.

The work on supporting the WEF is mainly taken up by Executive Officer grade staff, with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. The WEF-related work includes processing applications for the WEF, organising briefing sessions, monitoring the implementation of the funded projects, processing reimbursement and reviewing the operation of the WEF. As all these staff are required to handle in parallel other work related to women's development, and the operating expenditure concerned is included in the estimates for Programme (2) of the HYAB, there is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure of the WEF.

- (6) In 2025-26, the HYAB will keep supporting the work of the Family Council (the Council) to promote the 3 sets of family core values, i.e. "Love and Care", "Respect and Responsibility", and "Communication and Harmony". Meanwhile, we will strive to promote and encourage the wider adoption of more diversified and flexible family-friendly employment practices in the community. To this end, the Council will continue to conduct relevant publicity campaigns, including the production of promotional videos and radio programmes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB007

(Question Serial No. 0411)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the staff establishment and expenditure for handling the YHS in the past 3 years;
- (2) with a breakdown by non-governmental organisation responsible for each project, of the respective numbers of hostel places offered under the YHS and the details of project development; and
- (3) of the number of completed youth hostels and their respective rental levels, as well as the respective figures on applicants, tenants and occupancy rates.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) is an important youth development initiative. Apart from meeting young people's aspirations of having their own living space, we also hope that youth tenants will benefit through participating in the various support and training activities provided by youth hostels during their stay. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has been proactively implementing the YHS through a multi-pronged approach, which includes fully funding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to construct youth hostels on under-utilised sites, and launching the YHS - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Subsidy Scheme).

There are currently 7 youth hostel projects whose construction is fully funded by the Government. The first 2 youth hostels run by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and the Po Leung Kuk have commenced operation upon completion of construction in 2020 and 2023 respectively, offering a total of over 1 700 hostel places, which account for more than half of the total provision of hostel places under all the projects. Since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme in 2023, 5 projects have been approved thereunder and put into use, providing a maximum of 1 310 hostel places in total. The latest progress and relevant information of the various youth hostel projects are at **Annex**.

Of the 7 youth hostels currently in operation, 2 commenced operation in the fourth quarter of 2024 and the NGOs concerned have been recruiting youth tenants as planned. At present, the monthly rent of a hostel place under the YHS (including the Subsidy Scheme) ranges between some \$2,500 and \$5,900 on average. As at end-February 2025, the 7 youth hostels received over 10 000 applications in total and, except for the usual tenant turnover slots, the average room occupancy rate of the 5 youth hostels that have operated for at least a year is about 85%.

In the past 3 years, the YHS was administered by a team of civil servants at the HYAB (comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer and 2 Executive Officers I) with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and emoluments involved.

Latest Progress and Relevant Information of Youth Hostel Projects

(I) Youth hostel projects whose construction is fully funded by the Government

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Estimated number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress	Actual / projected completion date (year)
1	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) / The HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2	2 Po Heung Street, Tai Po Market, New Territories	80 (78)	Completed and in operation	2020
2	Po Leung Kuk (PLK) / PLK Lee Shau Kee Youth Oasis	18 Tai Shu Ha Road West, Yuen Long, New Territories	1 680 (1 248)	Completed and in operation	2023
3	Hong Kong Association of Youth Development	9 Arran Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon	90 (72)	Construction underway	2026
4	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Junction of Ferry Street and Jordan Road, West Kowloon	592 (579)	Construction underway	2026
5	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	122A-130 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong	302 (210)	Construction underway	2027
6	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Junction of Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long and Yau Tin East Road, New Territories	About 190 (About 180)	Pre-construction works underway	To be advised
7	The Salvation Army	6-8 Salvation Army Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	About 510 (About 510)	Technical feasibility studies underway	To be advised
Total			About 3 444 (About 2 877)		

(II) Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Maximum number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress
1	Hong Kong United Youth Association / BeLIVING Youth Hub	39 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	194 (97)	The project was approved in March 2023 and in the same month that year the first batch of tenants moved in.
2	The Y.Elites Association / Home ² Youth Hostel	8 Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	200 (100)	The project was approved in April 2023 and in June the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
3	Lady Lau Memorial Charitable Foundation Limited / Joseph's House	86 & 88 Apliu Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	84 (42)	The project was approved in July 2023 and in September the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
4	Tin Shui Wai Residents Services Association Fund Committee Limited / Sky One Hostel	8 Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	672 (336)	The project was approved in August 2024 and in October the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
5	Yan Oi Tong Limited / YOT Hub	30-38 Sa Po Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	160 (80)	The project was approved in October 2024 and in December the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
Total			1 310 (655)	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB008

(Question Serial No. 2822)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated that the Bureau will continue to provide support for the Family Council (the Council) in promoting family core values. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. How will the Bureau provide support for the work of the Council in the coming year, and what are the tasks to be involved and their details? What are the estimated expenditures and staff establishment for such support?
2. Does the Bureau have any plans to review the platform of the Council in this financial year, updating it with new objectives and initiatives such as good family building, family education and family values as well as protecting children and young people in their healthy use of the Internet, thereby promoting family core values more effectively?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has all along been supporting the work of the Family Council (the Council) to advocate cherishing family and promote family core values as the driving force for social harmony. Each year, the Council sets a different theme to promote a culture of loving families in the community. For 2025-26, the Council will adopt the theme of "Love Across Generations" to promote, on the foundation of stable family relationships, the passing down of good family culture and virtues to the young generation. The Council will continue to organise programmes and activities relating to the promotion of family core values and a culture of loving families, including promotion through different electronic media, production of family educational videos, and encouraging the wider adoption of more diversified and flexible family-friendly employment practices. The HYAB and the Council will also continue to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations and youth uniformed groups for implementing projects and organising activities related to families through the Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education and the Happy Family Campaign funding scheme respectively. Besides, to enhance the work in relation to family building, family education and family values, the HYAB will work with the

Council to organise the Hong Kong Excellent Family Awards this year to promote good family values to the general public. For 2025-26, the HYAB's estimated expenditure for supporting the work of the Council is about \$26.83 million. The work on supporting the Council is taken up mainly by a team of civil servants at the HYAB (headed by 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C with 8 other civil servant posts including Executive Officers and staff of the clerical grade), with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff.

The HYAB and the Council review and update the content of the Council's website from time to time to promote family core values and a culture of loving families to the general public. For example, in 2024-25, the Council uploaded to its website family educational videos to promote the inheritance of good family values, as well as information on the safe and smart use of the Internet to tie in with the Government's work on promoting the healthy use of the Internet among children and young people. We will continue to review and update the content of the Council's website.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB009

(Question Serial No. 2823)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned that the Bureau will continue to implement the 5-year Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education (the Scheme) in 2025-26. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The annual provision for the Scheme in 2024-25 was \$8 million. How many applications have been received since its launch? What are the details of the community family education projects so funded?
2. Does the Bureau maintain records on the numbers of participants, specific expenditures, progress and effectiveness of the community family education projects funded under the Scheme?
3. Are there any work plans for the next 3 years, and what are the estimated expenditures and staff establishment to be involved? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Family Council (the Council) launched the 5-year Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education (the Scheme) in October 2024 with an annual provision of \$8 million to subsidise non-profit-making community projects in promoting family education. The scope of funding covers various family-related topics to meet the needs of different families. In 2024-25, the Scheme received over 200 applications. The Council is now assessing the applications and their results are expected to be announced in the second quarter of this year.

In the next 3 years, the HYAB and the Council will continue to implement the Scheme to subsidise family education projects of different themes and types. The Scheme will also strive to promote family values and focus on enhancement of family building, family education and family virtues, with a view to enhancing family well-being and social harmony.

The implementation of the Scheme is taken up by the existing staff of the Secretariat of the Council and does not involve additional resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB010

(Question Serial No. 2824)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 204 of the Budget Speech that the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) has provided funding support for women's groups and non-governmental organisations to launch over 240 projects. The Bureau has indicated that in 2025-26 it will continue to run the WEF and continue to enrich the content of the one-stop family and women information portal (the information portal). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. For the past year, what were the total expenditure of the projects funded under the WEF and the staff establishment involved in running the WEF? What were the numbers of participants and key performance indicators of the funded projects?
2. Regarding the information portal launched in the second half of 2024, has the Bureau compiled statistics on its effectiveness since its launch? What were the actual expenditure and staff establishment involved in the past year?
3. Has the Bureau formulated any key performance indicators or work plans for the information portal for the next 3 years? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
4. Does the Bureau have any future plans to introduce retraining courses on the information portal or organise career development talks and seminars for women in order to unleash female labour force and support women in learning occupational skills?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

In 2024-25, a total of 144 projects¹ were approved under the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) and the funding involved was about \$21.9 million. As the funded projects are still being rolled out, the number of participants in that financial year is not yet available. The funded organisations are required to conduct a questionnaire survey upon completion of each

¹ 3 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

funded project to collect participants' opinions. The funded organisations are also required to submit activity and financial reports for each funded project to the Women's Commission (WoC) for reviewing the effectiveness of the project. Moreover, we will deploy staff to inspect the funded projects to help evaluate their effectiveness. The WoC will also review, among others, the utilisation and the vetting mechanism of the WEF to optimise its operation.

Launched in October 2024, the Family and Women Portal (the Portal) aims to provide the public with one-stop information related to women's development and family education, including (i) women's employment and entrepreneurship, (ii) women's health, (iii) women's interests and relevant statutory rights, (iv) family services and information, (v) family education and information on marriage, and (vi) activities related to women's development and family education as well as relevant legal information. At present, the Portal contains information related to women's employment, such as link to the Labour Department's Interactive Employment Service and job fairs, link to courses of the Employees Retraining Board and information on the Continuing Education Fund. In addition, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will from time to time upload to the Portal various feature articles and short videos, in which relevant professionals or women from different backgrounds are invited to provide insights on specific topics, including those on women's employment and entrepreneurship. The HYAB will continue to enrich and update the content of the Portal in respect of aforementioned areas to help the public access relevant information. The total number of page views of the Portal has exceeded 110 000 since its launch 6 months ago. The HYAB will closely monitor the implementation of the Portal and consult the WoC and the Family Council as necessary with a view to keeping the content of the Portal under review and formulating future work plans. In 2024-25, the actual expenditure for the development, design and management of the Portal, the production and updating of its content, as well as the promotion of the Portal was about \$4.6 million.

The implementation of the WEF and the Portal are mainly taken up by the HYAB's Women Affairs Team. In 2024-25, the Team was headed by 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C with 6 other civil servant posts (including Administrative Officer, Executive Officer as well as Clerical and Secretarial Grades staff), with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. As all these staff were required to handle in parallel other work related to women's development, we cannot single out the staff establishment and expenditure for the above 2 initiatives.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB011

(Question Serial No. 2825)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The first Family and Women Development Summit (the Summit) was successfully held in October 2024, and the Bureau has indicated that it will continue to organise the Summit in 2025-26. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What were the actual expenditure and staff establishment involved for organising the first Summit in October 2024? What were the achievements? Has the Bureau reviewed the Summit's effectiveness?
2. Regarding the continued organisation of the Summit, has the Bureau assessed how to take forward the corresponding work? What are the staff establishment, estimated expenditure and implementation timetable to be involved?
3. Regarding the continued organisation of the Summit, does the Bureau have any plans on how to roll out the publicity and promotional work?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

1. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), the Women's Commission and the Family Council jointly organised the Family and Women Development Summit (the Summit) on 9 October 2024. Themed "Women's Strengths in Action, Family Values Across Generations", the inaugural Summit gathered key officials responsible for policies on women or family from different regions, successful women from various sectors, representatives of families from different backgrounds and related organisations and non-governmental organisations as guest speakers to share their experience in promoting women's development and the healthy development of families. The Summit attracted over 900 representatives of women's groups, the business sector and relevant service organisations in Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to register for participation, enabling cross-regional exchanges on women's development as well as family building, family education and family values.

In 2024-25, the actual expenditure on organising the Summit (including expenses for venue rental and setup, event co-ordination and management, inviting guest speakers to Hong Kong, publicity and promotion, etc.) was about \$4.5 million. The preparation work for the Summit was mainly taken up by the HYAB's Women Affairs Team. In 2024-25, the Team was headed by 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C with 6 other civil servant posts (including Administrative Officer, Executive Officer as well as Clerical and Secretarial Grades staff), with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. As all these staff were required to handle in parallel other work related to women's development, we cannot single out the staff establishment and relevant expenditure for organising the Summit.

2. & 3. The HYAB will continue to organise the Summit to listen to stakeholders' views on women's development and the promotion of family education, and facilitate exchanges among stakeholders on related issues, with a view to further supporting the healthy development of families and women's development. We are working on the details (including the schedule, publicity and promotion, specific estimated expenditure, etc.) and will announce the relevant arrangements in due course. The organisation of the next Summit will still be taken up by the Women Affairs Team.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB012

(Question Serial No. 0725)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned that the second Youth Development Summit (the Summit) will be organised in the second half of 2025. Please inform this Committee:

- 1) of the expenditure on the first Summit;
- 2) of the estimated expenditure on the second Summit;
- 3) of the nationality distribution of participants in the first Summit; and
- 4) how the Bureau will invite young people from European countries and the United States to participate in the second Summit, thereby breaking out of the political encirclement by these countries and fostering citizen diplomacy.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) successfully organised the inaugural Youth Development Summit (the Summit) on 10 August 2024 as the opening and highlight of the 2024 Youth Festival. The Summit gathered officials responsible for youth policies from different regions, along with business leaders and representatives of youth organisations as guest speakers, attracting 2 400 young people to register to participate. Among the participants, about 500 were from the Mainland and other overseas locations, with around 70% came from the Mainland. Other overseas locations included Singapore, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand, etc. The HYAB incurred an expenditure of around \$5 million for organising the inaugural Summit.

The HYAB plans to organise the second Summit in the second half of 2025. Key officials responsible for youth policies from different regions as well as business leaders from various sectors will be invited as guest speakers. They will share their valuable experience and the latest development in areas such as technological innovation, culture and creativity, as well as unleashing youth potentials, with a view to inspiring young people in seizing opportunities. We will also expand the scale of the Summit and collaborate with various groups and

organisations (such as Mainland/overseas/local youth groups, youth uniformed groups, support services centres for ethnic minorities, etc.) to invite more youth participants from the Mainland and overseas. These participants may exchange views with local youths from various backgrounds on topics that are of interest to young people, thereby promoting youth development. As co-ordination work of the second Summit is still underway, we are unable to provide its estimated expenditure at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB013

(Question Serial No. 0726)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Provision for 2025-26 is \$150.7 million (15.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2024-25. This is mainly due to the increased provisions for youth development, women and family related initiatives and operating expenses. In this connection, please set out the expenditure items with increased provisions under the revised estimate and their respective provisions.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The increase of \$150.7 million in the provision for 2025-26 over the revised estimate for 2024-25 comprises an increase of \$107.4 million in the cash flow requirements for non-recurrent and capital account items, and an increase of \$43.3 million in the recurrent provision. The increased recurrent provision is for implementing various youth development, women and family related initiatives as well as covering the operating expenses. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will continue to examine, from time to time, the arrangements for various initiatives under Programme (2), with a view to flexibly deploying the provision in taking forward initiatives relating to youth development, social harmony and civic education.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB014

(Question Serial No. 0727)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Will the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau inform this Committee:

- 1) whether the Bureau has met the target under the Productivity Enhancement Programme of reducing 1% of recurrent expenditure in 2024-25, and of the main areas with their recurrent expenditure cut;
- 2) of the Bureau's direction of reducing recurrent expenditure in 2025-26; and
- 3) of the Bureau's number of vacancies, with details of the respective vacancy duration and duties of each of the posts concerned.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- 1) and 2) Under the Productivity Enhancement Programme, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) cut 1% recurrent expenditure in 2024-25 and will cut a further 2% in 2025-26. We will, through re-prioritisation, re-engineering, consolidating internal resources, streamlining procedures and leveraging technology, achieve the overall objectives of the Productivity Enhancement Programme.
- 3) As at 28 February 2025, there were 6 vacancies of existing civil service posts in the HYAB, namely 1 Senior Personal Secretary, 1 Senior Clerical Officer and 4 Clerical Assistants, all belonging to the Clerical and Secretarial Grades. These posts, whose main duties are to provide secretarial or general clerical support, have been vacant for a period from 2 months to 2 years, during which their tasks have mainly been undertaken by other staff members.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB015

(Question Serial No. 0742)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Women Empowerment Fund, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) What is the estimated expenditure for the new round of the pilot mentorship programme? What are the cost for pairing each female university student with a mentor and the number of activities to be conducted by the two?
- 2) Regarding the two-year pilot mentorship programme to be launched this year, how will the Bureau evaluate its effectiveness in promoting women's workplace development? What is the estimated expenditure for the relevant longitudinal studies?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the "She Inspires" Mentorship Programme (the Programme). Under the Programme, local female university students who aspire to pursue a career in professional or business sectors will be matched with women leader mentors to promote women's workplace development. We will organise various types of training, seminars or sharing sessions for mentees, arrange other relevant activities, as well as carry out publicity and promotion. Our initial estimation of the expenditure to be incurred by such initiatives is about \$3.72 million in 2025-26. The expenditure incurred by the Programme does not fall within the scope of the Women Empowerment Fund. We are taking forward relevant preparatory work such as recruiting mentors and mentees, as well as drawing up details of the initiatives.

The Programme will run on a pilot basis for two years and be reviewed afterwards. Upon commencement of the Programme, we will also gauge views from mentors and mentees regularly by various means such as questionnaire survey, sharing by participants or report to monitor the effectiveness.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB016

(Question Serial No. 0831)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under the General Revenue Account of Volume I of the Estimates that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will continue to work with the Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC) to ensure proper regulation of horse race betting, football betting and lotteries. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the respective annual direct expenditures of the HYAB on such collaboration? If there have been additional expenditures incurred by special projects, please also specify the respective expenditures of such projects and their corresponding years.
2. What specific measures have been taken to ensure proper regulation of horse race betting and football betting? What is the approximate manpower involved each year for implementing these measures?
3. Regarding the Government's future plan on working with the BLC to regulate basketball betting, based on the current preliminary proposals, in which areas will the expenditures involved for 2025-26 be used to ensure proper regulation of basketball betting activities? What is the approximate estimated provision for each expenditure item? What is the approximate estimated manpower to be involved for implementing such regulation?

Asked by: Hon CHEN Chung-nin, Rock (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The Government's gambling policy is not to encourage gambling. To address the problems caused by gambling, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation of gambling activities through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education and publicity on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (BDO) (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting,

the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially young people. These conditions include, inter alia, that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit cards for placing bets; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorders; and shall not, in conducting any promotional activity, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that gambling is a source of income.

The Betting and Lotteries Commission (BLC) is a statutory body established under the BDO. Its function is to advise the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs on certain aspects, such as regulation of the conduct of horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery in accordance with the BDO provisions and the corresponding licensing conditions; as well as issuance and revocation of the licences for horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery and variation of the conditions of such licences.

The work on the regulation of horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery is taken up by a team of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Administrative Officer and 1 Executive Officer. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and emoluments involved. The HYAB will continue to work closely with the BLC in 2025-26 to ensure the proper regulation of various authorised betting activities. The manpower and resources involved for such work in 2025-26 will be largely the same as in the past.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB017

(Question Serial No. 0833)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2025-26, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will continue to support Hong Kong young people to start their businesses in Hong Kong and other cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) through the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area and the relevant funding schemes under the Youth Development Fund. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. How many Hong Kong young people are anticipated to receive funding in this financial year? Please list the respective numbers for Hong Kong and other GBA cities.
2. Please list the respective numbers of Hong Kong young people funded in Hong Kong and other GBA cities in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEN Chung-nin, Rock (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

To promote youth innovation and entrepreneurship, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission rolled out in 2024 a new round of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Entrepreneurship Scheme) and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases (the Experiential Scheme), which provide support for potential Hong Kong young entrepreneurs.

The Entrepreneurship Scheme subsidises non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to implement youth entrepreneurship projects, under which young people intending to start their businesses locally and in other cities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) are provided with entrepreneurial support, incubation services and start-up capital for 1 to 3 years. Under the previous round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we approved a total of about \$130 million to 16 NGOs and 217 youth start-up teams were successfully recruited. They cover a wide range of businesses, including research and development of innovation and technology projects,

retail, information technology, healthcare, brand design and education services, etc. Relevant youth start-up teams have started their businesses in Hong Kong, and over 70 of them have also established their bases in GBA Mainland cities such as Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Foshan. Under the new round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we have approved a total of about \$170 million to 19 NGOs in late 2024, which are expected to gradually launch their start-up projects in the first half of 2025 and provide start-up capital and support services for about 260 youth start-up teams.

The Experiential Scheme subsidised, in its previous round, 12 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the innovation and entrepreneurial bases in GBA Mainland cities, from which about 300 youths have benefitted. Under the new round of Experiential Scheme, we have approved a total of about \$4.2 million to 14 NGOs, which will organise 18 different short-term experiential programmes in various Mainland provinces/cities from this year onwards. It is expected that around 600 youths will be able to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the enormous Mainland market.

The lists of funded NGOs and funded projects under the new rounds of these 2 schemes are set out in **Annex**.

In addition, the HYAB, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Human Resources and Social Security Department of Guangdong Province took the lead to establish the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area (the Alliance) in December 2023. The Alliance has nearly 60 member organisations from various sectors in the GBA, including government and public organisations, innovation and entrepreneurial bases, NGOs and social organisations, post-secondary institutions and scientific research institutes, professional organisations and venture funds, providing young entrepreneurs with a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform.

As of February 2025, over 160 activities had been organised in Guangdong and Hong Kong by member organisations of the Alliance since its establishment, including the Pavilion and Symposium of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the GBA at the "Entrepreneur Day 2024" organised by HYAB on 5 and 6 December 2024, with the aim of offering the latest venture information and support to aspired Hong Kong youths in pursuing development, innovation and entrepreneurship in different GBA cities.

Funded Projects under the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (2024-27)

	Organisation	Funded Project
1	Proactive Think Tank Limited	GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme
2	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	YEE 2.0 (Youth Entrepreneurship Empowerment)
3	Youth Concentric Association Limited	Startup Inno Marathon
4	Po Leung Kuk	Star Agent 2.0 - Start-up for Good
5	The University of Hong Kong acting through HKU Techno-Entrepreneurship Core	Tech-Up GBA Innovators Programme
6	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	CUHK Business School - GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Support Scheme
7	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Youth Entrepreneurship Voyage in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
8	The Hong Kong General Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs Limited	Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Youth Start-up Programme
9	Hong Kong Youth Synergy Foundation Limited	HKYS Micro Fund Programme
10	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited	“Fusion” GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Program
11	City University of Hong Kong	CityU Business Innovation Education - GBA Youth Entrepreneurship Fund
12	Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	GBA Youth Start-up and Social Innovation Programme
13	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	HKUST Greater Bay Area Youth Entrepreneurship Fund Program
14	The Education University of Hong Kong	EdUHK Education+ And Social Entrepreneurs Fund – the GBA youth entrepreneur funding scheme 2.0
15	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	PolyU GBA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation Programme

	Organisation	Funded Project
16	Hong Kong Metropolitan University	MetroGBA Startup Support Scheme
17	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	Startup Generation 2.0
18	Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Limited	NewGen Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Phase 3)
19	Smart City Consortium Limited	GBA Youth Entrepreneurship (Smart City) Program

Funded Projects under the HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases (2024-27)

	Organisation	Funded Project #
1	GBA Cultural Innovative Design Association Limited	Mainland E-commerce Livestreaming Marketing Bootcamp
2	GBA Cultural Innovative Design Association Limited	Shenzhen-Hong Kong Youth InnoPrenuer Bootcamp
3	Youth Among The Mainland & Hong Kong and Taiwan Exchange Promotion Association Limited	Youth Make Dreams Come True - Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Innovation and Entrepreneurship Base Training Experience Program (Shenzhen and Guangdong)
4	Youth Among The Mainland & Hong Kong and Taiwan Exchange Promotion Association Limited	Youth Make Dreams Come True - Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Innovation and Entrepreneurship Base Training Experience Program (Guangzhou Foshan Zhongshan and Zhuhai)
5	Wofoo Leaders' Network Limited	The Exploration of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programme 2025
6	Proactive Think Tank Limited	GBA Business Studies Entrepreneurship Bootcamp
7	HKU Techno-Entrepreneurship Core (TEC)	Exploring Nanjing - HKU Techno-Entrepreneurship Study Tour
8	HKFTU Greater Bay Area Social Service Limited	“Navigation-Kongmun” Experiential Programme at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases
9	HKFTU Greater Bay Area Social Service Limited	“Navigation-Waichow” Experiential Programme at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases
10	The Hong Kong Wuyi Association Company Limited	邑深科普好友營
11	The Hong Kong Wuyi Association Company Limited	喜提青創好友營
12	Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association Limited	「敢夢敢創」粵港澳大灣區創新創業基地體驗計劃 2024
13	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Experiential Entrepreneurship Trip: Deep Dive into Beijing
14	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited	Fusion Incubator Experience Program
15	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Greater Bay Area and Yangtze River Delta Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Programme
16	Dynamic Youth of Huizhou Limited	HK Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Experience Tour in Huizhou 2025
17	Hongkong-Hubei Youth Exchange Promotion Association Limited	創在荊楚-香港青年湖北雙創訓練營
18	Lingnan University	Lingnan I&E in Shanghai and Hangzhou

Only Chinese names are provided for some of the funded projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB018

(Question Serial No. 2361)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme (Sponsorship Scheme), the Government provides counselling and treatment services for gamblers with gambling disorder and those affected by them. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. What was the actual amount of sponsorship under the Sponsorship Scheme for 2024-25?
2. What was the anticipated amount of sponsorship under the Sponsorship Scheme for 2024-25?
3. The figures under Programme (3) indicate that the actual number of clients of the Sponsorship Scheme increased from 2 200 in 2022 to 2 687 in 2024, which was higher than the original estimation of 2 500. Has the Government assessed the specific reasons for such an increase?
4. It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that to combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the Hong Kong Jockey Club to submit a proposal. Will the Government increase the number of treatment centres supported by the Ping Wo Fund and the estimated number of clients accordingly? If so, what are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

- 1.&2. Under the 2 annual funding schemes, namely the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants (School Project Grants), the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) has been funding non-governmental organisations and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities. The PWF's total funding for these 2 funding schemes in 2024 and 2025 are \$10 million and \$12 million respectively. The actual funding amount to be disbursed can only be confirmed upon completion of the approved projects when their activity details and expenditures are finalised.

- 3.&4. The increase in the number of clients in 2024 as compared to 2022 is mainly because the demand for face-to-face counselling and treatment services has returned to the pre-COVID-19 epidemic level. In addition, since society's return to normalcy in 2023, the PWF has continuously enhanced its publicity efforts via traditional media as well as online and social media platforms. Such efforts include placing advertisements on public transportation and online platforms, so that the promotion of the PWF's Gambling Counselling Hotline (183 4633) and relevant anti-gambling messages can reach the wider public, and those in need are encouraged to seek early assistance. The enhanced publicity measures have also helped more people in need access and receive counselling and treatment services.

Regarding the regulation of basketball betting, the Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB019

(Question Serial No. 2376)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the expenditures on subsidy for youth hostels over the past 3 years;
2. the sites identified for youth hostel projects, their respective numbers of hostel places, construction progress and dates of completion or projected completion;
3. the figures for the past 3 years on applicants for youth hostels, tenants, occupancy rates and corresponding rents, as well as the situation of tenant turnover; and
4. as the Government indicated in 2022 that it would expand the YHS by subsidising non-governmental organisations to rent suitable hotels and guesthouses for use as youth hostels, the progress thereof.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) is an important youth development initiative. Apart from meeting young people's aspirations of having their own living space, we also hope that youth tenants will benefit through participating in the various support and training activities provided by youth hostels during their stay. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau has been proactively implementing the YHS through a multi-pronged approach, which includes fully funding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to construct youth hostels on under-utilised sites, and launching the YHS - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Subsidy Scheme).

There are currently 7 youth hostel projects whose construction is fully funded by the Government. The first 2 youth hostels run by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and the Po Leung Kuk have commenced operation upon completion of construction in 2020 and 2023 respectively, offering a total of over 1 700 hostel places, which account for more than half of the total provision of hostel places under all the projects. Since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme in 2023, 5 projects have been approved thereunder and put into use,

providing a maximum of 1 310 hostel places in total. The latest progress and relevant information of the various youth hostel projects are at **Annex**.

Of the 7 youth hostels currently in operation, 2 commenced operation in the fourth quarter of 2024 and the NGOs concerned have been recruiting youth tenants as planned. At present, the monthly rent of a hostel place under the YHS (including the Subsidy Scheme) ranges between some \$2,500 and \$5,900 on average. As at end-February 2025, the 7 youth hostels received over 10 000 applications in total and, except for the usual tenant turnover slots, the average room occupancy rate of the 5 youth hostels that have operated for at least a year is about 85%.

The actual expenditures on the Subsidy Scheme for 2022-23 and 2023-24 were about \$3.8 million and \$17.8 million respectively, and the revised estimated expenditure for 2024-25 was about \$39.4 million. The actual expenditure for each year depends on the number of approved applications, the funding amounts for individual projects and their leasing conditions.

Latest Progress and Relevant Information of Youth Hostel Projects

(I) Youth hostel projects whose construction is fully funded by the Government

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Estimated number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress	Actual / projected completion date (year)
1	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) / The HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2	2 Po Heung Street, Tai Po Market, New Territories	80 (78)	Completed and in operation	2020
2	Po Leung Kuk (PLK) / PLK Lee Shau Kee Youth Oasis	18 Tai Shu Ha Road West, Yuen Long, New Territories	1 680 (1 248)	Completed and in operation	2023
3	Hong Kong Association of Youth Development	9 Arran Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon	90 (72)	Construction underway	2026
4	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Junction of Ferry Street and Jordan Road, West Kowloon	592 (579)	Construction underway	2026
5	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	122A-130 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong	302 (210)	Construction underway	2027
6	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Junction of Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long and Yau Tin East Road, New Territories	About 190 (About 180)	Pre-construction works underway	To be advised
7	The Salvation Army	6-8 Salvation Army Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	About 510 (About 510)	Technical feasibility studies underway	To be advised
Total			About 3 444 (About 2 877)		

(II) Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Maximum number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress
1	Hong Kong United Youth Association / BeLIVING Youth Hub	39 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	194 (97)	The project was approved in March 2023 and in the same month that year the first batch of tenants moved in.
2	The Y.Elites Association / Home ² Youth Hostel	8 Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	200 (100)	The project was approved in April 2023 and in June the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
3	Lady Lau Memorial Charitable Foundation Limited / Joseph's House	86 & 88 Apliu Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	84 (42)	The project was approved in July 2023 and in September the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
4	Tin Shui Wai Residents Services Association Fund Committee Limited / Sky One Hostel	8 Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	672 (336)	The project was approved in August 2024 and in October the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
5	Yan Oi Tong Limited / YOT Hub	30-38 Sa Po Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	160 (80)	The project was approved in October 2024 and in December the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
Total			1 310 (655)	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB020

(Question Serial No. 2377)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 in the Estimates that the Bureau will continue to engage young people through the Youth Link (YL). In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the figures on the members recruited, activities and training organised, and participants in each activity since the launch of the YL;
2. of the specific recruitment work, manpower and expenditure to be involved in the coming year, and whether any targets have been set for the annual intake of recruits; if yes, of the details; and
3. regarding the establishment of a physical platform for interaction in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent Tung Chau Street Temporary Market for YL members, of the planning progress of the project, its commissioning date and the services to be provided, and whether activities connected with the Sham Shui Po community will be organised.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

1. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) launched the Youth Link (YL) in September 2023 to link up participants of various government youth programmes, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and participate in public affairs, as well as strengthening their communication, interaction and mutual trust with the Government. The YL currently has over 18 000 youth members.

Since the launch of the YL, the HYAB has organised an array of activities for its members. To name a few, the Youth Dialogue on “The Chief Executive’s 2024 Policy Address” and other Youth Dialogue sessions, the historical and cultural exchange tour to Jiangxi Province, the exchange tour “Exploring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Greater Bay Area”, visits to youth hostels and the National Security Exhibition Gallery, some voluntary work in large-scale government events, as well as

attendances at international events. For instance, in November 2024 several YL members took part as delegates from Hong Kong, China in an official youth development programme under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in Peru, where they had in-depth exchanges with other youth delegates from various member economies in the Asia-Pacific region. The HYAB has met and exceeded the target of organising and providing at least 10 youth development activities for YL members by end-2024, as the attendances at YL activities have reached over 2 400 to date. We will continue to provide YL members with various types of activities and will organise or provide at least 20 youth development activities for members within 2025.

2. The HYAB has implemented the YL mainly with existing resources. At present, YL activities are primarily co-ordinated by 1 Chief Executive Manager and 2 Senior Executive Managers appointed on non-civil service contract terms at the HYAB. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

The HYAB has not set a target for the number of YL members. We will continue to offer more diverse activities through the YL to attract more young people from various backgrounds to become its members.

3. As mentioned in the 2024 Policy Address, the HYAB will set up a physical platform for YL members in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent Tung Chau Street Temporary Market, which will include youth activity facilities such as multi-function areas, a youth culture and creativity bazaar, and small-scale performance spaces. Our goal is to provide a gathering place for ongoing interaction among YL members, and establish a base for implementing the measures under the Youth Development Blueprint to encourage communication and collaboration among the Government, the Youth Development Commission and young people, while maintaining close contact with the neighbouring community. We will seek approval for block allocation from the Capital Works Reserve Fund for the related construction, fitting-out and improvement works, and our target is to progressively commence operation of the physical platform by end-2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB021

(Question Serial No. 1546)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In connection with the international youth exchange programmes, the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, will the Government inform this Committee:

1. with a breakdown by programme/scheme, of the details of each funded project in 2024-25, including the non-governmental organisation (NGO) involved and its funding amount, project content, number of youths benefitted and deliverables;
2. of the implementation and monitoring mechanisms in place to ensure the targeted use of resources by the NGOs and that more young people are benefitted, for instance, by according priority to young people who have never been to the Mainland for study visits; and
3. in view of the significant increase in this year's estimates over last year's revised estimates under this Programme, of the concrete use of the increased resources, in particular, as it is mentioned by the Bureau that there will be a net increase of one post, the rank and job duties of the post; whether the Bureau will make use of the resources to encourage Hong Kong youths to visit more Mainland provinces/cities for exchange opportunities, and launch projects including job attachments, curriculum exchanges and thematic studies; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Man-kong (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. & 2. For 2024-25, the respective expenditures and numbers of participants under the funded projects of the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange, the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM) and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland (FSYIM) are tabulated as follows:

Name of Scheme	2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	
	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants
Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange	24	2 100
FSYEM	76	30 000
FSYIM	113	4 400

The funded non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and funded projects under these 3 schemes are set out in **Annex I**, **Annex II** and **Annex III** respectively.

Upon completion of an exchange/internship project, participants are invited to fill in evaluation questionnaires from which we can gauge their views on the project for monitoring its effectiveness and quality. This will also become part of the track record when assessing the same organisation's applications in the future. Representatives of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission also attend activities (such as concluding and sharing sessions) held locally by the funded organisations to understand participants' views on the projects for monitoring their effectiveness and quality. Based on the feedback collected from the last rounds of participants, over 90% of the respondents considered that the respective schemes have attained the intended objectives and helped them broaden their exposure and deepen their understanding of the Mainland / overseas countries they visited.

We have introduced a number of enhancement measures under the said schemes to encourage more young people with different backgrounds to participate. For instance, under the FSYEM, priority would be given to applicant projects with publicity strategies that target to recruit Hong Kong youths who have never been to the Mainland for exchange activities before.

3. The increase of \$150.7 million in the provision for 2025-26 over the revised estimate for 2024-25 comprises an increase of \$107.4 million in the cash flow requirements for non-recurrent and capital account items, and an increase of \$43.3 million in the recurrent provision. The increased recurrent provision is for implementing various youth development, women and family related initiatives as well as covering the operating expenses. In 2025-26, there will be a net increase of 1 post, which includes the creation of 2 time-limited Executive Officer Grade posts to assist in the implementation of women related initiatives, and the deletion of 1 permanent post.

The HYAB currently provides young people with diverse internship opportunities in the Mainland through various schemes/programmes, including the FSYIM, the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas. These schemes/programme can enable young people to understand first-hand the workplace culture and career prospects therein, set their future career goals,

accumulate work experience and build interpersonal network so as to boost their employment advantage. Apart from internship opportunities, the HYAB also provides young people with in-depth exchange opportunities in the Mainland through various schemes/programmes, including the FSYEM and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme. The destinations of the said schemes/programmes cover various Mainland provinces/cities. The HYAB will further enhance the breadth and depth of various schemes/programmes, with a view to helping young people learn about the major development trends of our country and broaden their horizons.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. HYAB021
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Funded projects under the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange 2024-25

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
1	亞太創建機遇委員會有限公司	環球多面睇・澳洲拍攝分享計劃 2025
2	一帶一路青年發展協會有限公司	接通一帶一路－保加利亞、羅馬尼亞交流體驗計劃2025
3	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「一帶一路大使計劃」－直通尼泊爾2024
4	香港青年培育協會	「新世紀 新科技」德港青年交流考察團2025
5	手把手在世界	古今德國走訪之旅
6	青年・出走	青年・出走・挪威－探尋歷史文化印記
7	香港基督少年軍	英國交流團
8	九龍總商會	九龍總商會新紀元精英培訓計劃
9	香港未來發展協會有限公司	探世界創未來@泰國
10	香港仔浸信會呂明才書院	Annyeong Haseyo Seoulmate
11	香港聖約翰救護機構	柬埔寨青年文化交流之旅
12	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	北歐丹麥文化藝術交流團
13	香港職業發展服務處有限公司	新動力國際青年交流資助計劃@韓國體育經濟篇
14	中華基督教會蒙民偉書院	融合科技與歷史・聚焦克羅地亞新機會
15	香港STEM培育協會	古今穿梭－文化古蹟保育行@泰國
16	香港青年協會青年領袖發展中心有限公司	「山城古國」尼泊爾－可持續發展之旅
17	天水圍香島中學	探索大自然－冰島
18	香港教育協會	衝出香港-澳洲布里斯班學術文化交流團2024
19	九龍社團聯會觀塘地區委員會	「一帶一路」漫遊意大利、瑞士、法國經濟文化交流團
20	香港拓展生活協會	港灣的發展－斯里蘭卡與香港
21	創知中學	當德國與捷克相遇的文青之旅
22	佛教葉紀南紀念中學	青年未來夢－中日友好深度交流
23	青年同心協會有限公司	「一帶一路」巴爾幹半島交流之旅2024
24	伊利沙伯中學舊生會湯國華中學	2024-2025 法國的傳統文化與現代科技交流營
25	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	交融東方之旅：中港青年訪日交流計劃

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
26	香港才能教育基金有限公司	International Coding Exchange
27	國際公民服務團	Ancient Paths Towards a Sustainable Future
28	民主建港協進聯盟	中亞古絲綢之路文化探索之旅2024
29	苗圃行動	「學在尼泊爾」交流服務團
30	香港中華共建協會有限公司	中韓互濟—首爾科技考察交流團
31	中國香港跳繩體育聯會有限公司	韓國跳繩及冬奧體育文化交流團
32	迦密愛禮信中學法團校董會	韓國冬季運動及跳繩體育文化交流團
33	循道中學	Harboring Leadership: A Journey through Cultures, Challenges, and Change
34	青年觀塘、秀茂坪青年團	「一帶一路」新西蘭地理文化融和交流團
35	順德聯誼總會梁銑琚中學	「一帶一路」克羅地亞及黑山交流團
36	粵港澳青年交流促進會	「環球行 看世界」德國「一帶一路」科技文化交流之旅
37	香港童軍總會	「童一天下」青年領袖計劃—荷蘭交流團 2025
38	鄰舍輔導會	韓式步隊「窩」—首爾生活交流團
39	明愛元朗陳震夏中學	一帶一路：葡萄牙經濟文化交流團
40	賽馬會體藝中學	單車帶你看世界—探索蒙古之路
41	環保協進會有限公司	馬來西亞蝴蝶生態交流團
42	民眾安全服務隊	新加坡民防文化交流之旅
43	聖公會呂明才中學	日本經濟文化體驗交流團
44	和富社會企業有限公司	哈薩克「一帶一路」探索之旅
45	慕光英文書院	奧地利捷克斯洛伐克三國音樂文化之旅
46	蒲窩青少年中心有限公司	社區營造考察—探尋日本島嶼與城市
47	潮州會館中學	草原之路與草原之外：蒙古國文化風情探索之旅
48	路德會西門英才中學	哈薩克經濟文化考察之旅
49	天主教培聖中學	萬水千山中日情—關西紀行
50	和富領袖網絡有限公司	澳洲墨爾本、塔斯曼尼亞自然生態保育之旅
51	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	科技橋樑：香港博士與沙特的創新探索之旅
52	港專學院	新加坡交流計劃2025
53	九龍社團聯會	放眼國際・杜拜環保及經濟發展考察團
54	香港帝皇體育會	美學體操及藝術體操國際交流活動2024
55	香港新興科技教育協會	Exchange STEM programs for Hong Kong youth to visit United Arab Emirates (Dubai and Abu Dhabi)

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
56	粵港澳大灣區青年國際總會有限公司、港雋動力青年協會有限公司	齊來認識「人道」教育及服務
57	香港青年學院有限公司	韓國環保科技文化之旅
58	荃灣官立中學	領航未來：中德青年領袖交流與「一帶一路」文化探索之旅
59	亞太科技及創客教育研究會有限公司	「一帶一路」中德教育融合發展的機遇
60	台山商會中學	追尋華僑歷史—以「非遺」講好中英交流故事
61	九龍城青年協進會、九龍西潮人聯會有限公司	「越南探秘」。一帶一路與古絲綢之路歷史文化交流團
62	中華基督教會馮梁結紀念中學	韓國義工服務及科技文化探索之旅
63	中華基督教會基智中學	一帶一路的機遇與互通：探索東歐之旅
64	香港專業進修學校	向大馬出發—自然保育考察計劃2024-2025
65	香港青年協會	比利時體育文化交流計劃
66	香港聖公會何明華會督中學法團校董會	『正向心靈 豐盛旅程』學生大使計劃3.0
67	香港中國婦女會中學法團校董會	從心出發—由歐洲之心看一帶一路的發展
68	香港電腦教育學會	德國科技及文化深度交流團
69	香港小童群益會	澳洲交流之旅—人生就係郊自遊
70	香港浸會大學	吉爾吉斯青年文化服務學習團
71	香港青年領袖學院有限公司	中蒙拍住走—蒙古青年交流計劃2024
72	沙田培英中學法團校董會	哈薩克一帶一路考察團
73	香港真光書院	真光女兒韓國智庫交流2025
74	嶺南大學	2024-2025 亞洲社區經濟青年交流計劃
75	葵涌循道中學	民心相通 與波蘭・捷克結緣
76	聖方濟各大學	芬蘭社會科學交流團
77	香港青少年軍總會	香港青少年軍新加坡歷史及文化交流體驗遊
78	香港五邑總會有限公司、香港鶴山同鄉會有限公司	建構印象僑鄉：中古華城浮世記
79	香港兆基創意書院	哈薩克、烏茲別克中亞古絲路之旅
80	香港中華基督教青年會	「非」常深度遊—聯校南非考察服務團
81	香港救助兒童會有限公司	青少年東京深度交流之旅
82	香港聖公會福利協會有限公司	愛藝青年！韓國文藝考察團 2024

Some of the project names are originally in English. Cancelled projects are not set out.

Annex II to Reply Serial No. HYAB021
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Funded Projects under the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland 2024-25

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
1	亞太科技及創客教育研究會有限公司	走進千年古都西安——香港青少年歷史探跡團
2	雲南旅港同鄉會有限公司	僑親故鄉行——邊陲僑鄉文化遊
3	國際教育(香港)交流協會、華夏書院有限公司	探尋文化根脈·遇見智慧未來——陝港文化雙向交流活動
4	國際教育(香港)交流協會、華夏書院有限公司	千年古都譜新篇 絲路芬芳同燦爛
5	國際教育(香港)交流協會、華夏書院有限公司	走進齊魯大地·培育齊韻少年——魯港文化雙向交流活動
6	愛德基金會(香港)、聖公會聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心	生命故事2024——香港青年赴江蘇考察服務之旅
7	范長江行動同學會	2024范長江行動——中原行
8	范長江行動同學會	2024范長江行動——山東行
9	范長江行動同學會	2024「山河韻·中華行——跟著大文看祖國」江西遊學活動
10	泛亞教育交流中心	湖南經濟文化考察團
11	香港升旗隊總會有限公司	探索中華文化之旅——北京、西安
12	香港升旗隊總會有限公司	中華人民共和國成立75年升旗隊伍交流團
13	政賢力量有限公司	香港青年學生國情培訓計劃(江蘇)
14	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技大學交流團 (團一)
15	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技大學交流團 (團二)
16	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技大學交流團 (團三)
17	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技中學交流團 (團一)
18	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技中學交流團 (團二)
19	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技中學交流團 (團三)
20	亞洲室樂團有限公司	香港青年惠州藝術文化之旅2024
21	欣悅活學協會有限公司	黃埔軍魂·國家安全
22	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗大學交流團 (團一)
23	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗大學交流團 (團二)
24	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗大學交流團 (團三)
25	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗中學交流團 (團一)
26	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗中學交流團 (團二)
27	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗中學交流團 (團三)
28	香港全國青聯委員協進會有限公司	紫荊芳華慶歡騰——建國75週年香港青年訪京交流團

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
29	一帶一路青少年慈善基金有限公司	南京深度生活體驗交流團
30	一帶一路青年發展協會有限公司、武夷之友	聯合國世界遺產遊一武夷山青年文化交流計劃2024
31	一帶一路青年發展協會有限公司	塞上風光—內蒙青年文化交流計劃2024
32	包達三基金會有限公司	2024共創未來香港青年內地交流計劃
33	藍星行動有限公司、香港致和堂有限公司	藍星青年內地交流計劃
34	關愛教育(香港)基金會	嶺南古建築非遺文化研學之旅
35	關愛教育(香港)基金會	嶺南傳統文化及粵劇研學之旅
36	關愛教育(香港)基金會	我國古科學發明及生態環保研學之旅
37	香港國民教育促進會	香港青少年紅色之旅江西行2024
38	香港國民教育促進會	香港青少年紅色之旅福建行2025
39	百仁基金有限公司	「同遊京津」青少年交流之旅
40	香港中文大學	中國創意新媒體學術交流團（第八屆北京師範大學數字媒體創意訓練營）
41	香港中文大學和聲書院	香港中文大學和聲書院—新疆醫科大學2024「魅力新疆」行
42	藝文創薈文化協會	大灣區藝文青年行
43	明愛專上學院、明愛白英奇專業學校	北京今昔—歷史文化考察之旅
44	同心協會	同心同源萬裡行—香港青年江蘇雙向交流計劃2024
45	兩岸青年交流協會	何懼遠方—追夢之旅2024
46	兩岸青年交流協會	扶搖萬裡—追夢之旅2024
47	兩岸青年交流協會	未來可期—追夢之旅2024
48	粵港經貿合作聯會	「彼此尊重，友情永共」—香港學生內地雙向交流計劃 2024
49	民眾安全服務隊	中山佛山探索之旅
50	民眾安全服務隊	寧夏文化之旅2024
51	聚賢薈有限公司	「古今交錯」杭州上海穿梭時空內地交流團2024
52	聚賢薈有限公司	「『故』往今來」北京藝術文化內地交流團2024
53	智源教育基金	南京歷史尋跡之旅
54	中國香港與內地融合發展促進會有限公司	祖國科技振興之旅（香港段和寧夏段）—雙向
55	香港中文大學校友會聯會張煊昌中學法團校董會	絲綢之路(河西四郡)觀星、歷史文化考察團
56	香港中華總商會	粵港青少年交流團2024
57	香港中華總商會	香港大專院校青年大灣區考察團2024

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58	中國香港文化體育旅遊協會	中國內蒙古(烏蘭浩特+阿爾山) 歷史文化、探秘大自然 保護生態文明 6天團
59	文化動力慈善基金有限公司	止戈為武、安全教育
60	香港各界青少年活動委員會有限公司	灣區鵬城，深圳文化之旅
61	香港各界青少年活動委員會有限公司	南粵羊城，廣州文化之旅
62	香港各界青少年活動委員會有限公司	蓉城之秋，四川文化之旅
63	香港各界青少年活動委員會有限公司	河海之津，運城沽上之旅
64	香港明愛	攜手共創新天地內地文化交流體驗
65	愛貢獻有限公司	貴州文化交流及山區探訪活動
66	摘星基金會有限公司	第十五屆梅州市摘星計劃啟動儀式暨梅港青年交流團。
67	民主建港協進聯盟、青年同心協會有限公司	內蒙古歷史文化探索之旅2024
68	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第一期)
69	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第二期)
70	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第三期)
71	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第四期)
72	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第五期)
73	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第六期)
74	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第七期)
75	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第八期)
76	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來—香港青年惠州交流團2024(第九期)
77	龍傳基金、香港青年協會	高鐵青年號 2024
78	大舜基金	「舜」灣行—佛山青年考察交流團
79	大舜基金	「舜」灣行—中山青年考察交流團
80	大舜基金	「舜」勢看中華—江西青年考察交流團

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81	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—香港青年廣州交流團2024(第一期)
82	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—香港青年廣州交流團2024(第二期)
83	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—香港青年廣州交流團2024(第三期)
84	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—香港青年深圳交流團2024(第一期)
85	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—香港青年深圳交流團2024(第二期)
86	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—京津創新科技青年交流團2024
87	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	築夢飛翔—香港青年天津交流團2024
88	東九龍青年社有限公司	夢想「領」航—北京、內蒙古文化考察之旅2024
89	東九龍青年社有限公司	古都義行—西安文化考察之旅
90	創青體育會	球創未來：蘇·港青年體藝文化交流之旅
91	創青體育會	球創未來：魯·港青年體藝文化交流之旅
92	新界青年聯會	「情繫祖國—天津科技與歷史文化之旅」
93	新界青年聯會	香江之曦—內蒙古「綠色發展·文化探索」交流考察計劃
94	四川之友協會(香港)	港川青年學生互動交流計劃
95	未來之星同學會	2024「未來之星·香港青少年成都交流團」
96	武夷之友	「港澳青年看祖國」福建行系列活動暨「武夷之友」研學交流活動
97	滬港社團總會有限公司	滬港同心青年都市體驗交流團
98	滬港社團總會有限公司	滬港同心青年經濟探索交流團
99	滬港社團總會有限公司	滬港同心青年藝術創意交流團
100	香港江蘇青年總會有限公司	「錦繡江蘇」香港青年江蘇暑期夏令營2024
101	香港江蘇青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國——大灣區青年體育行之排球文化交流活動
102	香港江蘇青年總會有限公司	南京回訪交流團
103	齊惜福有限公司	探索中華文化之旅—北京、西安
104	藝文發展基金會有限公司	非物質文化遺產考察計劃—雲南之旅
105	藝文發展基金會有限公司	海南區域新經濟開發考察計劃
106	香港北京社團總會有限公司	香港北京社團總會香港青年北京2024城市發展學習團

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107	香港汕頭社團總會有限公司	潮汕文化交流團
108	香港惠陽社團總會有限公司	探索大灣區—香港青年惠州之旅2024(第一期)
109	香港惠陽社團總會有限公司	探索大灣區—香港青年惠州之旅2024(第二期)
110	香港惠陽社團總會有限公司	探索大灣區—香港青年惠州之旅2024(第三期)
111	香港惠陽社團總會有限公司	探索大灣區—香港青年惠州之旅2024(第四期)
112	香港惠陽社團總會有限公司	探索大灣區—香港青年惠州之旅2024(第五期)
113	香港潮屬社團總會有限公司	2024「師友傳承」潮汕交流團
114	粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	粵港澳大灣區中醫養生文化學習研學交流團
115	粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	粵港澳大灣區數字創意人才(KOL)研學團
116	粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	2024川渝數字藝術媒體交流研學團
117	粵港澳大灣區創業慈善協會有限公司	「我們在大山遇上了」系列之貴州行
118	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過—甘肅敦煌文化考察行
119	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過—吉林工業及歷史文化深度行
120	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過雲南歷史及少數民族考察行
121	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過—海南島創業文化考察行
122	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過—內蒙古自治區創業文化考察行
123	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過川渝歷史民族及文化創業考察行
124	大灣區青年發展促進會有限公司	「羽」你同遊・探討中山體育文化
125	粵港澳大灣區文化藝術發展協進會	香島淄城交流團
126	粵港澳大灣區文化藝術發展協進會	追尋航天夢，古都探史跡
127	粵港澳大灣區文化藝術發展協進會	尋夢蘇杭之韻

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128	青途發展社區發展協會有限公司	粵港青少年劍擊交流之旅2024
129	粵港澳大灣區文化交流協會有限公司	嶺南文化非遺研學之旅
130	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	深圳、廣州、佛山環保與可持續發展探索之旅
131	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	深圳、東莞、惠州創新科技發展之旅
132	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	珠海創新科技、航空航天探索之旅
133	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	潮州非遺文化體驗之旅
134	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	貴州科技及少數民族文化交流之旅
135	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	福建世界遺產及歷史文化探索之旅
136	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	廣西壯族自治區生態、經濟及文化考察之旅
137	香港青聯學生交流網絡有限公司	吳韻漢風，江蘇文化交流團
138	香港行政學院	燦爛千陽—香港青年內地雙向交流2024
139	香港行政學院	江南探秘—香港青年內地交流2024
140	香港青少年發展聯會有限公司	北京創科及航天青少年交流計劃2024
141	香港恒生大學	「學貴有恆—大灣區」事業發展考察團2024
142	香港社區友好聯會	挑戰自我—青年圓夢計劃2024
143	香港社區友好聯會	突破自己—青年圓夢計劃2024
144	香港青年協會	高鐵青年號 永續傳承：雲南文化保育與可持續發展之旅
145	粵港青年交流促進會有限公司	「高飛遠翔」粵港青年明日領袖培訓計劃 2024
146	粵港青年交流促進會有限公司	「創路學堂」香港青年學生公益事業發展考察團2024
147	粵港青年交流促進會有限公司	「講好灣區的故事」活動系列之「鳳城尋蹤」順德歷史文化考察之旅
148	粵港青年交流促進會有限公司	香港青年清遠考察交流團
149	香港教育協會	2024中國東北—瀋陽、鞍山及丹東—非一般的鋼都及東北經濟重心地的生活，經濟及文化體驗交流團

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150	香港迷彩青年會	深潮·文化交流之旅2024
151	香港迷彩青年會	中原·文化交流之旅2024
152	香港迷彩青年會	雲南·文化交流之旅2024
153	香港教育協會	2024走過內蒙大地。草原非一般生活體驗交流團
154	香港歷史文化研究會	廣西人文與科創探索之旅
155	香港職業發展服務處有限公司	新動力青年內地交流計劃@福港體育經濟篇
156	香港職業發展服務處有限公司	新動力青年內地交流計劃@粵港體育醫教篇
157	香港學生活動基金會有限公司	走進「無垠之疆」新疆民族文化探索之旅
158	香港學生服務聯會	走進中國—2024 北京考察交流
159	香港學生服務聯會	走進中國—2024 上海雙向考察交流
160	同心同根會有限公司	探索中華文化之旅—北京、西安
161	香港教育工作者聯會教育機構有限公司	雙向交流系列：港湘兩地青年交流活動
162	揭港青年學生交流協進會	科創文化交流團千年古城揭陽
163	揭港青年學生交流協進會	走進潮汕傳統文化及科創交流團
164	香港教育工作者聯會教育機構有限公司	雙向交流系列：港鄂兩地青年交流活動
165	香港教育工作者聯會教育機構有限公司	雙向交流系列：港秦兩地青年交流活動
166	手把手在世界	「滿」「朝」文化民族走訪之旅
167	香港中華共建協會有限公司	川港共融—共建愛心·文化·民族之情
168	香港文化發展協會	香港青年「匠心追夢·紅色追憶」赴吉林交流團
169	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第一期)
170	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第二期)
171	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第三期)
172	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第四期)
173	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第五期)
174	香港江西社團(聯誼)總會有限公司	「閃閃紅星·江西行」2024香港青年江西交流團
175	香港未來發展協會有限公司	看國家展未來@黑龍江

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176	香港傳承基金會有限公司	從ESG 到 SDG17交流研學團(聯合國17項可持續發展目標)
177	香港傳承基金會有限公司	餐飲業高科技產業發展交流團
178	香港傳承基金會有限公司	廣東省「粵」文化及非遺交流團
179	香港傳承基金會有限公司	國家ESG研學交流團·廣東省站
180	香港傳承基金會有限公司	鄉村振興—農業與「食文化」發展研學交流團
181	香港廣東青年總會有限公司	「G21+2 青年季」——粵港澳大灣區青年足球交流計劃2024
182	香港廣東青年總會有限公司	「G21+2 青年季」——粵港澳大灣區青年籃球文化節2024
183	香港廣東青年總會有限公司、江港青年交流促進會有限公司、國際音樂合奏家協會	「G21+2 青年季」——21 地級市「一小時都市圈」體驗行2024
184	香港女童軍總會	香港女童軍「貴在知心—文化、自然及天文之旅」
185	港雋動力青年協會有限公司	「躍動新世代」大灣區體育產學研交流項目2024
186	港雋動力青年協會有限公司	「青年新創力」 廣州創新創業基地體驗項目2024
187	港雋動力青年協會有限公司、粵港澳大灣區青年國際總會有限公司	「穗港文化」體驗與交流
188	港雋動力青年協會有限公司、粵港澳大灣區青年國際總會有限公司	青年創業環境瞭解與實訓
189	港雋動力青年協會有限公司、粵港澳大灣區青年國際總會有限公司	「灣區動起來」
190	香港優才及專才協會	蓬萊神話探尋之旅
191	香港優才及專才協會	孔孟之約——濟寧文化交流盛宴
192	香港優才及專才協會	華夏之心——武漢文明之旅
193	Hong Kong Shoot Boxing Association Limited	大灣區青年中國武術及文化交流團
194	香港陽光基金會有限公司	廣西壯族自治區 西部之旅
195	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」海寧站
196	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」杭州站
197	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」蘇州站

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198	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」合肥站
199	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」南京站
200	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」無錫站
201	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」哈爾濱站
202	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」天津站
203	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」福州站
204	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」青島站
205	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」武漢站
206	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」西安站
207	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」成都站
208	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」廈門站
209	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」上海站
210	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國，千名博士神州行」寧波站
211	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司、菁陽匯有限公司、國際物業科技共享協會有限公司	神州・新影－江蘇拍攝分享計劃2024 (回訪)
212	香港青少年輔導協會、兩地一心	廣西深度交流團
213	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司、菁陽匯有限公司	神州・新影－浙江拍攝分享計劃2024 (回訪)
214	珠港青年交流促進會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國」珠港青年步操樂團匯演暨國防教育2024
215	香港河南總商會有限公司	絲路文明唐三彩2024香港青年河南文化交流團
216	鄂港青年交流促進會有限公司	鄂港青年交流團－菁英湖北行活動(武漢、神農架)
217	香港青年聯會有限公司	四川一花重錦官城 蜀都文化體驗之旅

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218	香港青年聯會有限公司	西安—長安回望繡成堆 鎬京歷史體驗之旅
219	香港青年聯會有限公司	武漢—芳草萋萋鸚鵡洲 荊楚文化體驗之旅
220	香港青年聯會有限公司	長沙—恰同學少年 瀟湘文化體驗之旅
221	中國香港國際象棋總會有限公司	香港青少年國際象棋上海交流2024
222	中國香港跳繩體育聯會有限公司	繩躍「上海」跳繩體育文化交流團
223	香港人才發展基金會有限公司、香港優才及專才協會	嶺南文化之旅
224	香港人才發展基金會有限公司、香港優才及專才協會	青年薈萃僑都之旅
225	香港人才發展基金會有限公司、香港優才及專才協會	江南水鄉文化之旅
226	香港公眾考古學會有限公司	滬港杭州文博發現之旅
227	香港心理治療總會、萬德學會有限公司	壯志驕陽青少年領袖訓練計劃A團
228	香港心理治療總會、萬德學會有限公司	壯志驕陽青少年領袖訓練計劃B團
229	香港生命科技青年會有限公司、香港無錫商會有限公司	無錫上海「生命科技」青年交流團
230	香港曲江同鄉聯誼會	青年委員會韶關文化交流活動(三天團)
231	香港兒童舞蹈教育推廣協會	舞動大灣區科技探索及文化交流之旅
232	香港東莞社團總會有限公司	莞藉青年千人回莞交流團
233	香港青少年全人發展協會	寧夏綠色科技青年交流團
234	香港青年樂團有限公司	香港青年樂團聲動彩雲之南青年文化交流項目
235	香港科創教育獎勵計劃有限公司	惠州的科技教育及自然探索之旅
236	香港科創教育獎勵計劃有限公司	深圳機器人行業發展探索之旅
237	香港科創教育獎勵計劃有限公司	廣州的城市發展及互聯網科學之旅
238	香港島青年聯會有限公司	環保科技探索及交流之旅
239	香港海員工會	「航程萬裡」上海 香港雙向交流計劃2024-25

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240	香港海員工會	「伴你啟航」集美 香港雙向交流計劃2024-25
241	香港國際青年藝術家協會	粵港澳青少年交流活動
242	香港華僑華人總會	「中港連心、築夢未來」香港青年廣州訪問團
243	香港華僑華人總會	「中港連心、築夢未來」香港青年北京訪問團
244	香港華僑華人總會	「中港連心、築夢未來」香港青年成都訪問團
245	香港貴州文化交流基金會有限公司	貴港青年一家親之足球交流之旅
246	香港準教師協會	華南師範大學教育專業交流計劃2024
247	香港傑出學生協進會有限公司、香港島校長聯會	「探京·溯源」香港島傑出學生北京交流團2024
248	香港山西總會有限公司	閩港青年匯 廈門科技與文化考察之旅
249	香港學生活動委員會有限公司	香港學生領袖高階培訓計劃 愛我中華 北京、河南之旅—國策與民生
250	香港各區專上學生同盟	乘風踏浪—大學生雙向交流2024
251	香港各區專上學生同盟	此行千里，可致廣大—文化交流之旅2024
252	香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	【3Trip】上海多媒體青年內地交流體驗計劃2024
253	香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	【3Trip】京港青年文創交流計劃 2024
254	香港青年交流促進聯會	「愛我中華」青年大匯聚火車團—廣東、陝西歷史文化探索之旅
255	香港青年學院有限公司	山東歷史文化暨服務之旅
256	香港青年學生動力基金有限公司	大灣區青年創新科技交流團
257	香港青年協進會有限公司	「冬日·雪原」內蒙古交流考察之旅
258	香港青年協進會有限公司	「古城·新遊」湖南交流考察之旅
259	香港青年協進會有限公司、九龍地域校長聯會	青年匯聚2024—科技北京考察交流團
260	香港中山青年協會有限公司	2024 青年中山生態農業之旅
261	香港中山青年協會有限公司	2024 青年中山現代農業考察之旅
262	滬港青年會有限公司	滬港同心青年文化交流團
263	滬港青年會有限公司	滬港同心青年探索之旅交流團
264	滬港青年會有限公司	滬港同心青年創意文化交流團
265	青港青年交流促進會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國「香港青年大美青海行」交流團
266	香港華菁會有限公司	青年科創氣象交流之旅

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267	香港華菁會有限公司	東江點滴尋縱惠州行
268	香港華菁會有限公司	重走一大路之杭州亞運遊
269	香港華菁會有限公司	首都AI科創之旅
270	香港職工教育和職業培訓協會有限公司	探索廣西—香港青年技術學院交流團
271	香港青年培育協會	「啟蒙人生」香港學子開筆禮2024
272	香港青年培育協會	傳統工藝VS現代發展@山東
273	香港青年培育協會	粵港澳學生四會春耕體驗營2025
274	香港五邑總會有限公司	熱辣泡泡團之恩平，鵝瀨筋！
275	香港五邑總會有限公司	建構印象僑鄉：在首都遇見五邑
276	香港五邑總會有限公司	『講好灣區的故事』活動系列之僑鄉文化研習班
277	香港五邑總會有限公司、杜葉錫恩教育基金	「講好灣區的故事」活動系列之全國排球半臺山
278	香港五邑總會有限公司	衝出五邑望神州系列：瀟湘何處踏沙行
279	香港青年領袖學院有限公司、亞太創建機遇委員會有限公司	內蒙可持續發展交流考察團2024—盛夏季（回訪）
280	香港青年領袖學院有限公司、亞太創建機遇委員會有限公司	內蒙可持續發展交流考察團2025—初春季
281	學友社	江蘇·長三角考察團
282	學友社	青年社會領袖培訓課程 2024-2025 雲南少數民族考察團
283	香港遊樂場協會	西藏高原深度行—民族文化考察之旅2024
284	香港遊樂場協會	北京內蒙古—跨越塞外文化交流之旅2024
285	香港遊樂場協會	甘肅敦煌—絲路與沙漠文化體驗之旅
286	香港拓展生活協會	才「晉」尋「蒙」·創造機遇·山西內蒙行
287	香港拓展生活協會	「原」是相「同」·龍的傳人·山西交流考察團
288	香港善德基金會有限公司	善德關愛科研青年發展計劃—中國航天之旅2024北京、西安航天科技考察團
289	香港警務處少年警訊	水警海港區少年警訊——2024四川5天歷史文化交流團
290	香港新一代文化協會有限公司、香港大專學壇	清華大學香港學生國情培訓計劃2024
291	香港新一代文化協會有限公司、香港新一代之友	「我的祖國」—京港澳學生交流營2024
292	香港新一代文化協會有限公司	香港青年學生江西考察團2025
293	香港島青年聯誼會	奮身做英雄—青年內地交流2024
294	香港島青年聯誼會	不枉青春勇—青年內地交流2024

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295	香港可持續發展教育學院有限公司	晉風古韻文化交流團—山西世遺非遺深度遊
296	寧港青年交流促進會	寧夏綠色科技青年交流團
297	香港STEM培育協會	西部能源生態探索之旅@新疆
298	香港STEM培育協會	古今絲路文化行@西安
299	香港社區網絡有限公司	尋找家鄉的故事 - 情繫南寧 - 青年廣西交流及義教計劃2024
300	香港聖約翰救護機構	探索貴州交流之旅
301	香港聖約翰救護機構	探索長春交流之旅
302	清港青年交流促進會	「港青、連青」香港青年遊走網上農村考察團
303	國際青年文化交流中心(香港)有限公司	「從『心』出發，認識祖國」港佛青少年交流團2024
304	國際公益法律服務協會有限公司	恰同學少年—看網紅長沙 2024
305	香港國際社會服務社	京華交流知古今
306	香港國際社會服務社	灣區交流到廣州
307	香港國際社會服務社	灣區交流到珠海
308	香港國際社會服務社	灣區交流到佛山
309	互聯網專業協會有限公司	福建科技創新考察團
310	英國機械工程師學會香港分部	2024工程學生青年機遇交流團—廣州、佛山
311	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	南粵雄關 紅色尋根——香港青年人文歷史與自然生態研學之旅
312	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	民族大團結——感受魅力廣西 增進桂港情誼
313	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	時光交匯 文化對話——2024陝港青年文化交流團
314	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	尋紅色足跡 續湘港情誼——2024香港青年內地交流紅色之旅
315	蘇港青年交流促進會	科·夢江南
316	蘇港青年交流促進會	藝海拾遺 金陵廣陵姑蘇非遺文化與保育交流團
317	井岡山教育基金	薪火相傳弘揚中華文明 香港大學生 非遺徽文化 遊學團
318	暨南義工團	雲南民族文化體驗交流團
319	香港金平聯誼會	傳心傳意齊同行
320	海港青年商會有限公司	大灣區青年領袖選舉2024
321	沙田青年商會有限公司	粵港兩地文創青年創業家交流團
322	躍動！慈善基金會有限公司	跨越大中華：從前海到哈爾濱 - 年青人的文化藝術及國家文化交流
323	九龍社團聯會	東成西就@探索絲路

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324	九龍社團聯會觀塘地區委員會	長春、延吉歷史文化交流團
325	九龍青年友好協會	看萬山紅遍—青年內地交流計劃2024
326	九龍青年友好協會	到中流擊水—青年內地交流計劃2024
327	九龍青年友好協會	問蒼茫大地—青年內地雙向交流計劃2024
328	九龍西潮人聯會有限公司	湘黔尋蹤文化考察之旅
329	九龍東潮人聯會有限公司	潮汕文化交流團—尋找家鄉的故事2024
330	九龍東潮人聯會有限公司	青春潮動雲南之旅
331	堅料網義工團服務基金有限公司	堅青研學體驗行
332	九龍青年聯席會議有限公司	「河西走廊」青海甘肅文化考察團
333	大嶼山區少年警訊	肇慶科技文化考察之旅
334	百年樹人慈善基金有限公司、蘇港青年交流促進會	「手牽手 向前走」深港青少年冰球交流活動
335	勵心服務協會	江浙情懷紹興研學
336	聯協社會服務處有限公司	「呼」喚你・草原見—香港青年內蒙深度行
337	新一代菁英協會	結伴行踏千山—香港青年創新創業雙向交流團2024
338	國民教育學會	粵港澳大灣區—江門開平華僑文化雙向交流
339	國民教育學會	一帶一路—武漢歷史文化雙向交流
340	國民教育學會	一帶一路—香港與廈門泉州歷史文化雙向交流
341	好日子協會	2024湘港兩地青年情(長沙理工大學)
342	新青年論壇有限公司、青年新世界有限公司	龍願2024青年交流計劃
343	新青年論壇有限公司	創科創意產業交流團2024
344	新家園協會有限公司	「族」夢之情・由「港」出發青年交流團一2024
345	新家園協會有限公司	「族」夢之情・由「港」出發青年交流團二2024
346	新家園協會有限公司	「四海一家 浙港同行」青年交流活動
347	新家園協會有限公司、新青匯有限公司	嶺南水鄉文化體驗學習之旅(一)
348	新界青年學會	「致意青春」—香港學生交流計劃2024
349	新界青年學會	「致意未來」—香港學生交流計劃2024
350	新界青年學會	「致意成長」—香港學生交流計劃2024
351	奧林匹克教育協會有限公司	南京文化歷史之旅
352	東方之珠義工團有限公司	探訪雄安新區文化，樂賞未來之城畫卷，青年交流團

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353	東方之珠義工團有限公司	探訪雄安新區文化，樂賞未來之城畫卷，親子交流團
354	明匯智庫有限公司	明日新星青年領袖培訓計劃2024
355	明匯智庫有限公司	中國航天科技考察團2024
356	明匯智庫有限公司	湖北創新發展考察團2024
357	保良局	智慧啟杭—杭州創新創業交流團
358	保良局	銀幕青春—探索湖南短視頻製作之旅
359	保良局	穿越中原—河南非遺文創傳承學習營
360	博愛醫院	大灣區青年新媒體交流團
361	正觀念協會	2024玉林香港兩地青年情(玉林師範)
362	正觀念協會	2024桂港兩地青年情(奎光學校)
363	香港深圳社團總會有限公司	認識華夏古都—西安研學之旅
364	香港深圳社團總會有限公司	四川探「寶」之旅
365	香港深圳社團總會有限公司	絲綢之路—甘肅·港區青年行
366	香港優質師友網絡有限公司、香港警務處東九龍總區	京津科技文化交流團
367	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗·大灣區體育運動交流團 - I
368	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗·大灣區體育運動交流團 - II
369	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗·大灣區體育運動交流團 - III
370	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗·GX文化之旅~遇上國潮@北京
371	新一代視野協會	2024閩港兩地青年情(福建醫科大學)
372	新一代視野協會	2024閩港兩地青年情(泉州資訊工程學院)
373	中國香港體育協會暨奧林匹克委員會、香港地區體育會聯會有限公司	2024年度「五環閃耀」青少年天津交流團計劃
374	西貢文化中心	香港青少年山東文化交流團2024
375	社企苗慈善會有限公司、大灣區青年新動力有限公司	國家安全與我(一)
376	社企苗慈善會有限公司、大灣區青年新動力有限公司	國家安全與我(二)

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377	跨文化研究學會	跨文化之旅2024 - 非遺發現計劃「夢回千年之襄陽：探尋中國古城的歷史底蘊與文化魅力」之旅
378	跨文化研究學會	跨文化之旅2024 - 非遺發現計劃「長卷繪史畫、夢回古戰場」之旅
379	跨文化研究學會	跨文化之旅2024 - 非遺發現計劃 以茶為媒香飄「一帶一路」之旅
380	心意習	廣西少數民族文化歷史交流考察團
381	心意習	寧夏青海·絲綢之路文化交流之旅
382	沙田區少年警訊名譽會長會	國情全接觸交流團
383	苗圃行動	苗圃行動「上海發展新天地」學習交流團
384	創知中學	聚焦十四五規劃與新疆發展・探索新疆無窮之路深度行
385	帶TEEN童路	「帶」TEEN 童「路」寧夏古今文化交流團
386	青年觸角	人生的風采—青年交流團2024
387	青年觸角	夢飛揚—學生內地交流2024
388	大公之友	2024范長江行動——內蒙古行
389	大公之友	2024范長江行動——江西行
390	大公之友	2024范長江行動——甘肅行
391	大公之友	2024范長江行動——福建行
392	展能協會	2024貴港兩地青年情(貴州教協)
393	展能協會	2024貴港兩地青年情(貴州醫科大學)
394	屯門體育會有限公司	2024雲南昆明足球技術交流團
395	屯門婦聯有限公司	「盛世長安」古都文化體驗之旅
396	天水圍婦聯有限公司	青年夢·絲路情·西安行
397	東華三院馮黃鳳亭中學	齊魯閱讀及國情文化考察之旅
398	香港大學學生素質拓展聯合會	博學而不窮—香港學生內地交流團2024
399	香港大學學生素質拓展聯合會	篤行而不倦—香港學生交流團2024
400	兩地一心	貴州科技、民族文化探索之旅 I
401	兩地一心	貴州科技、民族文化探索之旅 II
402	兩地一心	從「天眼」看貴州
403	香港大學、京港學術交流中心有限公司	探索大灣區：本地與非本地大學生之深圳文化之旅
404	和富領袖網絡有限公司	「和你一起。翱翔萬裡」雲南少數民族文化體驗暨服務之旅
405	和富社會企業有限公司	甘肅絲路歷史文化暨服務之旅
406	黃埔軍校慈善有限公司	青少年軍事文化體驗營

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407	永恒教育基金有限公司	同心合力，共創明天——杭港青少年志願工作者雙向交流考察之旅
408	永恒教育基金有限公司	同心合力，共創明天——桂港青少年志願工作者雙向交流考察之旅
409	永恒教育基金有限公司	同心合力，共創明天——深港青少年志願工作者雙向交流考察之旅
410	永恒教育基金有限公司	同心合力，共創明天——莞港青少年志願工作者雙向交流考察之旅
411	世壹體育協會有限公司	粵港青少年劍擊交流
412	華夏書院有限公司	走進大灣區——莞邑文化雙向交流
413	香港菁英會有限公司、香港福建社團聯會有限公司	「港澳青年訪閩團」—2024-25年度「青年內地交流資助計劃」
414	香港菁英會有限公司	「築夢灣區菁英研學團」—2024-25年度「青年內地交流資助計劃」
415	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	2024 香港青年看祖國—追夢中華·美好安徽文化國情交流周
416	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	2024 香港青年看祖國—長三角淮通海文化國情交流周
417	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	2024 香港青年看祖國首都北京國情文化交流周
418	青年守護基金有限公司、茂港青年交流促進會	茂港青年文旅生態研學交流團 2024
419	香港基督教青年會	點滴成川 服務交流團2025
420	香港基督教青年會	上海科技及文化交流之旅
421	秀茂坪青年團	「一帶一路」內蒙古地理文化融合交流團
422	青年·出走	青年·出走·內蒙—少數民族生態行
423	青年·出走	天津「玩下學下一航空航天篇」交流團
424	青年·出走	青年·出走·現代絲路
425	青苗基金會有限公司	學生暑期京港工作交流計劃
426	青年新世界有限公司	青年新體驗—內地大學體驗交流計劃2024
427	青年新世界有限公司	北京逆流挑戰2024
428	青年新世界有限公司	青年新體驗—內地專業體育學校體驗交流計劃2025
429	青年創夢持續培訓中心有限公司	第六屆 免費-少林武術、歷史文化、義教服務 雙向交流團
430	元朗區體育會有限公司	龍崗游泳夏令營2024
431	元朗區體育會有限公司	龍崗羽毛球夏令營2024
432	青雲薈有限公司	「眼睛看世界」2024青城之旅——香港青年內蒙古交流團

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433	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・新疆烏魯木齊絲綢之路研學交流之旅
434	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・陝西省西安歷史研學雙向交流之旅
435	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・遼寧省大連旅順歷史研學交流之旅
436	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・四川省西昌科技研學交流之旅
437	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・賀州、連南文化體驗及服務學習之旅
438	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・大灣區同行・惠州體藝及歷史文化之旅
439	圓玄學院妙法寺內明陳呂重德紀念中學校董會	青年夢之呂遊系列・大灣區同行・廣州體藝及領袖培訓之旅
440	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	「青春同心來廣州」香港青少年知行灣區人文交流系列活動 (1)
441	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	「青春同心來廣州」香港青少年知行灣區人文交流系列活動 (2)
442	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	「青春同心來廣州」香港青少年知行灣區人文交流系列活動 (3)
443	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	「青春同心來廣州」香港青少年知行灣區人文交流系列活動 (4)
444	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	「青春同心來廣州」香港青少年知行灣區人文交流系列活動 (5)
445	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	「青春同心來廣州」香港青少年知行灣區人文交流系列活動 (6)
446	香港青年基金會有限公司	「區區有籃TEEN」籃球內地交流計劃
447	香港青年基金會有限公司、香港深圳專業界別協會有限公司	「蟲」「森」出發一環保生態內地交流團
448	香港青年基金會有限公司	《Let's Goal》足球運動內地交流團
449	香港菁藝發展社有限公司	大灣區新興產業考察計劃
450	香港菁藝發展社有限公司	東三省文化產業考察團
451	鳳凰薈	薈聚湖南一長沙韶山探索之旅2024
452	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司	灣區easy go佛山研學非遺體驗團
453	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司	灣區easy go惠州產業研學交流團
454	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司	灣區easy go江門產業研學交流團

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455	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司	灣青easy go湘楚文化交流團
456	泛亞教育交流中心	同心共築中國夢 桂港共融一家親
457	泛亞教育交流中心	上海蘇州經濟文化考察團
458	龍騰志青	中華文化山東交流團
459	藝航文化促進會有限公司	攜手共創—2025香港青年藝航科技文化訪鄂交流團
460	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技大學交流團 (團1)
461	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技大學交流團 (團2)
462	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技中學交流團 (團1)
463	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技中學交流團 (團2)
464	人工智能研究所有限公司	廣州高新科技中學交流團 (團3)
465	亞洲室樂團有限公司	一國兩制青港藝術之旅
466	欣悅活學協會有限公司	「農業科研、國防強軍」一國安認識之旅
467	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗大學交流團 (團一)
468	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗大學交流團 (團二)
469	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗中學交流團 (團一)
470	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗中學交流團 (團二)
471	美好香港基金有限公司	廣州非遺文化體驗中學交流團 (團三)
472	亞太敲擊樂總會有限公司	灣區鼓韻——青年藝術文化交流之旅
473	昇源教育有限公司	從歷史看祖國 長沙歷史文化交流團(團二)
474	昇源教育有限公司	從歷史看祖國 長沙歷史文化交流團(團三)
475	香港安徽聯誼總會有限公司	徽風皖韻·「科創江淮，水墨徽州」·皖港青年交流計劃
476	包達三基金會有限公司	2025共創未來香港青年內地交流計劃—文化考察團
477	包達三基金會有限公司	2025共創未來香港青年內地交流計劃—科創考察團
478	包達三基金會有限公司	2025共創未來香港青年內地交流計劃—經濟考察團
479	包達三基金會有限公司	2025共創未來香港青年內地交流計劃—教育考察團
480	包達三基金會有限公司	2025共創未來香港青年內地交流計劃—藝術考察團
481	香港小童群益會	海南島單車探索之旅
482	藍星行動有限公司	藍星青少年中山交流計劃
483	傳心源	2024小小人生建築師交流團 第一期
484	傳心源	2024小小人生建築師交流團 第二期
485	傳心源	2025小小人生建築師交流團 第一期
486	百仁基金有限公司	糧遊瓊海 農作物科研之旅

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487	香港中文大學	浙江大學「數字賦能、智慧城市」研習營
488	香港中文大學	粵港澳三地高校聯盟文體藝交流團
489	聖方濟各大學、明愛白英奇專業學校	長沙今昔－歷史文化考察之旅
490	聖方濟各大學、明愛白英奇專業學校	西安今昔－歷史文化考察之旅
491	聖方濟各大學、明愛白英奇專業學校	南京今昔－歷史文化考察之旅
492	聖方濟各大學、明愛白英奇專業學校	新疆今昔－歷史文化考察之旅
493	懲教社教育基金	青年內地文化體驗之旅
494	中港教育專業服務有限公司	青年看祖國－浙江站
495	中國香港文化體育旅遊協會	南京5天研學營
496	香港中華基督教青年會	「康」「安」Guide - 西安歷史X旅遊探索團
497	海關YES	「大灣區自然動力尋源」
498	中國星火基金會	香港青年糧食安全教育考察計劃2025
499	民主建港協進聯盟、青年同心協會有限公司	四川城市與文化探索之旅2025
500	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來－香港青年惠州交流團2025(第一期)
501	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來－香港青年惠州交流團2025(第二期)
502	惠州新動力有限公司	大灣區創未來－香港青年惠州交流團2024(第十期)
503	數碼之瞳	【媒體新世紀 2024 上神州 - 青島站《新質青島・電影之都》】
504	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	「築夢飛翔－香港青年天津交流團2024(第二期)」
505	大灣區青年新動力有限公司	「築夢飛翔－香港青年天津交流團2025」
506	夢同行慈善基金有限公司	醫者在「深」、「廣」納仁醫－深廣醫學交流考察團
507	點子生活慈善基金有限公司、亞太新經濟文化總會	「尋一千載文化。承一華夏傳奇」京港青年文化交流
508	東聯社會服務基金有限公司、九龍東區各界聯會有限公司、香港青年培育協會	「大美山東・尋根華夏」山東交流考察團

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509	香港教育大學	泉州海絲文化、藝術與經濟交流團
510	飛鷹體育訓練及教練發展協會有限公司	籃動未來
511	E青基金	滬港兩地青少年文化交流活動
512	齊惜福有限公司	同心同根萬里行2024 科技研學之旅—廣州、南沙
513	香港北京社團總會有限公司	香港北京社團總會香港青年北京2024文化歷史古跡學習團
514	香港汕頭社團總會有限公司	青少年遊汕頭·體驗文化交流團
515	勇愛之家有限公司	佛山青年聯誼會學術文化交流計劃
516	香港雲浮社團聯合總會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國」—雲浮之旅(第一期)
517	香港雲浮社團聯合總會有限公司	「百萬青年看祖國」—雲浮之旅(第二期)
518	全德慈善基金會有限公司	明港青年丹心同聚交流團(一)
519	全德慈善基金會有限公司	明港青年丹心同聚交流團(二)
520	全德慈善基金會有限公司	明港青年丹心同聚交流團(三)
521	香港湖北社團總會有限公司	香港青年湖北武當山太極交流團
522	香港湖北社團總會有限公司	鄂港青年科技交流團
523	香港湖北社團總會有限公司	親子湖北交流團
524	香港晉江社團總會有限公司	「尋楚記 湖北行」2024年香港青年湖北交流團
525	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：江門機遇考察團
526	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：廣州機遇考察團
527	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：深中通道機遇考察團
528	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：河源機遇考察團
529	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：深圳機遇考察團
530	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：川渝雙城考察團
531	教育學院畢業同學會	攜手服務、義教結緣。2025

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532	共童走過有限公司	香港青年・共同走過—浙江創業文化及科技考察行
533	史賓士基金有限公司、童理心	「家、國、情—嵩山少林鍛煉之旅」青少年內地交流計劃
534	大灣區青年發展促進會有限公司	大灣區「網紅」培訓考察團—中山篇
535	大灣區青年企業家協會有限公司	長三角新機遇
536	香港河源社團總會有限公司	河源文化交流團
537	粵港澳大灣區企業家聯盟協會有限公司	「青年匯智，粵港同創」廣州文化體育研學團
538	粵港澳大灣區企業家聯盟協會有限公司	「人文傳承，智創未來」大灣區文化科技創業交流團
539	粵港澳大灣區企業家聯盟協會有限公司	「紀念發展，學創同遊」中山歷史科技交流團
540	宏恩基督教書院有限公司	內蒙古「沙漠變綠洲」探索之旅 2025
541	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	行偉人足跡 探湖湘文化(湖南長沙、韶山行)
542	粵港澳青年交流促進會有限公司	鄭州、洛陽、開封中國歷史文化及人文武術交流學習之旅
543	甘葉慈善基金有限公司	《冬日活力內蒙古民族交流團》
544	香港光澤聯誼會	武夷茶文化交流之旅
545	大使命(國際)有限公司	港青上海文體活動交流之旅
546	大灣區青年科創基金會有限公司	港蘇學生雙向交流計劃——探索牛津文化，發掘新質科研
547	香港青少年發展聯會有限公司	多彩貴州—創新科技之旅
548	香港社區友好聯會	超越自己—青年圓夢計劃2025
549	香港青年協會	迎挑戰 上武當2025
550	香港青年協會	「上海進博會青年義工服務團」2024
551	香港職業發展服務處有限公司	新動力青年內地交流計劃@粵港體育科教篇
552	香港福建社團聯會有限公司	「青春鷺港行」2025年香港青年廈門交流團
553	香港傑出學生協進會有限公司	「港滬.科韻」香港島傑出學生上海交流團2024
554	香港職工教育和職業培訓協會有限公司	探索江門—香港青年技術學院交流團

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555	香港職工教育和職業培訓協會有限公司	探索新會—香港青年技術學院交流團
556	香港職工教育和職業培訓協會有限公司	探索珠海—香港青年技術學院交流團
557	香港五邑總會有限公司	講好灣區的故事活動系列之僑鄉文化體驗班
558	學友社	北京高校考察團2024
559	學友社	成都文化歷史考察團
560	香港婦聯有限公司	珠港同行・創新科技考察之旅
561	香港青少年軍總會	香港青少年軍廣西軍事及文化體驗遊
562	香港河北聯誼會有限公司	香港河北青年會綠色低碳能源項目考察交流團
563	香港國際交流基金會有限公司	星空夢旅—京港青少年航天科技探索雙向交流團
564	香港青年大專學生協會有限公司、浙江旅港青年會	百萬青年看祖國——浙江物流及傳媒之旅
565	香港基督教女青年會	「飛翔吧，西安!」青年義工服務交流團
566	清港青年交流促進會有限公司	「茶是英德紅」文化之旅2025
567	粵港青年交流促進會有限公司	「粵韻探索」廣州佛山文化藝術考察團
568	香港迷彩青年會	雲南·文化交流之旅2024
569	香港穗郊同鄉會有限公司	穗青粵港交流計劃
570	香港青年會	香港青年廣州音樂探索之旅
571	益利樂生教育基金有限公司	廣東社會服務週
572	同心同根會有限公司	同心同根萬里行2024 科技研學之旅 - 廣州、南沙
573	青協基金會有限公司	「愛我中華—香港青年看浙江」浙江省青年交流團
574	香港政協青年聯會基金有限公司	「創新與歷史」香港-成都雙向交流團
575	香港政協青年聯會基金有限公司	「愛我中華—香港青年看浙江」浙江省青年交流團
576	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第一期)
577	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第二期)
578	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國 萬名青年到惠州 (第三期)
579	香港傳承基金會有限公司	「瞭解僑鄉歷史文化，探索灣區產業發展」
580	香港傳承基金會有限公司	「探索灣區創新與智能製造」

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581	香港傳承基金會有限公司	「嶺南韻味：重返歷史的海上絲綢之路」
582	香港傳承基金會有限公司	「探索廣州科技與未來」
583	香港廣西青年聯會有限公司	香港青年探索廣西之旅2024-25
584	香港島各界聯合會、南青鋒	探索成都之旅
585	香港新興科技教育協會	北京創新科技考察研學2.0
586	港雋動力青年協會有限公司	「灣區動起來」香港青年文體旅交流團
587	港雋動力青年協會有限公司	「灣區動起來」香港青年文化藝術交流團
588	港雋動力青年協會有限公司	「灣區動起來」香港青年體育發展交流團
589	香港南區婦女會有限公司	以舞會友深圳三天團
590	香港陽光基金會有限公司	雲南探索學遊之旅
591	香港青少年知行書院有限公司	走進首都·書寫中國——2025香港青少年文化交流營系列之四(北京站)
592	鄂港青年交流促進會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國-鄂港青年交流團
593	香港湖南青年會有限公司	「情系湘港」香港青年五天四夜訪湘之旅1
594	香港湖南青年會有限公司	「情系湘港」香港青年五天四夜訪湘之旅2
595	惠港青年交流促進會有限公司	惠州香港ESG新質量經濟考察團
596	香港廣西柳州市同鄉聯誼會有限公司、香港廣西僑界同鄉社團總會有限公司	2025年度廣西柳州深度文化藝術交流之旅
597	中國香港跳繩體育聯會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國北京行體育界交流團
598	中國香港跳繩體育聯會有限公司	上海國際交互繩深度交流體驗團
599	香港公眾考古學會有限公司	文化多樣性 X 生物多樣性 深度探索之旅
600	香港明德會有限公司	香港青年內地學術文化交流團
601	香港科創教育獎勵計劃有限公司	北京科創藝術文化之旅
602	香港島青年聯會有限公司	傳承齊魯精神—青年文化深度出行
603	香港島青年聯會有限公司、香港學生總會	一帶一路探索之旅(內蒙古站)
604	香港國際青年藝術家協會有限公司	佛山市民間藝術文化交流計劃

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605	可立中學(畚色園主辦)	新疆多元文化深度之旅
606	香港豐喬基金會有限公司	前進青賢路—深圳青年創業發展考察交流團
607	香港藝術中心	廣州藝術文化交流團
608	HONG KONG ARTS EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION LIMITED	「義行廣西·民族同心」南寧青少年文化交流
609	香港東區婦女聯會有限公司	香港青年湖南交流團
610	東區青年聯會有限公司	港青的「電遊」浙江省電競產業與歷史文化深度遊
611	東區青年聯會有限公司	香港青年萬里行2025—內蒙古交流團
612	香港內地學生聯合總會校友會有限公司	湖北經濟歷史文化考察團
613	香港北部都會優秀青少年聯會有限公司	今古廈門·青年交流團
614	香港雲安同鄉會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國—探索東融灣區、一帶一路戰略位置(雲安)第一期
615	香港雲安同鄉會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國—探索東融灣區、一帶一路戰略位置(雲安)第二期
616	香港英德同鄉聯會有限公司	走進世界紅茶之鄉—青少年考察團
617	香港青年發展專才協會有限公司	武當中山尋 - 武當文化考察團
618	香港浸會大學	珠海研學團2024
619	香港浸會大學	上海事業考察團
620	香港長安同鄉會	新媒體運營·中山交流團
621	香港長安同鄉會	特色小鎮運營·桂林交流團
622	中國香港龍舟總會	「龍」情繫祖國 — 廣西南寧龍舟運動暨文化之旅
623	香港廣東客屬社團聯合總會有限公司	尋訪江西-青年探索贛鄘之行
624	香港廣西婦女聯會有限公司、心意習	廣西文化藝術交流 暨粵語尋根之旅
625	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅 (惠州：第一期)
626	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅 (東莞：第二期)
627	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅 (東莞：第三期)

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628	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（東莞：第四期）
629	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（惠州：第二期）
630	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（惠州：第三期）
631	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（惠州：第四期）
632	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（深圳：第一期）
633	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（深圳：第二期）
634	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（深圳：第三期）
635	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（深圳：第四期）
636	香港工商總會有限公司	百萬青年看祖國：大灣區企業職涯探索之旅（東莞：第一期）
637	香港國際教育發展基金會有限公司	2024國際教育考察團－學界青年惠州深度遊
638	香港國際教育發展基金會有限公司	2024國際教育考察團－學界青年浙江深度遊
639	香港國際文藝交流協會(慈善)有限公司、新界校長會教育發展有限公司	黔港文化交流團
640	香港清遠連山聯誼會有限公司	嶺南文化之旅——順德非遺文化交流團
641	香港清遠連山聯誼會有限公司	國情文化探索粵港連心團
642	香港雄安海外聯誼會有限公司	沿著冬奧足跡體悟冰雪文化 青年交流團
643	香港雄安海外聯誼會有限公司	沿著冬奧足跡體悟冰雪文化 親子交流團
644	香港青年事務發展基金會有限公司	國家非遺文化歷史體驗之旅
645	香港青年體育聯合會有限公司	2024青體聯看祖國——珠海太空之旅
646	香港青年體育聯合會有限公司	2024青體聯看祖國——現代農業與營養探索之旅
647	康民協進會	河南歷史文化青年遊

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648	國際青年文化交流中心(香港)有限公司	「從『心』出發，認識祖國」港江青少年交流團2024
649	香港聖公會何明華會督中學法團校董會	雲南科學與文化交流團
650	香港國際社會服務社	柳州文化交流團
651	香港國際社會服務社	東莞文化交流團
652	互聯網專業協會有限公司	江港科創走廊體驗團
653	互聯網專業協會有限公司	安徽合肥科技文化考察團
654	香港扶幼會則仁中心學校法團校董會、奮進(青少年發展)有限公司	青海藏漢文化文流
655	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	灕江畫卷 壯瑤風情——2025桂港青年文化交流團
656	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	豫港同心·追尋華夏文明及十三朝古都之行
657	知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	偉人故里 錦繡瀟湘——2025湘港青年文化交流團
658	凝動香港體育基金有限公司	凝動香港體育基金北京交流計劃
659	蘇港青年交流促進會、一沓紙可持續發展基金會	科·夢江南
660	蘇港青年交流促進會、一沓紙可持續發展基金會	大灣區青少年媒介素養及AI倫理主題交流訓練營
661	蘇港青年交流促進會	錫港創投青年交流團
662	香港金平聯誼會有限公司	港潮青春共創
663	躍動！慈善基金會有限公司	一帶一路：從前海走進內蒙古 年青人歷史藝術文化探索之旅
664	九龍西潮人聯會有限公司	心連心·京港情——懷柔之旅
665	九龍東潮人聯會有限公司	港潮文化尋根團
666	九龍城青年協進會	「港京商匯·經濟及文化探索之旅」
667	堅料網義工團服務基金有限公司	堅青華夏文化體驗行
668	九龍青年聯席會議有限公司	福建平潭「兩岸三地」青年共建之旅
669	觀塘潮人聯會	共創未來·潮港交流團
670	緯祈協會有限公司	香港青年順德行
671	啟良基金會有限公司	【雙城故事】成都香港
672	九龍樂善堂	樂善堂—青年四川交流團2024-25
673	百年樹人慈善基金有限公司	中國民營鐵路發展研修計劃

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674	嶺南鍾榮光博士紀念中學	絲綢之路古今行
675	愛心全達慈善基金	愛心全達慈善基金 廣東省三天交流團
676	忠信基金會有限公司	廣東佛山產學研協會學術文化交流活動
677	忠信基金會有限公司	傷健共融展才能
678	梨木樹居民協會、荃灣葵青區婦女會	青年浙港歷史文化科技之旅
679	生命叢林協會有限公司	海洋新視界：科技與海洋的故事考察團
680	香港壽臣山獅子會慈善基金有限公司	廣州文化藝術X創新科技
681	潤愛同行有限公司、香港菁英會有限公司	「潤愛同行」廣西百色希望小鎮 一項目交流
682	海上絲綢之路協會有限公司	「一帶一路與成都」科技文化探索之旅
683	新一代菁英協會	嶺域風情—香港青年經濟文化交流團2025
684	新一代菁英協會	且行且歌—香港青年經濟文化交流團2025
685	好日子協會	2024-25 漢港兩地青年情(華中師範大學)
686	新界西居民聯會	多彩貴州青年文化體驗之旅
687	東北關注組、社區發展脈搏	「雲南印象：西雙版納—昆明青年交流團」
688	保良局	尊老愛幼—東莞價值觀教育交流團
689	同行明天有限公司	上海經濟發展與城市規劃參訪團
690	同行明天有限公司	廈門鼓浪嶼—海絲文化之旅
691	菁創匯有限公司	香港青年青島科創探索交流團
692	香港優質師友網絡有限公司	香港-重慶創新科技及文化交流團
693	香港華德福教育基金會瑪利亞書院有限公司	錦繡河山祖國交流之旅
694	香港童軍總會	同行未來—香港童軍大露營WE @ FUTURE Jamboree
695	心意習	黑龍江·吉林—探索東北歷史之旅
696	心意習	四川尋「寶」之旅
697	心意習	湖南少數民族文化歷史考察團
698	聖公會莫壽增會督中學法團校董會	內蒙古青年文化交流觀星之旅2024-25
699	聖若瑟英文中學	「中原古都」河南歷史文化考察交流團
700	上海香港聯會有限公司	第七屆中國國際進口博覽會—志願計劃
701	星學匯	星級非遺之路·香港青年福建文化研學團
702	星學匯	香港青年廣西文化研學團
703	屯門婦聯有限公司	【潮韻非遺·匠心文化】高鐵交流團

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704	屯門婦聯有限公司	【錦繡成都·天府之韻】古蜀文化之旅
705	東涌青年會有限公司	穿越古今『尋』源之旅，探索民族復興之路，國家「十四五」規劃青年起航—北京理·想·騰飛交流團
706	東涌青年會有限公司	青年『飛』翔啟航 · 長三角夢『想』行—上海杭州創新之路
707	荃灣青年會	「青出於藍」河南洛陽文化之旅2024
708	天水圍婦聯有限公司	同心共築中國夢 桂港共融一家親
709	泰山學子基金有限公司、香港山東社團總會有限公司	港青山東考察研學營(2025)—齊魯文化體驗行
710	勞聯匯青協會	匯青同行 - 「七彩滇遊」雲南交流考察團
711	勞聯匯青協會	匯青同行 - 「無垠之疆」新疆交流考察團
712	公屋居民關愛會	【百萬青年看祖國】—福建歷史文化交流之旅
713	東華三院陳兆民中學法團校董會	哈齊一瞥—黑龍江省考察團
714	荃灣葵青區婦女會	隴源文化7天考察團2025
715	九龍西區各界協會有限公司	九龍西區各界協會 百萬青年創業家內地考察團(惠州)
716	香港大學	探索大灣區：本地與非本地大學生之深圳考察團
717	團結共融基金有限公司	青年齊進僑鄉文化時光隧道學習之旅
718	團結共融基金有限公司、香港清遠連南同鄉聯會有限公司	共融連南·青年瑤鄉文化交流之旅
719	和富領袖網絡有限公司	「和你一起」遊新疆
720	和富社會企業有限公司	四川自然生態暨服務之旅
721	窩心社區公益服務有限公司	探索互聯網經濟與文創產業發展
722	青新網絡	「遇見貢嘎」四川生態文明考察之旅
723	黃大仙區步操推廣委員會、東九龍青年社有限公司	「踏進惠州·放眼中華」青年交流團2025
724	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	2024年香港青年探尋西域特色民族文化 新絲路新經濟創新之旅
725	青年觀塘	「一帶一路」新疆生態文化融和交流團
726	油尖旺青年社	探尋紅色足跡廣州交流團
727	油尖旺青年社	特色文旅運營·桂林交流團
728	青雲薈有限公司	眼睛看世界2025—從香港到甘肅
729	元朗公立中學	西安蘭州歷史文化交流之旅

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730	元朗青聯有限公司、事事樂慈善基金會有限公司	「東北起風雲」香港青年瀋陽考察交流團
731	青年國際發展會社有限公司、大灣區青年企業家協會有限公司	港滬蘇夢想加速器
732	港清新力量有限公司	千名青年看清遠（英德篇）
733	Y-LOT Foundation Limited	錫港科創交流團
734	青年無限	神州青春行—2025內蒙古交流團
735	薈青社	港青薈灣區
736	青年之源協會	不一樣之旅——內蒙古多面觀交流團
737	歷文薈莪	歷行足跡之西安5天交流團
738	歷文薈莪	歷行足跡之無錫、南京5天交流團
739	鳳凰薈	薈聚北京：文化歷史探索之旅
740	鳳凰薈	薈聚甘青：文化歷史探索之旅2025

Cancelled projects are not set out.

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1	港區婦聯代表聯誼會有限公司、滬港婦女會有限公司	「滬」動創新一香港青年上海實習計劃 2024
2	皖港青年交流促進聯會	皖·尋—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
3	皖港青年交流促進聯會	皖·回—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
4	皖港青年交流促進聯會	皖·在—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
5	香港和諧協會	北國風光—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
6	香港和諧協會	還看今朝—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
7	香港和諧協會	如此多嬌—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
8	藝航文化促進會有限公司	「藝航廣州，創意揚帆」—香港大學生內地實習計劃 2024-25
9	中國港澳同學會	2024香港青年北京暑期實習體驗活動
10	百仁基金有限公司	創業同行體驗實習2024
11	香港中文大學—學生事務處就業策劃及發展中心	寰宇暑期實習計劃—西安文博實習體驗
12	藝文創薈文化協會	「藝點創想」—北京文化創意產業暑期實習體驗計劃2024
13	香港中華總商會	青年滬動。香港青年上海實習計劃2024
14	蔡冠深慈善基金會有限公司	港津新征程—港青天津實習計劃2024
15	中華商略聯合會有限公司	第七屆 職場前「研」—上海暑期實習體驗計劃
16	中華商略聯合會有限公司	「共創未來」香港青年科創實習計劃2024
17	香港中文大學—中醫學院	扁鵲故里·孔孟之鄉中醫實習月
18	民主建港協進聯盟、青年同心協會有限公司	「進一步的天空」 杭州工作實習計劃2024
19	惠州新動力有限公司	動力啟航—惠州實習篇2024(第一期)
20	惠州新動力有限公司、香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司	動力啟航—惠州實習篇2024(第二期)
21	惠州新動力有限公司	動力啟航—惠州實習篇2024(第三期)
22	惠州新動力有限公司、香港島青年聯會有限公司	動力啟航—惠州實習篇2024(第四期)
23	大灣區青年新動力有限公司、惠州新動力有限公司	動力啟航—天津實習篇2024

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24	大灣區青年新動力有限公司、 惠州新動力有限公司	動力啟航—深圳實習篇2024
25	大灣區青年新動力有限公司、 惠州新動力有限公司	動力啟航—廣州實習篇2024
26	未來之星同學會	2024「星動成都·未來之星——香港大學生暑期內地實習計劃」
27	香港江蘇青年總會有限公司	江蘇暑期實習計劃
28	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	創新深圳青年機遇實習計劃
29	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司	躍動廣州青年機遇實習計劃
30	粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	青春「遊」你——遊戲建模師培養實習計劃
31	粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	粵港澳大灣區「星」光有你—KOL達人孵化實習計劃
32	粵港澳大灣區文化藝術發展協進會	傳統文化與現代創新的融合
33	大灣區新思維文化設計協會有限公司、明匯智庫有限公司	「築夢灣區」惠州實習計劃2024
34	大灣區新思維文化設計協會有限公司、明匯智庫有限公司	「築夢灣區」佛山實習計劃2024
35	粵港澳大灣區企業家聯盟協會有限公司	港津新創建—港青天津實習計劃2024
36	香港青聯學生交流網絡有限公司	「共創新未來」暑期實習團2024-2025
37	香港青聯學生交流網絡有限公司	「共創新天地」暑期實習團2024-2025
38	香港青聯學生交流網絡有限公司	金融人才培育計劃2024香港青年內地實習團
39	香港青聯學生交流網絡有限公司	商業人才培育計劃2024 香港青年內地實習團
40	香港行政學院	擁抱京城—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
41	香港行政學院	躍動山城—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
42	香港行政學院	牽手珠江—香港學生內地實習計劃2024

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43	香港文化藝術發展中心有限公司	尋夢・上海灘—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
44	香港文化藝術發展中心有限公司	得志・北京城—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
45	香港工商專業協會	神州尋夢—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
46	香港工商專業協會	南國踏芳—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
47	香港工商專業協會	太湖攬月—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
48	香港恒生大學	「學貴有恒 - 西安」暑期實習計劃2024
49	香港恒生大學	「學貴有恒 - 廣州」暑期實習計劃2024
50	香港社區友好聯會	築夢粵海—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
51	香港社區友好聯會	追夢江南—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
52	香港社區友好聯會	圓夢山城—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
53	香港教育協會	2024青年內蒙古工作實習體驗計劃
54	香港教育協會	2023-25青年內地實習資助計劃—文化創意
55	香港職業發展服務處有限公司	新動力青年實習計劃@房產醫護篇
56	香港職業發展服務處有限公司	新動力青年實習計劃@社福科教篇
57	香港學生服務聯會	新手探粵—香港青年廣州實習計劃2024
58	香港學生服務聯會	少年風蘇—香港青年江蘇實習計劃2024
59	香港學生服務聯會	新手探粵—香港青年廣東實習計劃2024
60	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「尋找我未來」香港青年深圳創新實習計劃2024
61	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司、亞太創建機遇委員會有限公司	北京專業服務實習計劃2024
62	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司、亞太創建機遇委員會有限公司	成都專業服務實習計劃2024
63	香港新一代專業協會	笑傲江南—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
64	香港新一代專業協會	揚威粵海—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
65	香港新一代專業協會	逍遙古津—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
66	香港理工大學	Summer with CPS, SAO 2024 - Work-Integrated Education Programme in Beijing
67	香港理工大學	Summer with CPS, SAO 2024 - Work-Integrated Education Programme in Shanghai (A)
68	香港理工大學	Summer with CPS, SAO 2024 - Work-Integrated Education Programme in Shanghai (B)
69	香港理工大學	Summer with CPS, SAO 2024 - Work-Integrated Education Programme in the Greater Bay Area (Shenzhen)

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70	香港印刷業商會	「印出個未來」大灣區實習交流計劃2024
71	香港山西總會有限公司	「晉港青年匯·山西機遇行」 內地實習計劃2024
72	香港金融專業人士協會	實踐·金融街—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
73	香港金融專業人士協會	叱吒·大灣區—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
74	香港金融專業人士協會	點擊·滬港通—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
75	香港學生活動委員會有限公司	「中國夢」香港青年暑期內地實習計劃2024 - 北京
76	香港學生輔導協會	咫尺京華—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
77	香港學生輔導協會	葉底藏花—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
78	香港學生輔導協會	築巢引鳳—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
79	香港各區專上學生同盟	探粵—香港學生廣州實習計劃2024
80	香港各區專上學生同盟	入滬—香港學生上海實習計劃2024
81	香港各區專上學生同盟	取京—香港學生北京實習計劃2024
82	香港專上學生服務協會有限公司	中國夢·上海—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
83	香港專上學生服務協會有限公司	中國夢·重慶—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
84	香港專上學生服務協會有限公司	中國夢·廣東—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
85	香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	「3TRIP」北京多媒體青年內地實習體驗計劃2024
86	香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	「3TRIP」上海多媒體青年內地實習體驗計劃2024
87	香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	「3TRIP」京港城市更新青年內地實習體驗計劃2024
88	香港青年工業家協會有限公司	YIC「飛越灣區體驗計劃」2024
89	香港青年學生聯合會	鵬城高飛—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
90	香港青年學生聯合會	山城試翼—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
91	香港青年學生聯合會	江南展翅—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
92	香港青年交流促進聯會有限公司	粵港澳大灣區香港青年實習計劃2024—廣州
93	香港青年學院有限公司、和富社會企業有限公司	湖南傳媒實習計劃2024-25
94	香港青年學生動力基金有限公司	「CEO接班人」暑期實習計劃2024—「內蒙古鄂爾多斯」
95	香港中山青年協會有限公司	2024「中山青少年實習團」之「CEO接班人」
96	香港中山青年協會有限公司	2024「中山青少年實習團」之「CEO見習生」

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97	滬港青年會有限公司	滬港明日領袖實習計劃2024
98	滬港青年會有限公司	滬港明日領袖(科技大學)實習計劃2024
99	滬港青年會有限公司	2024滬港明日領袖實習計劃
100	滬港青年會有限公司	滬港明日領袖(內地港生)實習計劃2024
101	滬港社團總會有限公司	滬港青年學生(浸大菁英)實習計劃2024
102	滬港社團總會有限公司	滬港青年學生(嶺大菁英)實習計劃2024
103	滬港社團總會有限公司	滬港同心青年學生實習計劃2024
104	香港華菁會有限公司	神州搵好工—香港大學生北京暑期實習團+師友計劃
105	香港青年培育協會、東聯社會服務基金有限公司	「情繫大灣區心創新機遇」香港青年內地實習計劃2024
106	香港五邑總會有限公司	大灣區文青實習計劃2024
107	香港五邑總會有限公司	大灣區劇本殺實習計劃2024
108	香港五邑總會有限公司	大灣區未來實習計劃2024
109	香港五邑總會有限公司	大灣區+油綠色實習2024
110	香港青年領袖學院有限公司	「創·出未來」北京多媒體及創新企業實習體驗計劃2024
111	香港青年領袖學院有限公司	「敢創·夢將來」北京多媒體及創新企業實習體驗計劃2024
112	學友社	第三屆大灣區社會創新青年實習空間計劃
113	香港志願者協會有限公司	廣東省體育運動探索之旅—青年實習計劃2024
114	香港天津工商專業婦女委員會	港津新時代—港青天津實習計劃2024
115	港雋動力青年協會有限公司	「青雋未來」香港大學生內地實習計劃2024
116	香港青年科學家協會有限公司	大灣區青年科創實習計劃
117	鄂港青年交流促進會有限公司	「才聚荊楚」2024華中香港大學生暑期實習交流計劃
118	鄂港青年交流促進會有限公司	2024華中香港大學生暑期實習交流計劃—文創湖北
119	鄂港青年交流促進會有限公司	2024華中香港大學生暑期實習交流計劃—科創湖北
120	漢港聯誼會(香港)有限公司	2024-25年度「漢港兩地青年實習體驗計劃」
121	就是敢言有限公司、香港海南省同鄉協會	文旅新活力—香港青年三亞文旅行業實習計劃
122	香港教育協會(國際)有限公司	2024-25年香港大學生內地實習計劃—專業服務業—金融
123	香港創業創新協會	京城新貌—香港學生內地實習計劃2024

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
124	香港創業創新協會	浦江新風—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
125	國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司	香港青年內地法律專業實習計劃2024(A)
126	國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司	香港青年內地法律專業實習計劃2024(B)
127	國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司	香港青年內地法律專業實習計劃2024(C)
128	蘇港青年交流促進會有限公司	2024「INTERN 江蘇」香港大學生省級實習計劃(南京·傳媒文化)
129	蘇港青年交流促進會有限公司	2024「INTERN 江蘇」香港大學生省級實習計劃(常州·政府行政部門)
130	蘇港青年交流促進會有限公司	2024「INTERN 江蘇」香港大學生省級實習計劃(蘇錫常)
131	九龍社團聯會	青年躍動·香港青年上海實習計劃2024@創科
132	九龍社團聯會	青年躍動·香港青年上海實習計劃2024@閔行
133	九龍社團聯會	青年躍動·香港青年大灣區實習計劃2024
134	嶺南大學、香港高等教育評議會、香港教育大學、香港青年會	「青年創嶺」大學生創新創意創業培訓及實習計劃2024深圳篇
135	百年樹人慈善基金有限公司、蘇港青年交流促進會有限公司	百年樹人藝術+(南京)實習計劃
136	新一代菁英協會	「渝」情未了一—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
137	新一代菁英協會	「粵」戰越勇—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
138	新一代菁英協會	「皖」美青春—香港青年內地實習計劃2024
139	東方明珠協會	浦江·印象—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
140	東方明珠協會	山城·印象—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
141	東方明珠協會	嶺南·印象—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
142	和風力量	與「佛」結緣—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
143	和風力量	點「錫」成金—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
144	和風力量	得「深」應手—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
145	明匯智庫有限公司	「新機遇」大灣區廣州南沙實習計劃2024
146	明匯智庫有限公司	「新規劃」大灣區東莞實習計劃2024
147	香港童軍總會	「文心童旅」北京實習計劃2024
148	上海香港聯會有限公司	滬港優才(香港教大)實習計劃
149	上海香港聯會有限公司	滬港優才實習計劃
150	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司、香港上海普陀聯會	普陀x祖苗·優才GCE實習計劃(上海~金融法律)

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project [#]
151	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗・優才GCE實習計劃(上海~文博創科)
152	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗・優才GCE實習計劃(北京~金融法律)
153	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司	祖苗・優才GCE實習計劃(北京~文博創科)
154	香港大學生聯誼會	流連・芳草地—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
155	香港大學生聯誼會	徘徊・小蠻腰—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
156	香港大學生聯誼會	穿梭・大灣區—香港學生內地實習計劃2024
157	和富領袖網絡有限公司	北京文化及藝術實習計劃2024-25
158	和富社會企業有限公司	杭州文創實習計劃2024-25
159	香港金融青年會	「金融青年匯」2024暑期實習團
160	香港菁英會有限公司	「實現菁英夢—逐夢八閩」香港大學生內地實習計劃2024-25
161	香港菁英會有限公司	「實現菁英夢—逐夢巴蜀」—香港大學生內地實習計劃 2024-25
162	香港菁英會有限公司	「實現菁英夢—逐夢灣區」—香港大學生內地實習計劃2024-25
163	青年專業聯盟有限公司、香港恒生大學	「CEO接班人」之「遊學上海：創科、會計及金融」暑期實習計劃2024
164	青年專業聯盟有限公司	「CEO接班人」之「遊學上海：行政、管理及市場學」暑期實習計劃2024
165	青年專業聯盟有限公司	「CEO接班人」之「遊學深圳」暑期實習計劃2024
166	青年議會有限公司、香港寧波同鄉會有限公司	香港青年寧波實習計劃2024—明日菁英
167	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	世界500強大國企中冶國際集團和衛星科技公司(北京實習篇)
168	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司	粵港澳大灣區(騰訊、大族鐳射、前海人才中心、律師事務所及高科技上市公司(深圳、珠海實習篇))
169	青年守護基金有限公司	【青年新視野】上海文創產業實習體驗計劃2024
170	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	廣州市「百企千人」—香港大學生廣州實習計劃2024-25 一第一團
171	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	廣州市「百企千人」—香港大學生廣州實習計劃2024-25 一第二團
172	香港廣州青年總會有限公司	廣州市「百企千人」—香港大學生廣州實習計劃2024-25 一第三團
173	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司	灣區實習計劃—廣州篇

No.	Name of Organisation	Name of Project[#]
174	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司	灣區實習計劃－深圳篇

Some of the project names are originally in English. Cancelled projects are not set out.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB022****(Question Serial No. 1903)**Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) District, Community and Public RelationsControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

According to Programme (2) under Head 49 – Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the percentage of performance target for licensing of places of public entertainment has dropped as compared to that of 2024. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. How many licences for places of public entertainment were issued in the past 3 years? Please provide details of the processing procedures, processing time in terms of days as well as the manpower, expenditure and resource involved with a breakdown by licence type.
2. For those licence types involving complicated application procedures and multiple vetting by various departments but with relatively short validity periods, what are the Bureau's plans to streamline such application or renewal procedures? Will multiple-year licences be introduced for certain trades, such as cinemas or theatres, to alleviate the pressure on the manpower resources of the licensees and various government departments, thereby encouraging the market to promote the development of local culture?

Asked by: Hon FOK Kai-kong, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)Reply:

1. For the past 3 years (2022, 2023 and 2024), the numbers of applications for the Places of Public Entertainment Licences (PPELs) (excluding Temporary PPELs) and the processing time were as follows:

Type of approved licences		2022	2023	2024
(a)	Number of applications for PPELs (Cinema/Theatre) ^{Note 1}	5	0	4
	Median processing time (working days) for applications for PPELs (Cinema/Theatre) ^{Note 2}	213	Not applicable	224

Type of approved licences		2022	2023	2024
(b)	Number of applications for PPELs (other than Cinema/Theatre) ^{Note 1}	27	27	43
	Median processing time (working days) for applications for PPELs (other than Cinema/Theatre) ^{Note 2}	124	190	123

Note 1: The number includes applications received in the respective year and the years before. The issue of a licence, which is subject to, among others, the payment of the licence fee by the applicant, may not take place in the same year as the approval of the application.

Note 2: The number includes applications received in the respective year and the years before. The processing time for an application for PPEL is subject to various factors. For example, some applicants submit their applications when the places concerned are still under construction or renovation, and since their licences will only be approved when the premises' construction or renovation is completed, the application processing time will appear longer. The application processing time is also subject to applicants' progress in complying with the licensing requirements. Since premises requiring a full PPEL are generally larger in scale and some premises, such as cinemas or theatres, also involve complex ancillary facilities, the applicants often need more time to comply with the licensing requirements, and the relevant departments also need more time to process the applications.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, there were respectively 133, 134 and 133 staff members responsible for handling applications for various types of licences, including applications for PPELs, in the 3 licensing offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD). The FEHD does not maintain a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved in processing applications for PPELs.

Anyone who intends to apply for a PPEL must submit an application form and the required documents to the FEHD. Upon receipt of the application, the FEHD will conduct an initial screening of the application and site inspection. If the application is considered acceptable in principle, it will be referred to the Buildings Department (BD), Fire Services Department (FSD), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Hong Kong Police Force, etc. as appropriate for comments on, among others, building safety and fire safety. Upon the FEHD's acceptance of the licence application, an Application Vetting Panel Meeting will be arranged within 20 working days for the applicant to discuss with representatives of the BD, FSD and FEHD the application and relevant proposals. Upon receipt of comments from the relevant departments and clearance for the application, the FEHD will issue a Letter of Requirements. The FEHD will issue a licence only after the applicant has complied with all the requirements, including those on health/hygiene (such as toilet facilities and provision of rubbish bins), building safety (such as structural safety of the building or temporary structure and means of escape), fire safety (such as fire safety of the places concerned and the Fire Services Certificate issued by the FSD for such places), etc.

2. The renewal of a PPEL is simple and convenient. The licensee may make an application in person at any Licence Issuing Office or online with iAM Smart via the Online Licence Services website, and the procedures can be completed on the same day. Applicants may also submit the application by post.

The Government's main objective in regulating various types of places of public entertainment is to ensure that the relevant licensing regimes can safeguard public safety and order in these places. The Government understands that the relevant regulatory policy should move with the times. Therefore, in overseeing and implementing the relevant regulatory policy, the Government has not only paid close attention to the operation of the licensing regimes, but also maintained close communication with stakeholders on regulatory and licensing matters. If the regulatory policy is considered to be ineffective in safeguarding public safety and order for a certain type of places of entertainment or not fitting for the latest development and operation of the industry concerned, the Government will consider whether and how to make adjustments to the relevant regulatory policy.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB023

(Question Serial No. 1912)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau launched the Youth Link (YL) in September 2023. On the effectiveness of implementing this initiative, please advise this Committee:

1. with a breakdown, of the activity details and expenditures of the YL to date since its launch, including the respective activity types (e.g. vocational training, cultural exchange or community service), activity natures (e.g. face-to-face or online), venues and numbers of participants;
2. whether the Bureau has maintained statistics on the manpower resources and expenditures involved in the planning, execution and publicity of the various activities, and whether such expenditures align with the planned provisions in the Budget and address the policy objectives concerned;
3. whether the Bureau has set specific indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of YL activities, including survey results on youth participants' satisfaction, actual implications of these activities on enhancing young people's skills and community engagement, as well as activity effectiveness tracked in the long term (e.g. participants' employment rate or their continual participation rate in community activities); if yes, of the details; if not, the reasons and whether the Bureau will conduct a review and set performance indicators for the various activities as soon as possible; and
4. as it is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Bureau plans to establish a physical platform for interaction in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre for YL members, of the specific planning details for the platform, including its functional design, service scope, anticipated number of beneficiaries and implementation schedule, as well as the estimated expenditure and resource allocation for the project concerned.

Asked by: Hon FOK Kai-kong, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) launched the Youth Link (YL) in September 2023 to link up participants of various government youth programmes, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and participate in public affairs, as well as strengthening their communication, interaction and mutual trust with the Government. The YL currently has over 18 000 youth members.

Since the launch of the YL, the HYAB has organised an array of activities for its members. To name a few, the Youth Dialogue on “The Chief Executive’s 2024 Policy Address” and other Youth Dialogue sessions, the historical and cultural exchange tour to Jiangxi Province, the exchange tour “Exploring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Greater Bay Area”, visits to youth hostels and the National Security Exhibition Gallery, some voluntary work in large-scale government events, as well as attendances at international events. For instance, in November 2024 several YL members took part as delegates from Hong Kong, China in an official youth development programme under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in Peru, where they had in-depth exchanges with other youth delegates from various member economies in the Asia-Pacific region. The HYAB has met and exceeded the target of organising and providing at least 10 youth development activities for YL members by end-2024, as the attendances at YL activities have reached over 2 400 to date. We will continue to provide YL members with various types of activities and will organise or provide at least 20 youth development activities for members within 2025.

The HYAB has implemented the YL mainly with existing resources. At present, YL activities are primarily co-ordinated by 1 Chief Executive Manager and 2 Senior Executive Managers appointed on non-civil service contract terms at the HYAB. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

3. The HYAB has adopted various measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the YL, such as conducting ongoing and regular meetings or exchanges with YL members, as well as gauging feedback and suggestions from youths on YL activities. The HYAB has also selected a group of young people with a sense of responsibility, leadership skills and commitment to serving the community as YL committee members. From the perspectives of young people, these committee members brainstorm ideas for the HYAB and give practical and feasible suggestions on activities, enabling us to better understand our youths’ development needs and expectations for adjusting the natures of YL activities and setting directions for future enhancement, thereby offering YL members suitable and diverse activities.
4. As mentioned in the 2024 Policy Address, the HYAB will set up a physical platform for YL members in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent Tung Chau Street Temporary Market, which will include youth activity facilities such as multi-function areas, a youth culture and creativity bazaar, and small-scale performance spaces. Our goal is to provide a gathering place for ongoing interaction among YL members, and establish a base for implementing the measures under the Youth Development Blueprint to encourage communication and collaboration among the Government, the Youth

Development Commission and young people. The HYAB will undertake the co-ordination work for establishing the physical platform for YL members with existing manpower and resources, and will seek approval for block allocation from the Capital Works Reserve Fund for construction, fitting-out and improvement works related to the physical platform. Our target is to progressively commence operation of the physical platform by end-2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB024

(Question Serial No. 1464)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government provides Mainland and overseas internship and exchange opportunities for young people through schemes such as the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and the United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme. For better understanding of the implementation progress and direction for future development of these schemes, will the Government advise on the following:

1. Has the Government set any key performance indicators for each of the funded schemes/programmes? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
2. Does the Government maintain figures on the expenses incurred by these schemes/programmes? If so, what are the details?
3. What are the specific measures put in place by the Government for promoting these schemes/programmes and their participating corporates? And what are the expenses incurred by and the effectiveness of such measures?
4. Given that major expenses on transportation, accommodation and so on for the interns concerned are covered by the participating corporates of these schemes/programmes, does the Government have any information on the aforesaid expenses covered by the participating corporates? If so, what are the details?
5. Upon completion of these schemes/programmes, does the Government have any plans to take measures for offering relevant job-matching opportunities to the youth participants? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
6. Does the Government have any plans to extend the existing internship schemes/programmes to other Mainland or overseas cities (such as those in the Middle East and the Association of South East Asian Nations region) and step up its collaborations with more major corporates and institutions? If so, what are the specific planning, timetables and estimated expenditures for the relevant work? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon HO King-hong, Adrian Pedro (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

1. The Government set indicators in the 2023 Policy Address to increase the number of beneficiaries under the various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland and overseas under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) to no less than 30 000 in 2024, with no less than 90% of participants surveyed to consider themselves having benefitted from the exchange/internship and that the objectives of the schemes/programmes have been attained, and with no less than 80% of employers surveyed to consider the Mainland and overseas internship experience valuable and participants of such schemes/programmes more competitive than non-participants. We achieved the said target in end-2024.
2. In 2024-25, the revised estimates for the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and HYAB – United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme were \$113 million, \$9.1 million and \$4.6 million respectively.
3. The co-organisers and funded organisations of the aforesaid schemes/programmes make use of their networks for promotion and publicity. The HYAB also promotes the said scheme/programmes on various platforms, such as the website of the Youth Development Commission, the “HKYouth+” youth mobile application and the social media pages of the HYAB, as well as by conducting briefings on the schemes/programmes at post-secondary institutions. The costs so incurred are absorbed by the HYAB under its total expenditure. The schemes/programmes were well received in 2024-25 with a significant increase in the numbers of applications from both organisations and youth participants as compared with the year before.
4. As major expenses related to the internship, such as transportation, accommodation and insurance for participants, are covered by corporates participating in the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, we do not maintain figures on their expenses in this regard.
5. The various internship schemes/programmes organised by the HYAB aim at providing young people with internship opportunities in the Mainland and overseas. Participants may experience first-hand the local workplace culture and deepen their understanding of the career prospects there so that they may set their future career goals, accumulate work experience, build interpersonal network and boost their employment advantage. The schemes/programmes concerned do not have job-matching measures for long-term employment of participants.
6. The existing internship schemes/programmes cover most of the Mainland provinces/cities and a number of overseas countries (including regions in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations). The HYAB will further enhance the breadth and depth of these schemes/programmes, including strengthening our collaboration with official cultural and scientific research institutions in the Mainland and major corporates to organise the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, thereby providing unique Mainland and overseas internship placements for Hong Kong youths with different backgrounds, talents and interests.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB025

(Question Serial No. 1147)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 209 of the 2025-26 Budget Speech that to combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to submit a proposal. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee on the following:

1. What is the cost of commissioning the HKJC to submit the proposal?
2. Besides seeking the views of the HKJC, what studies and opinion surveys will the Government conduct in parallel to assess the issue of illegal basketball betting activities from multiple perspectives?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting, the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. These conditions include that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit betting; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorder; and shall not, in conducting any promotional activities, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that betting is a source of income. Moreover, the Ping Wo

Fund promotes public education and counselling support through various measures to prevent and alleviate gambling-related problems.

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years, quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the HKJC, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities. When exploring the regulation of basketball betting activities, the Government will also make reference to the aforesaid conditions of the betting licences issued to the HKJC to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people.

The Government's deliberation with the HKJC on this matter does not involve additional expenditure. The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB026

(Question Serial No. 1660)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

To encourage more young people to work and develop their careers in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA), the Government has so far rolled out the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme, the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Hong Kong Youth Internship Scheme, the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland, the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, the Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area. With a breakdown by scheme/programme, please set out their respective details including numbers of applications submitted by Hong Kong youths, names of the participating corporates/organisations, and the total funding amounts disbursed to the participating corporates/organisations.

In the coming year, what are the Bureau's estimated expenditures for the publicity and operation of the aforesaid schemes/programmes? Will the Bureau increase its staff establishment in the coming year for continuous enhancement and expansion of these schemes/programmes, thereby providing Hong Kong young people with more diverse opportunities to enter the GBA?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

Internship Schemes/Programmes

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission (YDC) have been committed to taking forward various youth internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland, with a view to helping young people broaden their horizons and understand the working environment and workplace culture outside Hong Kong. The HYAB will continue to enhance the breadth and depth of the youth internship and entrepreneurship schemes/programmes under the HYAB and the YDC with the existing staff establishment.

Regarding the various internship schemes/programmes implemented by the HYAB and the YDC, their respective numbers of youth applicants, lists of participating organisations and total expenditures in 2024-25, as well as their respective estimated expenditures in 2025-26 are as follows:

Name of Scheme/Programme	2024-25				2025-26
	Number of Applicants	Number of Youth Participants	Participating Organisations	Amount of Expenditure (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland To sponsor non-governmental organisations (NGOs) (including those under the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Hong Kong Youth Internship Scheme) to organise youth internship activities in the Mainland with a view to deepening youth participants' understanding of the employment market, workplace culture and development opportunities in the Mainland.	Not available &	4 400	See <u>Annex I</u>	113	115
HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland Through the provision of unique internship opportunities for Hong Kong youths with different backgrounds, talents and interests, these youth participants may deepen their knowledge in the relevant disciplines and professional fields, as well as the various aspects of our country's development.	840	111	See <u>Annex II</u>	9.1	11

Name of Scheme/Programme	2024-25				2025-26
	Number of Applicants	Number of Youth Participants	Participating Organisations	Amount of Expenditure (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas To forge partnerships with locally-based large corporates to provide quality Mainland and/or overseas internship opportunities for Hong Kong young people, with the aim of cultivating a cohort of young talents with a good understanding of the country's development and a global perspective, as well as helping them gain exposure to the workplace culture in large corporates in different parts of the world and establish interpersonal networks outside Hong Kong.	About 2 500	288	See <u>Annex III</u>	Not applicable #	Not applicable #

& Since the recruitment for the scheme was administered by the relevant funded NGOs, we do not maintain information on the number of applicants concerned.

Major expenses related to the internships, such as transportation, accommodation and insurance for participants, were covered by participating corporates while the HYAB shared part of the administrative and publicity expenses.

HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases

To promote youth innovation and entrepreneurship, the HYAB and the YDC rolled out in 2024 a new round of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Entrepreneurship Scheme) and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases (the Experiential Scheme), which provide support for potential Hong Kong young entrepreneurs.

The Entrepreneurship Scheme subsidises NGOs to implement youth entrepreneurship projects, under which young people intending to start their businesses locally and in other cities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) are provided with entrepreneurial support, incubation services and start-up capital for 1 to 3 years. Under the previous round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we approved a total of about \$130 million to 16 NGOs and 217 youth start-up teams were successfully recruited. They cover a wide range of businesses, including research and development of innovation and technology projects, retail, information technology, healthcare, brand design and education services, etc. Relevant youth start-up teams have started their businesses in Hong Kong, and over 70 of them have also established their bases in GBA Mainland cities such as Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Foshan. Under the new round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we have approved a total of about \$170 million to 19 NGOs in late 2024, which are expected to gradually launch their start-up projects in the first half of 2025 and provide start-up capital and support services for about 260 youth start-up teams.

The Experiential Scheme subsidised, in its previous round, 12 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the innovation and entrepreneurial bases in GBA Mainland cities, from which about 300 youths have benefitted. Under the new round of Experiential Scheme, we have approved a total of about \$4.2 million to 14 NGOs, which will organise 18 different short-term experiential programmes in various Mainland provinces/cities from this year onwards. It is expected that around 600 youths will be able to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the enormous Mainland market.

The lists of funded NGOs under the new rounds of these 2 schemes are set out in **Annex IV** and **Annex V** respectively.

Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme

For matters pertaining to the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme (GBAYES), the Labour Department's (LD) reply is as follows:

The Government has regularised the GBAYES since 2023 to encourage enterprises to employ Hong Kong young people to work in GBA Mainland cities. In 2023 and 2024, an allowance of HK\$10,000 per month per young person was disbursed to enterprises for up to 18 months under the scheme. In the same years, the GBAYES respectively recorded 718 and 417 employed young people. In 2023-24 and 2024-25 (as at February 2025), the GBAYES respectively disbursed HK\$15.07 million and HK\$49.99 million of allowance to 93 and 137 enterprises. The names of enterprises participating in the GBAYES and employing 10 or more young people in 2023 and 2024 are provided at **Annex VI**.

The estimated expenditure of the GBAYES for 2025-26 is HK\$79.78 million. During the same period, the staff establishment for implementing the regularised scheme comprises 16 Labour Officer Grade and 3 Clerical Grade posts. The LD will closely monitor the implementation of the GBAYES and review the manpower arrangement in a timely manner.

**List of Funded Organisations under
2024-25 HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland**

	Funded Organisation
1	港區婦聯代表聯誼會有限公司
2	滬港婦女會有限公司
3	皖港青年交流促進聯會
4	香港和諧協會
5	國際教育(香港)交流協會
6	關愛教育(香港)基金會
7	藝航文化促進會有限公司
8	中國港澳同學會
9	百仁基金有限公司
10	香港中文大學—學生事務處就業策劃及發展中心
11	藝文創薈文化協會
12	香港中華總商會
13	蔡冠深慈善基金會有限公司
14	中華商略聯合會有限公司
15	香港中文大學—中醫學院
16	民主建港協進聯盟
17	青年同心協會有限公司
18	惠州新動力有限公司
19	香港惠州社團聯合總會有限公司
20	香港島青年聯會有限公司
21	大灣區青年新動力有限公司
22	未來之星同學會
23	香港江蘇青年總會有限公司
24	粵港澳大灣區青年總會有限公司
25	粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司
26	粵港澳大灣區文化藝術發展協進會

	Funded Organisation
27	大灣區新思維文化設計協會有限公司
28	明匯智庫有限公司
29	灣區智匯有限公司
30	粵港澳大灣區企業家聯盟協會有限公司
31	香港青聯學生交流網絡有限公司
32	香港行政學院
33	香港文化藝術發展中心有限公司
34	香港工商專業協會
35	香港恒生大學
36	香港社區友好聯會
37	香港教育協會
38	香港職業發展服務處有限公司
39	香港學生服務聯會
40	香港教育工作者聯會教育機構有限公司
41	香港生涯規劃協會有限公司
42	亞太創建機遇委員會有限公司
43	香港新一代專業協會
44	香港理工大學
45	香港印刷業商會
46	香港山西總會有限公司
47	香港金融專業人士協會
48	香港學生活動委員會有限公司
49	香港學生輔導協會
50	香港各區專上學生同盟
51	香港專上學生服務協會有限公司
52	香港多媒體設計協會有限公司
53	香港青年工業家協會有限公司
54	香港青年學生聯合會
55	香港青年交流促進聯會有限公司
56	香港青年學院有限公司
57	和富社會企業有限公司

	Funded Organisation
58	香港青年學生動力基金有限公司
59	香港青年協進會有限公司
60	香港中山青年協會有限公司
61	滬港青年會有限公司
62	滬港社團總會有限公司
63	香港華菁會有限公司
64	香港演藝學院
65	香港青年培育協會
66	東聯社會服務基金有限公司
67	香港五邑總會有限公司
68	香港青年領袖學院有限公司
69	學友社
70	香港專業進修學校
71	香港志願者協會有限公司
72	香港天津工商專業婦女委員會
73	港僑動力青年協會有限公司
74	香港青年科學家協會有限公司
75	鄂港青年交流促進會有限公司
76	漢港聯誼會(香港)有限公司
77	就是敢言有限公司
78	香港海南省同鄉協會
79	香港教育協會(國際)有限公司
80	香港創業創新協會
81	國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司
82	蘇港青年交流促進會有限公司
83	井岡山教育基金
84	香港嘉定同鄉會
85	九龍社團聯會
86	嶺南大學
87	香港高等教育評議會
88	香港教育大學

	Funded Organisation
89	香港青年會
90	百年樹人慈善基金有限公司
91	新一代菁英協會
92	東方明珠協會
93	和風力量
94	香港童軍總會
95	上海香港聯會有限公司
96	祖苗文化青年交流中心有限公司
97	香港上海普陀聯會
98	香港高等教育科技學院
99	香港大學生聯誼會
100	和富領袖網絡有限公司
101	香港金融青年會
102	香港菁英會有限公司
103	青年專業聯盟有限公司
104	青年議會有限公司
105	香港寧波同鄉會有限公司
106	兩岸三地青少年交流促進會有限公司
107	青年守護基金有限公司
108	香港廣州青年總會有限公司
109	香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社有限公司

**List of Collaborating Organisations under
HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland 2024**

	Collaborating Organisation
1	Palace Museum
2	Sichuan Provincial Administration of the Giant Panda National Park, China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda
3	Chinese Academy of Sciences
4	Dunhuang Academy
5	Wuyishan National Park Administration, Wuyi University
6	Laoshan National Laboratory

**List of Participating Corporates under
HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas 2024**

	Participating Organisation
1	China Resources (Holdings) Co., Ltd.
2	John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited
3	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
4	China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited
5	Tencent Holdings Limited
6	China Merchants Group
7	New World Development Company Limited
8	Shangri-La Group
9	Esquel Group
10	The Wharf (Holdings) Limited
11	Meituan
12	Airport Authority Hong Kong
13	Ant Group
14	Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group
15	Hang Lung Properties Limited
16	Henderson Land Group
17	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited
18	MTR Corporation Limited
19	Sino Group
20	The Bank of East Asia, Limited
21	The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited
22	CLP Holdings Limited
23	Lalamove
24	Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited
25	The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited

**List of Funded Organisations under
HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (2024-27)**

	Funded Organisation
1	Proactive Think Tank Limited
2	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
3	Youth Concentric Association Limited
4	Po Leung Kuk
5	The University of Hong Kong acting through HKU Techno-Entrepreneurship Core
6	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
7	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
8	The Hong Kong General Chamber of Young Entrepreneurs Limited
9	Hong Kong Youth Synergy Foundation Limited
10	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited
11	City University of Hong Kong
12	Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
13	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
14	The Education University of Hong Kong
15	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
16	Hong Kong Metropolitan University
17	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong
18	Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Limited
19	Smart City Consortium Limited

**List of Funded Organisations under
HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and
Entrepreneurial Bases (2024-27)**

	Funded Organisation
1	GBA Cultural Innovative Design Association Limited
2	Youth Among The Mainland & Hong Kong and Taiwan Exchange Promotion Association Limited
3	Wofoo Leaders' Network Limited
4	Proactive Think Tank Limited
5	The University of Hong Kong acting through HKU Techno-Entrepreneurship Core
6	HKFTU Greater Bay Area Social Service Limited
7	The Hong Kong Wuyi Association Company Limited
8	Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association Limited
9	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
10	Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited
11	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
12	Dynamic Youth of Huizhou Limited
13	Hongkong-Hubei Youth Exchange Promotion Association Limited
14	Lingnan University

**Names of Enterprises Participating in the
Regularised Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme in 2023 and 2024
and Employing 10 or More Young People**

(i) Names of Participating Enterprises in 2023

	Name of Participating Enterprises
1	HSBC Global Services (HK) Limited
2	Manpower Services (Hong Kong) Limited
3	PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited
4	Flourish Consultancy Services Limited
5	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
6	New Genesis Management Limited
7	Toppan Nexus Holdings Limited
8	KPMG
9	TDMALL (Hong Kong) Limited
10	Techture Limited
11	Tencent Mobility Limited
12	China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited
13	Five Stones Group Limited
14	K Compact Company Limited
15	Data S Limited
16	Gowin Tech Limited
17	Zero To One Greater China Limited
18	AccGirl Limited

(ii) Names of Participating Enterprises in 2024

No.	Name of Participating Enterprises
1	HSBC Global Services (HK) Limited
2	Manpower Services (Hong Kong) Limited
3	Tencent Mobility Limited
4	New Genesis Management Limited
5	Flourish Consultancy Services Limited
6	KPMG
7	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
8	Tian Tian (HK Fashion Walk) Company Limited
9	JC Fashion Group Limited
10	isBIM Limited
11	HM Investment Consultant Limited

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB027

(Question Serial No. 3087)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau aims at promoting youth development. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) For the Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Scheme), the estimated expenditure for 2024-25 is over \$39 million. Please set out the numbers of hotels, hostels and youth beneficiaries.
- 2) Further to the above, how many organisations have applied for the Scheme? How long is the vetting time concerned?
- 3) Have the organisations provided the Government with such information as lists of young tenants and administrative expenditures yearly? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) secured approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in end-2022 for the creation of a new non-recurrent commitment of \$1 billion, and launched the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Subsidy Scheme) in early 2023 to subsidise non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to rent suitable hotels and guesthouses for use as youth hostels. Since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme, 5 projects have been approved thereunder, providing a maximum of 1 310 hostel places in total. The relevant information of the various projects are at Annex.

The HYAB will continue to proactively communicate with NGOs and stakeholders to take forward the Subsidy Scheme, and our target is to provide around 3 000 hostel places between 2022 and 2027. We will announce the details upon approval of new projects.

Under the Subsidy Scheme, NGOs responsible for operating the youth hostel projects are required to submit reports to the HYAB regularly during the whole project period on the operation of their youth hostels, including details on the outreach and self-enrichment activities organised for youth tenants. In addition, NGOs are required to submit annual reports certified by independent auditors. We will keep in view the implementation progress and effectiveness of the YHS, as well as the operation of the hostels which have commenced services, to ensure that the YHS meets its policy objectives.

Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Maximum number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress
1	Hong Kong United Youth Association / BeLIVING Youth Hub	39 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	194 (97)	The project was approved in March 2023 and in the same month that year the first batch of tenants moved in.
2	The Y.Elites Association / Home ² Youth Hostel	8 Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	200 (100)	The project was approved in April 2023 and in June the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
3	Lady Lau Memorial Charitable Foundation Limited / Joseph's House	86 & 88 Apliu Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	84 (42)	The project was approved in July 2023 and in September the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
4	Tin Shui Wai Residents Services Association Fund Committee Limited / Sky One Hostel	8 Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	672 (336)	The project was approved in August 2024 and in October the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
5	Yan Oi Tong Limited / YOT Hub	30-38 Sa Po Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	160 (80)	The project was approved in October 2024 and in December the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
Total			1 310 (655)	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB028

(Question Serial No. 3088)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau aims at promoting youth development. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- 1) given that the Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship (MES), which started with an approved commitment of \$400 million, recorded an accumulated expenditure of over \$250 million as at 31 March 2024 and maintains a balance of only around \$97 million now, whether the Government will consider topping up the commitment with additional funding; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons; and
- 2) with a breakdown by year, of the numbers of beneficiaries of the MES to date and the vetting time concerned.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The Government announced in 2014 the launch of the Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship (MES) to support local universities and locally-accredited degree-awarding institutions in admitting local students taking part in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination who excel in sports, arts and/or community services to pursue undergraduate studies. For the past decade, the MES ran smoothly and granted scholarships to over 300 students for their pursuits of undergraduate studies at local universities and tertiary institutions. The respective numbers of students benefited under each round of the MES are as follows:

Academic year	Number of beneficiaries
2014/15	21
2015/16	20
2016/17	24
2017/18	21
2018/19	46
2019/20	34
2020/21	39
2021/22	33
2022/23	35
2023/24	31
Total	304

The MES scheme has successfully completed its 10-year objectives. Last year, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of the MES in continue promoting the culture of multi-faceted excellence with more efficient use of resources. In consultation with the Education Bureau, the HYAB launched a new Multi-talent Development Scholarship (MDS) under the School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme (SNDAS) starting from the 2025/26 academic year. Each of the eight universities participating in the SNDAS will be invited to nominate their respective successful SNDAS admittees demonstrating outstanding performance in sports, arts and/or community services for the MDS. The quotas of scholarship will be distributed proportionally having regard to the number of students admitted to each university under the SNDAS. Each MDS awardee will be granted \$10,000 per academic year for 4 years during his/her undergraduate tuition period. Our target is to grant scholarships to about 50 students in each round of the MDS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB029

(Question Serial No. 0616)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In March 2024, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau launched the “HKYouth+” youth mobile application (HKYouth+) to disseminate information about youth development programmes. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the numbers of downloads of and people reached by the HKYouth+ to date since its launch;
- (2) the cost of application development, the maintenance cost incurred last year and the estimated maintenance cost in 2025-26 for the HKYouth+;
- (3) the main information currently offered on the HKYouth+; and
- (4) the Bureau's future plan to further promote the use of the HKYouth+ among young people.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) launched the “HKYouth+” youth-based mobile application (HKYouth+) in March 2024, providing a comprehensive platform to disseminate diverse information about youth development and activities so that young people may explore different opportunities and activities according to their individual needs and interests. As at end-March 2025, the number of downloads of HKYouth+ has reached over 52 000 times.

At present, the HKYouth+ mainly offers diverse information about youth activities and multi-media content in relation to youth development, covering multiple areas including personal development opportunities, local hot topics, national development, arts and leisure, innovation and technology, physical and mental wellness, etc. The HYAB has publicised the HKYouth+ via various channels. In addition to collaborating with the 18 District Offices on district-level promotion, we have distributed publicity materials of the HKYouth+ to more than 700 secondary schools, tertiary institutions and Integrated Children and Youth Services

Centres of the Social Welfare Department across the city. We have also proactively promoted the HKYouth+ on social media so that young people may fully understand the features and functions of the application as well as members' offers thereon, thereby attracting more young people to download and use the HKYouth+.

The development cost of the HKYouth+ was \$2,680,400, which covered the design of user experience and interface, a content management system, setting up of infrastructure, as well as development of the mobile application and back-end system. Since 2024-25 fell within the maintenance period of application development, no maintenance costs were incurred for the HKYouth+. Meanwhile, as enhancement to the functions and system of the HKYouth+ is ongoing, we cannot provide the estimated actual maintenance costs for 2025-26 at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB030

(Question Serial No. 0618)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau launched in 2023 the Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Scheme) to subsidise non-governmental organisations to rent suitable hotels and guesthouses for use as youth hostels. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the annual expenditures of the Scheme over the past 3 years and the estimated expenditure of the Scheme for 2025-26;
- (2) of the names of youth hostels currently under the various projects of the Scheme, as well as their respective former hotel/guesthouse names, addresses, figures on rooms and hostel places, amounts of approved subsidy and progress; and
- (3) how the various projects under the Scheme will help youth tenants broaden their horizons and enrich their understanding of the country and the world.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau secured approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in end-2022 for the creation of a new non-recurrent commitment of \$1 billion, and launched the Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Subsidy Scheme) in early 2023 to subsidise non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to rent suitable hotels and guesthouses for use as youth hostels. Since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme, 5 projects have been approved thereunder, providing a maximum of 1 310 hostel places in total. The relevant information of the various projects are at Annex.

The actual expenditures on the Subsidy Scheme for 2022-23 and 2023-24 were about \$3.8 million and \$17.8 million respectively, and the revised estimated expenditure for 2024-25 was about \$39.4 million. While the expenditure for 2025-26 is estimated to be about \$45.9 million, the actual expenditure for each year depends on the number of approved applications, the funding amounts for individual projects and their leasing conditions.

The Subsidy Scheme also aims at promoting youth enrichment and development. The Government and NGOs provide various support and training activities, such as training courses, visits, exchange activities and internship programmes, for youth tenants to deepen their understanding of the country and the world, help them achieve self-enrichment and widen their personal and social networks during their stay at the hostels, so that they will be better equipped to face future challenges in various stages of life.

Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Maximum number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress
1	Hong Kong United Youth Association / BeLIVING Youth Hub	39 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	194 (97)	The project was approved in March 2023 and in the same month that year the first batch of tenants moved in.
2	The Y.Elites Association / Home ² Youth Hostel	8 Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	200 (100)	The project was approved in April 2023 and in June the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
3	Lady Lau Memorial Charitable Foundation Limited / Joseph's House	86 & 88 Apliu Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	84 (42)	The project was approved in July 2023 and in September the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
4	Tin Shui Wai Residents Services Association Fund Committee Limited / Sky One Hostel	8 Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	672 (336)	The project was approved in August 2024 and in October the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
5	Yan Oi Tong Limited / YOT Hub	30-38 Sa Po Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	160 (80)	The project was approved in October 2024 and in December the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
Total			1 310 (655)	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB031

(Question Serial No. 0620)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Last year, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, in collaboration with the Investor and Financial Education Council, launched the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) at 5 youth hostels on a pilot basis, providing young people with financial planning and counselling services as well as information on financial management, saving and investment that suits their individual needs. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the names and content of activities introduced by the Bureau, the number of youths reached and the expenditure involved to date since the implementation of the Programme;
- (2) of the online resources offered by the Bureau, the respective usage counts and numbers of views of such resources, and the expenditure involved to date since the implementation of the Programme;
- (3) of the anticipated number of youths reached under the Programme; and
- (4) whether the Bureau has any plans to take forward the Programme at other places or venues besides the 5 youth hostels, with a view to assisting young people in developing effective financial management plans; if yes, of the details; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Investor and Financial Education Council jointly launched the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) in 2024. The pilot Programme has been implemented at 5 youth hostels under the Youth Hostel Scheme, providing youth tenants with financial planning and counselling services as well as information on financial management, saving and investment that suits their individual needs, thereby assisting them to develop effective financial management plans.

Since its launch in May 2024, the pilot Programme has offered story-telling sessions on financial management, interactive learning activities and a series of online resources, aiming to help youth tenants customise their own financial plans and goals and establish good habits of managing personal finances and investment. Under the Programme, 9 story-telling sessions on financial management have been organised, covering topics such as financial planning, investment, as well as credit and risks, where experts shared their knowledge and insights about financial management with youth tenants. Moreover, 6 issues of digital newsletters have been delivered so far to provide youth tenants with information on financial management and various tools for personal financial management. Since the pilot Programme is well received by youth tenants, it has expanded to cover other newly launched youth hostels, and also gradually extended to other funding schemes and activities of the HYAB. The number of youth beneficiaries under the Programme since its launch is about 2 000. As the HYAB has implemented the Programme with existing resources, no additional manpower or expenditure is involved. We will keep in view the progress and effectiveness of the Programme and make timely adjustments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB032

(Question Serial No. 0625)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Under the 2 annual funding schemes, namely the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme (Sponsorship Scheme) and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants (School Project Grants), the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) has been funding non-governmental organisations and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities. It will also launch large-scale publicity campaigns on anti-football gambling when there are mega football events. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (1) of the respective amounts of funding approved under the Sponsorship Scheme and the School Project Grants in each of the past 3 years;
- (2) of the amounts of funding earmarked for the Sponsorship Scheme and the School Project Grants in 2025-26;
- (3) of the respective expenditures on publicity and public education of the territory-wide anti-gambling publicity and public education campaign launched by the PWF during the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period, as well as the number of people reached by the relevant publicity messages; and
- (4) whether the PWF has identified other peak seasons of gambling due to football events apart from UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, and whether it has considered disseminating targeted no-gambling messages accordingly; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (1) Under the 2 annual funding schemes, namely the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme (Sponsorship Scheme) and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants (School Project Grants), the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) has been funding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities. The funding amounts borne by the 2 funding schemes in the past 3 years were as follows:

	Sponsorship Scheme	School Project Grants
2022	About \$6.8 million	About \$180,000
2023	About \$9.5 million	About \$220,000
2024	About \$9.69 million	About \$310,000

- (2) In 2025, a total of \$12 million has been earmarked under the PWF for the Sponsorship Scheme and the School Project Grants to fund NGOs and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities.
- (3) During the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period, the PWF launched a territory-wide anti-gambling publicity and public education campaign with the aims of further raising public awareness of the problems caused by gambling addiction and promoting no-gambling messages during the peak season of mega football events. The PWF's total funding on the publicity and public education for the above mega football events were about \$6 million. Through organising publicity activities such as a thematic exhibition and a football fun day, as well as placing advertisements and disseminating anti-gambling information via traditional media and online or social media platforms, the relevant publicity messages reached over 19 million attendance/views.
- (4) Besides organising large-scale publicity and public education campaigns when there are mega football events, including the UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, the PWF has been conducting anti-gambling publicity and public education work through the funding schemes mentioned in items (1) and (2) above. In recent years, the PWF has also been strengthening its publicity on the Internet and social media platforms to promote no-gambling messages more comprehensively to the public, especially young people. The Government will continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB033

(Question Serial No. 2964)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government currently offers various types of youth exchange and internship programmes with a view to, inter alia, enhancing young people's understanding of our country's development, boosting their sense of belonging to our country and broadening their horizons. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) For each of the financial years of 2023-24 and 2024-25, under (i) the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland, (ii) the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme and (iii) the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange, what were the respective figures on the applicant projects, the approved projects, the participants of approved projects and the expenditures incurred?
- (2) For each of the financial years of 2023-24 and 2024-25, under (i) the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, (ii) the Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland, (iii) the Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, (iv) the United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme and (v) the Youth Start-up Internship Programme, what were the respective figures on the applicant projects, the approved projects, the participants of approved projects and the expenditures incurred?
- (3) It is learnt that the Bureau monitors the effectiveness and quality of an exchange/internship project by means of the evaluation questionnaires filled by its participants. Among the surveyed participants of the exchange/internship projects in the financial years of 2023-24 and 2024-25, what were the numbers and proportions of those considered that the intended objectives of the schemes/programmes had been attained?
- (4) Will the Government consider allocating more resources to encourage the active organisation of exchange/internship projects by community bodies, thereby benefitting more young people? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

(1)

(i) Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	76	929	789	30 000
2023-24	50	537	452	22 000

(ii) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	0.5	Not Applicable [#]		25
2023-24	0.6			30

[#] Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme was co-organised by the Department of Culture and Tourism of Guangdong Province, the Education and Youth Development Bureau of Macao and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) of Hong Kong.

(iii) Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	24	149	96	2 100
2023-24	16	115	88	1 120

(2)

(i) HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	113	199	190	4 400
2023-24	79	Not Applicable*	133	2 600

* The HYAB resumed the internship projects affected by the epidemic in February 2023.

(ii) HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	9.1	Not Applicable		111
2023-24 [^]	15.2			82

[^] The programmes were resumed in April 2023, causing a one-off impact on the cash flow of 2023-24. The expenditures for 2023-24 included those incurred by the 82 internship placements in 2023 and the advance expenses incurred by the 112 internship placements under the new round of the programmes in 2024.

(iii) HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	Not Applicable [#]	Not Applicable		288
2023-24				234

[#] Major expenses related to the internship, such as transportation, accommodation and insurance for participants, were covered by participating corporates while the HYAB shared part of the administrative and publicity expenses.

(iv) HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	4.6	Not Applicable		25
2023-24 [*]	7.3			10

^{*} The programme was resumed in early 2023. We adjusted the implementation timetable of the programme and rolled out two rounds in 2023 (instead of one round every year), causing a one-off impact on the cash flow in 2023-24. The expenditure for 2023-24 included the expenses for a total of 23 Hong Kong university students who started their internships in 2 batches, i.e. March and July 2023, as well as those for the 25 internship placements under the new round of the programme in 2024.

(v) HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Applicant Projects	Number of Approved Projects	Number of Participants
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	12.3	Not Applicable [#]		200 [^]
2023-24	9.9			229

[^] Record as at 15 March 2025.

[#] The HYAB partners with the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to organise the HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme.

- (3) Upon completion of an exchange/internship project, participants are invited to fill in evaluation questionnaires from which we can gauge their views on the project for monitoring its effectiveness and quality. This will also become part of the track record when assessing the same organisation's applications in the future. Based on the feedback collected from the participants under the schemes/programmes in 2023-24 and 2024-25, over 90% of the respondents considered that the respective schemes/programmes have attained the intended objectives and helped them broaden their exposure and deepen their understanding of the Mainland / overseas countries they visited.
- (4) The HYAB will further enhance the breadth and depth of these schemes/programmes, including strengthening our collaboration with official cultural and scientific research institutions in the Mainland and major corporates to organise the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, thereby providing unique Mainland internship placements for Hong Kong youths with different backgrounds, talents and interests.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB034

(Question Serial No. 2967)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding activities held under the themes “Happy Hong Kong”, “Night Vibes Hong Kong” and “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts”, please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the following information, set out by theme, on each activity held under the said 3 themes: (i) date of activity, (ii) content of activity, (iii) number of participating organisations (broken down by commercial and non-commercial organisations), (iv) expected and actual numbers of participants and (v) the expenditure incurred; and
- (2) as it is learnt that activities held under the said 3 themes aimed at stimulating local consumption and boosting the economy, whether the Bureau has specifically evaluated the effectiveness of the activities mentioned in item (1), including the economic benefits brought about by these activities; if yes, of the details; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

“Happy Hong Kong” was an initiative announced in the 2023-24 Budget with the aim of bringing more joy to the community through a series of events held for the general public. The 10-month campaign was launched in April 2023 and concluded with success in January 2024. With tremendous support for the campaign from various government departments and organisations, 22 major events and 16 supporting events were held in various districts across the city. One of the highlights of this series of events was the 3 “Gourmet Marketplaces” organised by the Home Affairs Department (HAD). “Happy Hong Kong” focused on activities related to gourmet experience, fun amusement and artistic creativity. Apart from providing members of the public with more diverse choices of fun and interesting activities in Hong Kong, it also helped stimulate local consumption and boost our economy.

According to the Information Services Department, activities of the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” Campaign commenced in mid-September 2023, where the Government joined hands with different sectors of the community to organise a wealth of attractive night-time events with local characteristics to showcase to citizens and tourists the vibrancy and charm of

nightlife in Hong Kong. As at early 2024, almost 70 activities were held in total under the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” with support from over 80 shopping malls. The various activities of “Night Vibes Hong Kong” had created a dynamic vibe in Hong Kong and had received positive feedback from the society.

Moreover, a series of activities under the “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts” was launched in January 2024 by the 18 District Offices (DOs) of the HAD, in collaboration with the Working Groups on Boosting Local Economy set up by the District Councils. The series mainly aims to provide the public with a wide range of cultural and leisure events to showcase local diversity or traditional cultural connotations in various districts, thereby creating a buoyant mood in the community. As at the first quarter of this year, more than 60 events have been organised under the “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts”. The activities take various forms, including bazaar carnivals, traditional cultural events, emerging cultural activities and entertainments as well as artwork exhibitions, musical performances and sports experiences. The activities have successfully created a buoyant mood in the community and have attracted many citizens to participate. The feedback received from the stall operators has been predominantly positive, indicating high patronage and the activities’ effectiveness in promoting their businesses. A list of activities set out by District Council district is at **Annex**.

Taking individual bazaar carnivals as an example, the Kwun Tong Night Market in the Year of Dragon held in Kwun Tong early last year attracted a cumulative total of 800 000 visitors in 23 days. Subsequently, the Chinese New Year Bazaar in Wong Tai Sin had 114 000 visitors in 3 days; the Yuen Long Vibes Mart in Yuen Long had 120 000 visitors in 3 days; Vespere Tuen Mun in Tuen Mun had over 120 000 visitors in 3 days; and the Urban Jam Festival, which was held over two consecutive weekends in the bustling Causeway Bay and featured a distinctive open-air bazaar complemented by pop music and dance performances, attracted more than 600 000 visitors, boosting the business of merchants and creating a buoyant mood in the neighbourhood. Stall operators of the bazaars generally expressed satisfaction with their sales, but did not disclose their actual profits due to commercial considerations.

The types and nature of the various activities mentioned above are diverse. For example, over 110 organisers and co-organisers (including the 18 DOs, District Councils and various district organisations) are involved in the “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts”. We do not have the visitor statistics for each of the activities. Furthermore, as the work arising from the activities is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower, we cannot single out the expenditure involved.

Overview of activities under “Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts”**(January 2024 to March 2025)**

<u>District</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>
Central & Western	January to February 2024	C&W District Sparkles: Vivid and Vibrant Vibes Through the Day and Night Bazaar
	December 2024	Central and Western District HarbourFUN Carnival
Eastern	May 2024	Night Dragon Parade @ Eastern District
	December 2024 to January 2025	The Journey of Cantonese Opera @ Eastern District
Southern	March 2024	Ap Lei Chau Hung Shing Cultural Festival: Southern District Vibes Bazaar @ Hung Shing Festival
	October 2024	Fishermen Culture Day in the Southern District in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China: Tying the Knot the Fishermen’s Way
	March 2025	2025 Ap Lei Chau Hung Shing Cultural Festival
Wan Chai	May 2024	Urban Jam Festival
	December 2024 to February 2025	Tasty Wan Chai
Kowloon City	April 2024	Kowloon City Songkran Festival 2024
	November 2024	Kowloon City Panda Lantern Carnival
	December 2024	Kowloon City: Food, Buy and Play with Pets!
Kwun Tong	January to February 2024	Kwun Tong Night Market in the Year of Dragon
	February 2024	Lanterns over the Hills and Full Moon over Kwun Tong
	May 2024	Kwun Tong Summer Night Bazaar
	November to December 2024	Winter Vibe @ Kwun Tong
	January to February 2025	Kwun Tong Night Bazaar 2025
		Lunar New Year Lucky Draw in Kowloon East^

<u>District</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>
Sham Shui Po	February to March 2024	Lighting Duet @ Sham Shui Po
	March 2024	Something Special @ Sham Shui Po
	March to April 2024	“Fete des Fleurs” Marché le Floréal and Marché le Floréal 2.0
	November to December 2024	Hong Kong Comics Art Tech Fair
	December 2024	Only.Coffee Festival
		“Protect Animals” Sham Shui Po Running Pet Carnival
	January to February 2025	Sham Shui Po Hearts to Hearts – 2025 Golden Dragon Parade and Carnival in Celebration of the Year of the Snake
	February to March 2025	Fête des Fleurs 2025
Wong Tai Sin	March 2025	Symphony of Multimedia @ Apliu Street Chat Room
	February 2024	Wong Tai Sin Chinese New Year Bazaar
	December 2024	Wong Tai Sin WinterFest
	January to February 2025	Lunar New Year Lucky Draw in Kowloon East^
Yau Tsim Mong	February 2025	Wong Tai Sin Dragon and Lion Dance 2025
	January 2024	Yau Ma Tei Festival
	February 2024	Tsim Sha Tsui Night Vibes
		Yau Tsim Mong Presents – The Year Of The Dragon: Countdown Celebration
	September 2024	Panda Lightshow
		Block Party By The Sea
Islands	September to November 2024	Yau Tsim Mong National Day Shopping Month
	November 2024	Tai Kok Tsui Temple Fair cum Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China
	February 2024	Lighting and Decoration cum Light Switching Ceremony
		Islands District Lunar New Year Lantern Carnival
	March 2024	Islands District Sports Fun Day
Kwai Tsing		Islands District Music Night
	October 2024	Vibe @ Silvermine
	February 2025	Islands District Pet Carnival
	April 2024	Kwai Tsing Bamboo Theatre
Kwai Tsing	December 2024	Amazing Snowy New Year’s Eve @ Kwai Tsing

<u>District</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name of Activity</u>
North	February 2024	Luen Wo Light Market
		Sha Tau Kok Lantern Festival Fun Day
	December 2024	LOHAS in North District Grassland Music Festival
	December 2024 to January 2025	Sha Tin, North and Tai Po District Winter Lucky Draw^
Sai Kung	May 2024	Sai Kung Tin Hau Festival
	October 2024	WE WA! Sai Kung Halloween Celebration Event
	February 2025	Love Blooms in Sai Kung: Valentine's Mini Concert & Carnival
Sha Tin	February 2024	"Sha Tin Festive Vibes" Lantern Festival Fun Day
	December 2024 to January 2025	Sha Tin, North and Tai Po District Winter Lucky Draw^
Tai Po	February 2024	Lam Tsuen Well-wishing Bazaar
	February to March 2024	Wish for You Bazaar
	June 2024	Tai Po Dragon Boat Fun Carnival
	September to October 2024	Shopping and Dining Promotions in Tai Po District in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China
	December 2024	Tai Po Lung Mei Beachtival
	December 2024 to January 2025	Sha Tin, North and Tai Po District Winter Lucky Draw^
	January to February 2025	Hong Kong Well-wishing Festival 2025 cum Lam Tsuen Well-wishing Bazaar
	February to March 2025	Wish for You Bazaar
Tsuen Wan	February 2024	Celebrating the Year of Dragon – Tsuen Wan Lantern Festival Bazaar
	August to September 2024	Summer Lucky Draw in Tsuen Wan District
Tuen Mun	April 2024	Vespere Tuen Mun
	December 2024	Tuen Teens Choice
Yuen Long	March 2024	Yuen Long Vibes Mart
	December 2024	Yuen Long Happy Vibes Carnival

^ The activity was held concurrently in more than one district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB035****(Question Serial No. 1023)**Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

Regarding the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM), please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) Please tabulate information relating to the FSYEM over the years on (a) funding expenditures; (b) numbers of participants; (c) numbers of Mainland exchange tours; and (d) numbers of overseas exchange tours.
- 2) To date, how many organisations have applied for government funding? What are the criteria for collaborating with these organisations?
- 3) Upon completion of the exchange tours, does the Bureau have any follow-up support measures to enhance Hong Kong young people's understanding of our country's development, foster their exchange with the Mainland people and strengthen their sense of national identity? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- 1) The respective expenditures, numbers of participants and numbers of approved projects in the past 5 years under the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland (FSYEM) are as follows:

Financial Year	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants	Number of Approved Projects
2024-25(Revised Estimate)	76	30 000	789
2023-24	50	22 000	452
2022-23 [@]	4	0	0
2021-22 [#]	24	0	0
2020-21 [#]	24	0	0

- @ The FSYEM was suspended in 2022-23 due to the epidemic. The expenditure for 2022-23 included those on launching the FSYEM for 2023-24 and settling reimbursement claims for expenses of uncompleted projects due to the epidemic under a special sponsorship.
- # The FSYEM was suspended in 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to the epidemic. The expenditures for the financial years concerned included those on settling reimbursement claims for expenses of completed projects of preceding financial years and uncompleted projects due to the epidemic under a special sponsorship.

- 2) There were a total of 434 non-governmental organisations applied for the FSYEM in 2024-25. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission assessed the applications under the FSYEM on the basis of the assessment criteria, including the applicant organisation's background and track record, whether the proposed project could achieve the objectives of the FSYEM, the content and quality (e.g. breadth, depth and creativity) of activities, service targets, publicity and promotion arrangements, financial arrangements and viability, etc.
- 3) The HYAB launched the Youth Link (YL) in September 2023 to link up participants of various government youth programmes, including the youth participants under the FSYEM, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents. The HYAB has organised a number of activities for YL members such as visits to the National Security Exhibition Gallery and a history and culture exchange tour in Jiangxi Province, with a view to enriching their learning experiences, widening their exposure and boosting their senses of national identity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB036

(Question Serial No. 2468)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the second Youth Development Summit (the Summit), what is the total estimated expenditure? How will the provisions be allocated specifically? In tabulated form, please set out the items involved and their respective provisions. Moreover, will the agenda of this Summit cover such substantial content as cross-sectoral dialogues across the industry, academia and research sectors, as well as interpretation of relevant policies? Please also elaborate on how the Bureau will ensure the participation of youth representatives from diverse backgrounds, and how the Bureau will assess the effectiveness of the Summit with feedback from youth participants or other follow-up data.

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) successfully organised the inaugural Youth Development Summit (the Summit) on 10 August 2024 as the opening and highlight of the 2024 Youth Festival. The Summit gathered officials responsible for youth policies from different regions, along with business leaders and representatives of youth organisations as guest speakers, attracting 2 400 young people to register to participate. Among the participants, about 500 were from the Mainland and other overseas locations.

The HYAB plans to organise the second Summit in the second half of 2025. Key officials responsible for youth policies from different regions as well as business leaders from various sectors will be invited as guest speakers. They will share their valuable experience and the latest development in areas such as technological innovation, culture and creativity, as well as unleashing youth potentials, with a view to inspiring young people in seizing opportunities. We will also expand the scale of the Summit and collaborate with various groups and organisations (such as Mainland/overseas/local youth groups, youth uniformed groups, support services centres for ethnic minorities, etc.) to invite more youth participants from the Mainland and overseas. These participants may exchange views with local youths from various backgrounds on topics that are of interest to young people, thereby promoting youth

development. As co-ordination work of the second Summit is still underway, we are unable to provide its estimated expenditure at this stage.

The HYAB will adopt various measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the Summit, such as gauging feedback and suggestions from guest speakers and participants on the activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB037****(Question Serial No. 2469)**Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

The numbers of participants under the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland are estimated to reach 29 000 and 4 400 respectively this year. What is the total estimated expenditure on these two schemes this year? How will the funding be allocated specifically? Please set out, in tabulated form, the respective funding allocated to allowances for transport and accommodation, as well as event organisation and training. Besides, how does the Bureau define the criteria for participants' "effective participation" (e.g. the extent of skill enhancement during their internship, their ability of career networking or the variation in employment rate upon their return to Hong Kong)?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)Reply:

The respective estimated expenditures of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland and the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland for 2025-26 are as follows:

Name of Scheme	2025-26 (Estimate)
	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)
HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland	115
Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland	76

We vet the expenditure items of each applicant project in accordance with the respective guidelines of these two funding schemes. According to the said guidelines, for complementary activities such as publicity, participant recruitment, pre-tour and post-tour activities organised for participants in Hong Kong, their expenditures should generally not

exceed 25% of the total funding amount for a project. We do not maintain the breakdowns of the different categories of expenditures under these two funding schemes.

The Government set indicators in the 2023 Policy Address to increase the number of beneficiaries under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau's various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland and overseas to no less than 30 000 in 2024, with no less than 90% of participants surveyed to consider themselves having benefitted from the exchange/internship and that the objectives of the schemes/programmes have been attained, and with no less than 80% of employers surveyed to consider the Mainland and overseas internship experience valuable and participants of such schemes/programmes more competitive than non-participants. We achieved the said target in end-2024.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB038

(Question Serial No. 2470)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Provision under Youth Hostel Scheme (block vote) has increased by 17.2%, which is mainly due to procurement of equipment. Will the Bureau provide the specific equipment list and procurement plan? How will such equipment enhance the quality of stay at and functionality of youth hostels? In addition, will the Bureau formulate concrete procurement criteria and approval procedures to ensure transparency and cost-effectiveness in procurement of equipment? Lastly, does the Government have any plans to collaborate with local enterprises, with a view to supporting development of industries in Hong Kong, and to introduce policies on encouraging local enterprises to take part in the supply and maintenance of equipment for youth hostels?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) is an important youth development initiative. Apart from meeting young people's aspirations of having their own living space, we also hope that youth tenants will benefit through participating in the various support and training activities provided by youth hostels during their stay.

The financial provision under Subhead 88J "Youth Hostel Scheme (block vote)" is for funding the participating non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the YHS to procure equipment. In 2025-26, we will grant around \$4.80 million, \$2.19 million and \$1.80 million to the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, the Hong Kong Association of Youth Development and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals respectively for procuring related equipment such as information technology systems. Such equipment will help these NGOs enhance their efficiency in operating the youth hostels and, through digitisation, provide youth tenants with a more convenient and safer living environment. According to the Guidance Notes on Project Implementation under YHS, NGOs shall make reference to the tendering procedures of the Government when inviting tenders under their individual procedures for procuring equipment. This is to ensure that the tendering procedures concerned are carried out on the basis of transparency, fairness and cost-effectiveness.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB039

(Question Serial No. 2471)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will establish a physical platform for interaction in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre for Youth Link members. How will the estimated provisions be allocated to such specific items as the development, operation and maintenance of the platform as well as the training of social workers? Moreover, has the Bureau drawn up a plan on a territory-wide community support network for young people? If similar platforms are to be further established in other districts, what basic data (e.g. population density of the 15-34 age group and the current gap in community facilities) will be referenced to when setting criteria for site identification?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will set up a physical platform for interaction for Youth Link members in the Nam Cheong District Community Centre and the adjacent Tung Chau Street Temporary Market, which includes multi-function areas, a youth culture and creativity bazaar, and small-scale performance spaces. Our goal is to provide a gathering place for on-going interaction among Youth Link members, and establish a base for implementing the Youth Development Blueprint measures to encourage communication and collaboration among the Government, the Youth Development Commission (YDC) and young people. The HYAB will undertake the co-ordination work for establishing the physical platform for Youth Link members with existing manpower and resources, and will seek approval for block allocation from the Capital Works Reserve Fund for construction, fitting-out and improvement works related to the physical platform.

Apart from establishing a physical platform for Youth Link members, it was also announced in the 2024 Policy Address that:

- (i) To strengthen support for unleashing the potential of young people, the HYAB will convert part of the Youth Square (YS) to establish a new interactive space for young people to gather for exchanges, develop personal potential and participate in different activities. Besides, the HYAB will roll out the “Good Stories of Hong Kong Youth” Programme by reserving part of YS for setting up a video studio for young people to produce video clippings on promoting good stories of Hong Kong youths, and providing relevant training on the production and filming of video clippings; and
- (ii) The HYAB will convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity. In this connection, the Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating this new youth facility under a short-term tenancy. We are assessing the tenders received. We expect that the assessment and award of tender will be completed in the first half of 2025, and the concerned facility will progressively commence its operation within 2025.

Furthermore, the Government also plans to build youth facility buildings in the Northern Metropolis to implement more specific youth development measures. The objectives of the youth facility buildings include (1) providing a venue for better and deeper exchange, interaction and co-operation between the youth from the Mainland and Hong Kong; (2) promoting exchange and co-operation for youth volunteerism and cross-boundary volunteerism; (3) serving as a venue for engaging young participants in various programmes and activities of the HYAB/YDC; and (4) setting up an innovation and entrepreneurial base for youths with facilities such as entrepreneurship support centre, office space and event hall, with a view to attracting young entrepreneurs to gather.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB040

(Question Serial No. 2472)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will establish the “Youth Post” hostel and spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths in the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility. In the estimates for youth development, social harmony and civic education, what are the respective expenditures on items such as construction/alteration works, software/hardware facilities for arts spaces, first-year operation costs, and publicity/promotion costs for this initiative? How does the Bureau formulate a pricing mechanism on hostel rates so that they will be financially affordable for young people? How does the Bureau ensure that the planning of cultural and arts activities will cater for the varied needs of diverse youth groups (e.g. grassroots youths, ethnic minorities and practitioners in the creative industries)? In addition, will the initiative cover partnerships with local social enterprises or arts groups to operate certain facilities? What kinds of partnership will they be and what will be the ratios of fund matching? Please provide specific indicators (e.g. anticipated occupancy rate, frequency of cultural exchange activities and level of satisfaction among youth participants) for evaluating the short-term effectiveness and long-term sustainability of the initiative.

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

To expand spaces and network for youths, the 2024 Policy Address announced that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity.

The Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating the youth facility under a short-term tenancy of 5 years. The awarded tenderer will operate the facility on a self-financing basis, bearing expenditures such as the costs incurred for altering the community isolation facility into different installations of the youth facility. We are assessing the tenders received, including

proposals from applicant organisations on how they will set up and operate the youth facility. We expect that the assessment and award of tender will be completed in the first half of 2025, and the concerned facilities will progressively begin its operation within 2025.

We have required applicant organisations to submit, in their tenders, proposals on how to operate and utilise the “Youth Post”. The operator will also be required to submit annual reports on the occupancy rates and utilisation of the “Youth Post”. Upon the award of tender, we will further discuss with the awarded tenderer on ways to utilise and publicise the “Youth Post”, including collaboration arrangements between the awarded tenderer and relevant government departments and/or organisations, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people as well as boosting youth development.

Since the implementation of the “Youth Post” initiative is undertaken by existing HYAB staff, no additional expenditure is involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB041

(Question Serial No. 2476)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Women Empowerment Fund under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will launch the pilot “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme (the Programme), matching female university students with women leader mentors. What are the respective expenditures for mentorship training, development of the matching platform and career workshops for mentees in the 2025-26 estimates for the Programme? How will the HYAB set the eligibility criteria, such as academic background and financial needs, for female university students? Will the matching be made by industry sector, such as innovation and technology or finance? In addition, what indicators (e.g. internship placement rate, rate of increase in post-graduation salary) will be adopted to evaluate the effectiveness of the Programme?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme (the Programme). Under the Programme, local female university students who aspire to pursue a career in professional or business sectors will be matched with women leader mentors, and will be provided with relevant training and activities to promote women’s workplace development. All mentees must be female students studying full-time bachelor’s degree programme at a local university (excluding first-year students and final-year undergraduates). In selecting mentees for the Programme, we will take into account factors such as the students’ conduct, academic and extra-curricular performance, commitment to serving the community and previous participation in other mentorship programmes organised by the respective university. In matching mentees with mentors, we will also take into account mentees’ interested industry or profession as indicated in their respective application forms.

Under the Programme, we will organise various types of training, seminars or sharing sessions for mentees, arrange other relevant activities, as well as carry out publicity and promotion. Our initial estimation of the expenditure to be incurred by such initiatives is about

\$3.72 million in 2025-26. The expenditure incurred by the Programme does not fall within the scope of the Women Empowerment Fund.

The Programme will run on a pilot basis for two years and be reviewed afterwards. Upon commencement of the Programme, we will also gauge views from mentors and mentees regularly by various means such as questionnaire survey, sharing by participants or report to monitor the effectiveness. As the Programme aims to enhance the skills of female university students and help them to build confidence and networks with a view to promoting women's workplace development, such objectives are difficult to be quantified.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB042

(Question Serial No. 0431)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In the past 3 years, did the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau engage any external lawyers for consultancy services in accordance with the Stores and Procurement Regulations of the Government without seeking assistance from the Department of Justice? If so, what were the nature of such services and the expenditures incurred?

Asked by: Hon LAM San-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) engaged a consultant in accordance with the Stores and Procurement Regulations of the Government to study the legislation on regulating false information as enacted by other jurisdictions in recent years and their experience in enforcing such legislation. Having regard to the nature of the study, the HYAB required the consulting team to include a lawyer practising in Hong Kong. In 2023-24, the expenditure for the consultancy service was about \$600,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB043

(Question Serial No. 0754)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 209 of the Budget Speech that the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to submit a proposal in order to combat illegal betting. Currently, the HKJC operates football betting on the terms that, in addition to paying taxes to the Government, it also has to contribute half of the proceeds so generated to social welfare projects. In this connection, will the Bureau inform this Committee (i) how the Government will ensure that the HKJC allocates 50% of the basketball betting proceeds to subsidise social services; (ii) how the Government will weigh and adopt the views of the social welfare sector and organisations providing gambling counselling services when studying basketball betting activities; and (iii) how the Government will assess the social implications of the implementation of basketball betting policies?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting, the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. These conditions include that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit betting; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorder; and shall not,

in conducting any promotional activities, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that betting is a source of income. However, the licensing conditions do not provide for how the HKJC should use its surplus for charitable purposes. Moreover, the Ping Wo Fund promotes public education and counselling support through various measures to prevent and alleviate gambling-related problems.

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the HKJC, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities. When exploring the regulation of basketball betting activities, the Government will also make reference to the aforesaid conditions of the betting licences issued to the HKJC to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people.

The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB044

(Question Serial No. 2396)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 204 of the Budget Speech that the Women Empowerment Fund has provided funding support for over 204 projects to date, and a two-year mentorship programme will be launched. In this connection, will the Bureau inform this Committee of the following: What projects have been launched in 2024-25? How much funding and how many female beneficiaries have been involved?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) was established in June 2023. In 2024-25, a total of 144 projects¹ were approved under the WEF and the funding involved was about \$21.9 million. As the funded projects are still being rolled out, the number of beneficiaries in that financial year is not yet available.

Besides running the WEF, the Government will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the two-year pilot “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme (the Programme). Under the Programme, local female university students will be matched with women leader mentors, and will be provided with relevant training and activities to promote women’s workplace development. We have taken forward the preparatory work and expect to recruit no less than 80 mentees in the first year.

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¹ 3 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB045

(Question Serial No. 1388)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 209 of the Budget Speech that to combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the Hong Kong Jockey Club to submit a proposal. On matters related to the gambling policy, will the Government advise this Committee:

- 1) of the expenditures, provisions and manpower arrangements involved for regulating horse race betting, football betting and lotteries over the past 3 financial years and those estimated for the coming financial year;
- 2) how the Bureau will reduce the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially young people; and
- 3) whether the Bureau will consider putting out the operation of basketball betting to open tender to promptly bring substantial revenue to the Government's coffers; and whether it will consider studying the feasibilities of opening up betting on other sports such as snooker, golf and tennis in the long run; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting, the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. These conditions

include that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit betting; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorder; and shall not, in conducting any promotional activities, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that betting is a source of income. Moreover, the Ping Wo Fund promotes public education and counselling support through various measures to prevent and alleviate gambling-related problems.

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the HKJC, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities. When exploring the regulation of basketball betting activities, the Government will also make reference to the aforesaid conditions of the betting licences issued to the HKJC to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. At present, the Government has no plan to regulate betting activities on other types of sports.

It is an established practice that the Government issues licences for operating horse race betting and football betting in Hong Kong under the Betting Duty Ordinance to only one organisation, the HKJC, with the aim of preventing competition among operators which could stimulate the demand for gambling. Having considered that such arrangement is consistent with the Government's long-standing policy of not encouraging gambling and has all along been effective, and that the HKJC is experienced in operating betting activities, the Government has thus mentioned in the Budget Speech that the HKJC will be invited to submit a proposal.

The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

The work on the regulation of horse race betting, football betting and the Mark Six Lottery is taken up by a team of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Administrative Officer and 1 Executive Officer. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and emoluments involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB046

(Question Serial No. 1391)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 of this Programme that the Bureau will continue to implement the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- 1) in tabulated form, of the figures over the past 3 years on (i) hostel places provided and their respective rents, (ii) applicants, (iii) successful applicants, (iv) tenants that have moved in, (v) respective residence periods of tenants that have moved in and (vi) tenants that have terminated tenancy under the YHS;
- 2) of the staff establishment and expenditure involved for handling the YHS in the past 3 financial years, and the estimation thereof for the coming financial year;
- 3) as there are views that while youth tenants shall participate in no less than 200 hours of community or volunteer services for the neighbourhood community each year, some young people with long working hours may not be able to complete 200 hours of community services, whether the Bureau will consider fine-tuning the number of hours of community services required of youth tenants; if yes, of the details; if not, whether the Bureau will handle cases of underachievement with flexibility or discretion.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) is an important youth development initiative. Apart from meeting young people's aspirations of having their own living space, we also hope that youth tenants will benefit through participating in the various support and training activities provided by youth hostels during their stay. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has been proactively implementing the YHS through a multi-pronged approach, which includes fully funding non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to construct youth hostels on under-utilised sites, and launching the YHS - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Subsidy Scheme).

There are currently 7 youth hostel projects whose construction is fully funded by the Government. The first 2 youth hostels run by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and the Po Leung Kuk have commenced operation upon completion of construction in 2020 and 2023 respectively, offering a total of over 1 700 hostel places, which account for more than half of the total provision of hostel places under all the projects. Since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme in 2023, 5 projects have been approved thereunder and put into use, providing a maximum of 1 310 hostel places in total. The latest progress and relevant information of the various youth hostel projects are at **Annex**.

Of the 7 youth hostels currently in operation, 2 commenced operation in the fourth quarter of 2024 and the NGOs concerned have been recruiting youth tenants as planned. At present, the monthly rent of a hostel place under the YHS (including the Subsidy Scheme) ranges between some \$2,500 and \$5,900 on average. As at end-February 2025, the 7 youth hostels received over 10 000 applications in total and, except for the usual tenant turnover slots, the average room occupancy rate of the 5 youth hostels that have operated for at least a year is about 85%. Under the current YHS policy, the first tenancy term is 2 years in general and can be renewed for an aggregate of no more than 5 years.

In the past 3 financial years and the coming one, the YHS was and will be administered by a team of civil servants at the HYAB (comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Executive Officer and 2 Executive Officers I) with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and emoluments involved.

The Subsidy Scheme offers a platform to promote youth enrichment and development, enabling them to unleash their strengths and contribute to society. We hope that, through their flexible participation in activities/training at youth hostels and community/voluntary services during their stay, youth tenants may achieve self-enrichment, expand their social networks and effectively set personal development goals. Meanwhile, the communities where the youth hostels are located will also benefit from the community services provided by youth tenants. This in turn helps the underprivileged obtain direct support from young people and establish a wider peer network, which is conducive to building a harmonious society in the long run. At present, 3 youth hostels under the Subsidy Scheme have been operating for over 1 year. Their overall operation, including arrangements for youth tenants to take part in youth hostel activities and community/voluntary services during their stay, has been smooth. The HYAB will keep in view the operation of the youth hostels, review the implementation arrangements of the Subsidy Scheme according to actual circumstances, and adjust the execution details when necessary.

Latest Progress and Relevant Information of Youth Hostel Projects

(I) Youth hostel projects whose construction is fully funded by the Government

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Estimated number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress	Actual / projected completion date (year)
1	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) / The HKFYG Youth Hostel PH2	2 Po Heung Street, Tai Po Market, New Territories	80 (78)	Completed and in operation	2020
2	Po Leung Kuk (PLK) / PLK Lee Shau Kee Youth Oasis	18 Tai Shu Ha Road West, Yuen Long, New Territories	1 680 (1 248)	Completed and in operation	2023
3	Hong Kong Association of Youth Development	9 Arran Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon	90 (72)	Construction underway	2026
4	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	Junction of Ferry Street and Jordan Road, West Kowloon	592 (579)	Construction underway	2026
5	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	122A-130 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong	302 (210)	Construction underway	2027
6	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	Junction of Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long and Yau Tin East Road, New Territories	About 190 (About 180)	Pre-construction works underway	To be advised
7	The Salvation Army	6-8 Salvation Army Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	About 510 (About 510)	Technical feasibility studies underway	To be advised
Total			About 3 444 (About 2 877)		

(II) Youth Hostel Scheme - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels

	Non-governmental organisation / youth hostel	Address	Maximum number of hostel places (number of rooms)	Latest progress
1	Hong Kong United Youth Association / BeLIVING Youth Hub	39 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	194 (97)	The project was approved in March 2023 and in the same month that year the first batch of tenants moved in.
2	The Y.Elites Association / Home ² Youth Hostel	8 Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	200 (100)	The project was approved in April 2023 and in June the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
3	Lady Lau Memorial Charitable Foundation Limited / Joseph's House	86 & 88 Apliu Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	84 (42)	The project was approved in July 2023 and in September the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
4	Tin Shui Wai Residents Services Association Fund Committee Limited / Sky One Hostel	8 Tin Sau Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	672 (336)	The project was approved in August 2024 and in October the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
5	Yan Oi Tong Limited / YOT Hub	30-38 Sa Po Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	160 (80)	The project was approved in October 2024 and in December the same year the first batch of tenants moved in.
Total			1 310 (655)	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB047

(Question Serial No. 0680)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will set up a “Youth Post” hostel in the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility at the former runway area in Kai Tak and create spaces for young people to stimulate creativity, develop culture and arts, and engage in mutual exchange. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau is responsible for preparing the tender document in consultation with relevant bureaux and departments, and will conduct an open tender exercise to identify an organisation experienced in running hostels or cultural and creative bases to operate this new youth facility.

1. What is the current progress of the project? When is the tender exercise expected to be completed? When will the Youth Post commence operation according to the latest estimation?
2. How will the Government ensure that the awarded tenderer has adequate experience and capabilities for operating the Youth Post? During the operation of the Youth Post, what monitoring mechanisms will the Government establish to ensure that the use of the facility meets the targets of promoting youth development as well as cultural and art exchange?
3. Will the Government regularly evaluate the operational effectiveness of the Youth Post and adjust its operational strategies according to feedback from young people? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

To expand spaces and network for youths, the 2024 Policy Address announced that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity.

The Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating the youth facility under a short-term tenancy of 5 years. The awarded tenderer will operate the facility on a self-financing basis. We are assessing the tenders received, including proposals from applicant organisations on how they will set up and operate the youth facility. We expect that the assessment and award of tender will be completed in the first half of 2025, and the concerned facility will progressively begin its operation within 2025.

The tender document sets out the assessment criteria, including tenderers' experiences in operating such accommodation facilities as hotels or hostels and in organising activities. Based on these assessment criteria, the HYAB would evaluate the tenders received to select a suitable organisation for operating the "Youth Post". Furthermore, the awarded tenderer shall submit to the HYAB annual reports on the occupancy rates and utilisation of the "Youth Post" to facilitate the HYAB's understanding and monitoring of the operation of the "Youth Post".

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB048

(Question Serial No. 1832)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

According to Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 under Head 53, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will continue to implement the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) to assist young tenants under the Youth Hostel Scheme to develop effective financial management plans. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

What specific measures and activities has the Bureau introduced since the launch of the Programme in order to enhance young people's knowledge on financial management and cultivate in them such a habit?

Has the Bureau set any key performance indicators for the pilot Programme? Did the efficacy of the Programme meet the target last year?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-wang, Robert (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Investor and Financial Education Council (IFEC) jointly launched the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) in 2024. The pilot Programme has been implemented at 5 youth hostels under the Youth Hostel Scheme, providing youth tenants with financial planning and counselling services as well as information on financial management, saving and investment that suits their individual needs, thereby assisting them to develop effective financial management plans.

Since its launch in May 2024, the pilot Programme has offered story-telling sessions on financial management, interactive learning activities and a series of online resources, aiming to help youth tenants customise their own financial plans and goals and establish good habits of managing personal finances and investment. Under the Programme, 9 story-telling sessions on financial management have been organised, covering topics such as financial planning, investment, as well as credit and risks, where experts shared their knowledge and insights about financial management with youth tenants. Moreover, 6 issues of digital newsletters have been delivered so far to provide youth tenants with information on financial

management and various tools for personal financial management. Since the pilot Programme is well received by youth tenants, it has expanded to cover other newly launched youth hostels, and also gradually extended to other funding schemes and activities of the HYAB. The number of youth beneficiaries under the Programme since its launch is about 2 000.

The HYAB and the IFEC have gauged views from youth tenants and NGOs operating the youth hostels for designing the Programme content and making necessary adjustments. Questionnaires from the HYAB and IFEC have been distributed to participants in such activities and, according to the survey results, around 90% of participants agreed that the activities helped deepen their knowledge of financial management. We will keep in view the progress and effectiveness of the Programme and make timely adjustments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB049

(Question Serial No. 3022)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The basketball betting issue mentioned in the Budget has aroused concerns, and it is learnt that the Hong Kong Jockey Club expects to officially introduce basketball betting when the new NBA season begins in October next year. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the specific legal provisions and regulatory mechanisms for basketball betting? How will the Government ensure that legalised betting activities do not cause social problems?
2. Following the legalisation of basketball betting, how will the relevant laws be applied to other forms of betting? Will there be specific legal provisions for virtual betting or other new forms of betting?
3. With the increase in betting activities, how will their participants' personal data be safeguarded? Will there be new laws or regulations to strengthen the protection of personal data?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- 1.&2. As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting, the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences

issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. These conditions include that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit betting; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorder; and shall not, in conducting any promotional activities, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that betting is a source of income. Moreover, the Ping Wo Fund promotes public education and counselling support through various measures to prevent and alleviate gambling-related problems.

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years, quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the HKJC, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities. When exploring the regulation of basketball betting activities, the Government will also make reference to the aforesaid conditions of the betting licences issued to the HKJC to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people.

The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

3. As a data user, the HKJC is subject to regulation under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) (PDPO). The relevant provisions and the data protection principle of the PDPO cover the entire cycle of processing personal data, including the collection, retention, use and deletion of personal data.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB050

(Question Serial No. 3034)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 209 of the Budget Speech that to combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the Hong Kong Jockey Club to submit a proposal. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee: whether it will also consider conducting extensive consultation to collect views and suggestions from different sectors of society, in particular schools, families and communities, and compiling a study report; if so, of the details; if no, the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. Generally speaking, when assessing the need to authorise new betting activities, the Government will take into account the following three factors:

- (1) there is an actual and persistent demand from the public for a certain type of betting activity;
- (2) the above demand is now being satisfied by illegal means, and the problem cannot be practically and fully tackled by law enforcement action even with the devotion of substantial resources; and
- (3) the proposed authorisation of such type of betting activity is supported by society.

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years, quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities.

The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB051

(Question Serial No. 3039)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under the Programme that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will continue to implement the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) to assist young tenants under the Youth Hostel Scheme to develop effective financial management plans. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the figures on activities held under the Programme to date and the expenditure on each activity; and
2. of the number of activities expected to be held in the coming year, the specific timetable and the activities planned.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Investor and Financial Education Council jointly launched the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) in 2024. The pilot Programme has been implemented at 5 youth hostels under the Youth Hostel Scheme, providing youth tenants with financial planning and counselling services as well as information on financial management, saving and investment that suits their individual needs, thereby assisting them to develop effective financial management plans.

Since its launch in May 2024, the pilot Programme has offered story-telling sessions on financial management, interactive learning activities and a series of online resources, aiming to help youth tenants customise their own financial plans and goals and establish good habits of managing personal finances and investment. Under the Programme, 9 story-telling sessions on financial management have been organised, covering topics such as financial planning, investment, as well as credit and risks, where experts shared their knowledge and insights about financial management with youth tenants. Moreover, 6 issues of digital newsletters have been delivered so far to provide youth tenants with information on financial management and various tools for personal financial management.

Since the pilot Programme is well received by youth tenants, it has expanded to cover other newly launched youth hostels, and also gradually extended to other funding schemes and activities of the HYAB. The number of youth beneficiaries under the Programme since its launch is about 2 000. As the HYAB has implemented the Programme with existing resources, no additional manpower or expenditure is involved. We will keep in view the progress and effectiveness of the Programme and make timely adjustments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB052****(Question Serial No. 3040)**Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

It is stated under the Programme that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will continue to promote youth volunteerism through various channels, including Service Corps, the HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme (UNV Programme) and Guangdong-Hong Kong Youth Volunteers Programme. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. Will the Government provide, in tabulated form, the respective figures on the applications made by local university students and successful applicants for each round of the UNV Programme so far?
2. Given that the HYAB provides full financial assistance for the UNV Programme, including round-trip air tickets between Hong Kong and duty stations, monthly living allowances and so on, what is the estimated expenditure to be involved in the latest round of the UNV Programme?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)Reply:

1. The respective numbers of applicants and participants for the HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme over the past 5 years are as follows:

Financial Year	Number of Applicants	Number of Participants
2024-25	74	25
2023-24	21	10
2022-23	19	13
2021-22 [^]	0	0
2020-21 [^]	0	0

[^]The programme was suspended in 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to the epidemic.

2. The estimated expenditure for the HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme is \$5.2 million in 2025-26, including the expenditure for 20 internship placements under the new round of the programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB053

(Question Serial No. 3041)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under the Programme that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will continue to implement the 5-year Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education (the Scheme) to subsidise non-profit-making community projects in promoting family education. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the total numbers of applications received and approved respectively under the Scheme to date?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau and the Family Council (the Council) launched the 5-year Funding Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education (the Scheme) in October 2024 with an annual provision of \$8 million to subsidise non-profit-making community projects in promoting family education. The scope of funding covers various family-related topics to meet the needs of different families. In 2024-25, the Scheme received over 200 applications. The Council is now assessing the applications and their results are expected to be announced in the second quarter of this year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB054

(Question Serial No. 2435)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme (Sponsorship Scheme), the Government provides counselling and treatment services for gamblers with gambling disorder and those affected by them. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. For the past year, what were the actual amount of sponsorship disbursed and the respective expenditures on research, public education as well as counselling and treatment under the Sponsorship Scheme? And what was the age distribution of its service users?
2. Under Programme (3), the number of clients who received services provided by the treatment centres supported by the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) is estimated to drop to 2 500 in 2025. What are the specific reasons for that? It is mentioned in the Budget that the Bureau will explore regulating basketball betting activities. Will the Bureau also explore enhancing the services of the PWF accordingly?
3. Will consideration be given in the future to enhancing public education on gambling prevention, including the prevention of addiction to games with gambling elements (such as those with in-game purchases) and other areas? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. The Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to fund various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling, including anti-gambling education for young people. The Government also established the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to give advice to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs on the use and application of the PWF.
2. On counselling and treatment services, the PWF has been funding 4 counselling and treatment centres (counselling centres), namely Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Even Centre, Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre, Zion Social Service Yuk Lai

Hin Counselling Centre and Sunshine Lutheran Centre of the Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, to provide telephone counselling, face-to-face counselling and other professional treatment services for (i) gamblers with gambling disorder and (ii) those affected by them (mainly family members of the gamblers with gambling disorder). The centres also answer enquiries from those in need and members of the public through the PWF's Gambling Counselling Hotline (183 4633). In 2024, the PWF's total funding for such work was about \$26.55 million. In addition, the PWF has launched an online gambling counselling platform in collaboration with a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to offer, round-the-clock, professional preliminary advice and support to people with gambling problems. In 2024, the PWF's funding for such work was around \$4.5 million. The age distribution of the clients who received counselling and treatment services provided by the 4 counselling centres last year was as follows:

Age	2024
18 or below	29
19 to 25	135
26 to 29	163
30 to 39	458
40 to 49	315
50 to 59	201
60 or above	184
Unavailable	38
Total*	1 523

* Excluding assistance seekers that were not gamblers with gambling disorder (e.g. their family members).

On the public education and publicity front, the PWF has been promoting anti-gambling messages through diversified public education and publicity activities to the public, including young people, to raise public awareness of the problems arising from gambling addiction. The measures include (i) funding NGOs and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme (Sponsorship Scheme) and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants (School Project Grants); (ii) enhancing publicity at school and community levels through the No-Gambling Publicity Truck; and (iii) conducting publicity work for online and traditional media. In 2024, the PWF's total funding for the above work were around \$10 million, \$2.2 million and \$3.1 million respectively.

In addition to the above work, the PWF organises large-scale publicity and public education campaigns when there are mega football events, including the UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, with the aims of further raising public awareness of the problems caused by gambling addiction and promoting no-gambling messages. For example, the PWF's total funding for the large-scale publicity and public education campaign organised during the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period was about \$6 million.

2. The estimated number of people receiving counselling and treatment services (i.e. 2 500) is based on the service targets on the number of clients at the 4 counselling centres funded by the PWF. The Government and the PWF will continue to closely

monitor the situation of members of the public receiving these counselling and treatment services and make adjustments in a timely manner.

3. In 2025, the PWF will continue to strengthen various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling. On counselling and treatment services, a total of about \$33.93 million has been earmarked under the PWF to fund the counselling centres and the online gambling counselling platform. The public education and publicity measures include the Sponsorship Scheme and School Project Grants, publicity truck programme as well as publicity work for online and traditional media. The amounts earmarked under the PWF for the above work are around \$12 million, \$2.25 million and \$4.2 million respectively. The Government and the PWF will continue to closely monitor the gambling situation in Hong Kong for refining and optimising the work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB055

(Question Serial No. 0486)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will take forward the establishment of the “Youth Post” hostel and spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths in the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the manpower and estimated expenditure involved in implementing the initiative;
- (2) of the publicity measures to be put in place by the Bureau to attract young people around the globe to stay at the “Youth Post” during their visits in Hong Kong; and
- (3) whether the Bureau will consider working with tertiary institutions and the Labour Department to recommend the “Youth Post” to overseas students and young people coming to Hong Kong for working holiday, thereby fulfilling the objectives of promoting mutual exchange among overseas, Mainland and local young people as well as expanding spaces and networks for youths.

Asked by: Hon LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

To expand spaces and network for youths, the 2024 Policy Address announced that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) would convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity.

The Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating the youth facility under a short-term tenancy of 5 years. The awarded tenderer will operate the facility on a self-financing basis. We are assessing the tenders received, including proposals from applicant organisations on how they will set up and operate the youth facility. We expect that the assessment and award of tender

will be completed in the first half of 2025, and the concerned facility will progressively begin its operation within 2025.

Since the implementation of the “Youth Post” initiative is undertaken by existing HYAB staff, no additional expenditure is involved.

We have required applicant organisations to submit, in their tenders, proposals on how to operate and utilise the “Youth Post”. The operator will also be required to submit annual reports on the occupancy rates and utilisation of the “Youth Post”. Upon the award of tender, we will further discuss with the awarded tenderer on ways to utilise and publicise the “Youth Post”, including collaboration arrangements between the awarded tenderer and relevant government departments and/or organisations, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people as well as boosting youth development.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB056

(Question Serial No. 2243)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

This year, the Government will launch a two-year pilot mentorship programme (“She Inspires”), matching female university students with women leader mentors to promote women’s workplace development. Please provide the following information:

- (a) Will the programme commence in the first half of 2025, as stated in a paper submitted to the Legislative Council by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau earlier on? Has the Bureau drawn up a specific timetable? If so, what are the details?
- (b) What is the expenditure to be incurred by the programme?
- (c) As the programme currently focuses on professional and business sectors, will the Bureau consider extending the programme to other sectors if it runs well?
- (d) Upon completion of job shadowing by a mentee with a mentor, how does the Bureau evaluate the effectiveness of the programme? What is the assessment mechanism? Does the mentee have to submit a completion report?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme (the Programme). Under the Programme, local female university students who aspire to pursue a career in professional or business sectors will be matched with women leader mentors to promote women’s workplace development. We will organise various types of training, seminars or sharing sessions for mentees, arrange other relevant activities, as well as carry out publicity and promotion. Our initial estimation of the expenditure to be incurred by such initiatives is about \$3.72 million in 2025-26. The Programme will run on a pilot basis for two years and be reviewed afterwards. Upon commencement of the Programme, we will gauge views from mentors and mentees regularly by various means such as questionnaire survey, sharing by participants or report to monitor the effectiveness. If necessary, we will make adjustments to the content and coverage of the Programme as and when appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB057

(Question Serial No. 1988)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Under the Operating Account, the commitment for the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) – Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels is \$1 billion. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. As the Bureau has spent some \$60 million on taking forward the related projects so far and the balance is about \$938 million, how many youth hostel units will have their construction/alteration completed and be ready for launch in the market in 2025-26? What are the details?
2. How will the Bureau make use of the balance in the coming 3 years and how many units will be ready for rent by young people within this period? What are the details?
3. As it is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Bureau will continue to implement the Youth Financial Education Programme to assist young tenants under the YHS to develop effective financial management plans, what are the substantial and specific measures involved? How will the Bureau evaluate the effectiveness of such measures?

Asked by: Hon LUK Hon-man, Benson (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) secured approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in end-2022 for the creation of a new non-recurrent commitment of \$1 billion, and launched the Youth Hostel Scheme (YHS) - Subsidy Scheme for Using Hotels and Guesthouses as Youth Hostels (the Subsidy Scheme) in early 2023 to subsidise non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to rent suitable hotels and guesthouses for use as youth hostels. Since the launch of the Subsidy Scheme, 5 projects have been approved thereunder, providing a maximum of 1 310 hostel places in total. The HYAB will continue to proactively communicate with NGOs and stakeholders to take forward the Subsidy Scheme, and our target is to provide around 3 000 hostel places between 2022 and 2027.

The HYAB and the Investor and Financial Education Council (IFEC) jointly launched the Youth Financial Education Programme (the Programme) in 2024. The pilot Programme has been implemented at 5 youth hostels under the YHS, offering story-telling sessions on financial management, online resources and interactive learning activities, thereby assisting youth tenants to develop effective financial management plans. Questionnaires from the HYAB and IFEC have been distributed to participants in activities under the Programme and, according to the survey results, around 90% of participants agreed that the activities helped deepen their knowledge of financial management. The Programme has expanded to cover other newly launched youth hostels, and also gradually extended to other funding schemes and activities of the HYAB. The number of youth beneficiaries under the Programme since its launch is about 2 000. We will keep in view the progress and effectiveness of the Programme and make timely adjustments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB058

(Question Serial No. 2011)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Bureau will continue to work together with the Youth Development Commission to implement international and Mainland youth internship and exchange programmes. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- a) How many young people are provided with internship placements in 2025, and what are the respective cities or countries of their placements? For those participating in the Mainland internship programmes, please provide the detailed placement distribution with a breakdown by the Mainland province/city involved.
- b) Upon completion of these internships, does the Government have any mechanisms to assess the performance indicators of the internship programmes in order to decide whether to allocate funding to the same organisation in the future?
- c) At present, there are internship programmes such as the Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland that incorporate in their funding calculation participants who hold valid Hong Kong Identity Cards and are enrolled in full-time courses in Hong Kong even though they are not permanent residents of Hong Kong. However, the proportion of such participants must not exceed 50% of the total number of eligible participants in the same internship project. What are the proportion of such participants to the total number of participants in the funded internship projects, and the total funding amount involved?

Asked by: Hon LUK Hon-man, Benson (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- a) The internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland and overseas in 2025-26 cover a wide range of Mainland provinces/cities and overseas countries. In terms of the number of internship placements, the top five Mainland provinces/cities are Guangdong, Shanghai, Beijing, Jiangsu and Anhui, while the top five overseas countries are Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia and Vietnam. As recruitment for the internship

schemes/programmes is underway, the actual numbers of participants are not yet available.

- b) Upon completion of an exchange/internship project, participants are invited to fill in evaluation questionnaires from which we can gauge their views on the project for monitoring its effectiveness and quality. This will also become part of the track record when assessing the same organisation's applications in the future. Representatives of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission also attend activities (such as concluding and sharing sessions) held locally by the funded organisations to understand participants' views on the projects for monitoring their effectiveness and quality.
- c) Since 2024-25, the HYAB has expanded the eligibility criteria for participants under various exchange and internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland. Under the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, apart from young people holding Hong Kong Permanent Identity Cards, students holding Hong Kong Identity Card who are enrolled in full-time courses in Hong Kong are also eligible to join. However, the proportion of non-permanent resident participants should not exceed 50% of the total number of eligible participants in the same internship project. Among the lists of participant received, the proportion of relevant participants is 20%. As the funding amounts for both types of participants are the same, we do not maintain the breakdown of funding amounts by type of participants.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB059

(Question Serial No. 2012)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Youth Link (YL) has been launched for about 1.5 years. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

- a) given that the target participants of the YL are young people aged 12 to 39, of the respective numbers of youth members and activity participants by age group;
- b) in tabulated form, the activities organised under the YL and their respective numbers of enrolment, ballot success rates of activity enrolment, final numbers of participants and expenditures; and
- c) whether the Bureau has put in place performance indicators for regular evaluation of the types of activities organised under the YL, as well as the scopes involved, targeted youth groups and number of participants.

Asked by: Hon LUK Hon-man, Benson (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- a) The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) launched the Youth Link (YL) in September 2023 to link up participants of various government youth programmes, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and participate in public affairs, as well as strengthening their communication, interaction and mutual trust with the Government. The YL currently has over 18 000 youth members and their age distribution is: 42% of them are aged 12 to 17, 45% aged 18 to 25, 10% aged 26 to 33 and 3% aged 34 to 39.
- b) Since the launch of the YL, the HYAB has organised an array of activities for its members. To name a few, the Youth Dialogue on “The Chief Executive’s 2024 Policy Address” and other Youth Dialogue sessions, the historical and cultural exchange tour to Jiangxi Province, the exchange tour “Exploring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Greater Bay Area”, visits to youth hostels and the National Security Exhibition Gallery, some voluntary work in large-scale government events, as well as attendances at international events. For instance, in November 2024 several

YL members took part as delegates from Hong Kong, China in an official youth development programme under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in Peru, where they had in-depth exchanges with other youth delegates from various member economies in the Asia-Pacific region. The attendances at YL activities have reached over 2 400 to date. Since the HYAB has implemented the YL mainly with existing resources, we cannot single out the exact expenditures incurred for activities.

- c) The HYAB has adopted various measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the YL, such as conducting ongoing and regular meetings or exchanges with YL members, as well as gauging feedback and suggestions from youths on YL activities.

The HYAB has met and exceeded the target of organising and providing at least 10 youth development activities for YL members by end-2024. We will continue to provide YL members with various types of activities and will organise or provide at least 20 youth development activities for members within 2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB060

(Question Serial No. 0939)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

For Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 under this Programme, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will, inter alia, continue to work closely with the Youth Development Commission to facilitate cross-bureau and cross-sector collaboration in youth development work and monitor the implementation of initiatives set out in the Youth Development Blueprint, as well as implementing international and Mainland youth internship and exchange programmes. Please inform this Committee of the amount of expenditure on relevant work in the preceding financial year of 2024-25. What were the results? What were the youth internship and exchange programmes implemented? For the new financial year of 2025-26, what is the estimated expenditure on relevant youth development work? What are the specific work plans and timetables? What are the key performance indicators (KPIs)? What are the HYAB's plans to enhance international and Mainland youth internship and exchange opportunities, thereby creating more opportunities for youth upward mobility?

Asked by: Hon NG Kit-chong, Johnny (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) continues to take forward various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes outside Hong Kong, including the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland, the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland, the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas, the HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme, the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland, the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme, and the exchange activities outside Hong Kong that arranged for Youth Ambassadors under the YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme. The revised estimates in 2024-25 and estimated expenditures in 2025-26 of the said schemes/programmes are as follows:

Name of Scheme/Programme	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	
	2025-26 (Estimate)	2024-25 (Revised Estimate)
HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland	115	113
HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland	11	9.1
HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas	N.A. [#]	N.A. [#]
HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme	5.2	4.6
Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland	76	76
International youth exchange programmes [^]	31	24.9
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme	0.6	0.5

Major expenses related to the internship, such as transportation, accommodation and insurance for participants, are covered by participating corporates while the HYAB shares part of the administrative and publicity expenses.

[^] Including international youth exchange activities under the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange and the YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme.

Upon completion of an exchange/internship project, participants are invited to fill in evaluation questionnaires from which we can gauge their views on the project for monitoring its effectiveness and quality. This will also become part of the track record when assessing the same organisation's applications in the future. Representatives of the HYAB and the Youth Development Commission also attend activities (such as concluding and sharing sessions) held locally by the funded organisations to understand participants' views on the projects for monitoring their effectiveness and quality. Based on the feedback collected from the last rounds of participants, over 90% of the respondents considered that the respective schemes/programmes have attained the intended objectives and helped them broaden their exposure and deepen their understanding of the Mainland / overseas countries they visited.

We have gradually rolled out the exchange and internship schemes/programmes for 2025-26 since October 2024, and it is expected that Hong Kong young people will start to undertake these exchange and internship opportunities in the Mainland and overseas from May this year the earliest. Enhancement measures have been put in place under the schemes/programmes for 2025-26 to encourage non-governmental organisations to organise two-way exchange projects, with a view to deepening the interaction and exchange between Hong Kong youths and Mainland/overseas youths.

The HYAB will further enhance the breadth and depth of these schemes/programmes, including strengthening our collaboration with more official cultural and scientific research institutions in the Mainland and major corporates to organise the HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland and the HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas. Through such diverse, unique and in-depth

internship opportunities, Hong Kong young people can deepen their knowledge in our country's development, the relevant disciplines and professional fields. These internship schemes/programmes will help enrich the participants' exposure and enhance young people's employment advantage and upward mobility.

The Government set indicators in the 2023 Policy Address to increase the number of beneficiaries under the HYAB's various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes in the Mainland and overseas to no less than 30 000 in 2024, with no less than 90% of participants surveyed to consider themselves having benefitted from the exchange/internship and that the objectives of the schemes/programmes have been attained, and with no less than 80% of employers surveyed to consider the Mainland and overseas internship experience valuable and participants of such schemes/programmes more competitive than non-participants. We achieved the said target in end-2024.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB061

(Question Serial No. 0777)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In recent years, quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the HKJC to submit a proposal. Will the Government advise this Committee:

1. whether it has assessed the situation of illegal basketball betting activities in Hong Kong in recent years; if yes, of the details;
2. of the law enforcement actions against illegal basketball betting activities taken by the Government in the past 3 years; and
3. whether it will also strengthen no-gambling education for young people; if yes, of the relevant details and estimated expenditures?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. According to the latest assessment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year.
2. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) arrested 6 781, 6 101 and 5 341 persons respectively for various illegal gambling offences. The HKPF does not maintain a separate breakdown as requested in the question.

The HKPF closely monitors the trend of these crimes and takes appropriate intelligence-led law enforcement actions against them. To combat crimes related to illegal online gambling, the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau as well as other formations of the HKPF will gather intelligence through cyber patrols and other channels, exchange intelligence with overseas law enforcement agencies and investigate illegal gambling websites within and outside Hong Kong.

3. The Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to fund various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling, including anti-gambling education for young people. The Government also established the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to give advice to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs on the use and application of the PWF.

On the public education and publicity front, the PWF has been promoting anti-gambling messages through diversified public education and publicity activities to the public, including young people, to raise public awareness of the problems arising from gambling addiction. The measures include (i) funding non-governmental organisations and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants, for which the PWF's total funding in 2024 and 2025 are \$10 million and \$12 million respectively; (ii) enhancing publicity at school and community levels through the No-Gambling Publicity Truck, for which the PWF's funding in 2024 and 2025 are about \$2.2 million and \$2.25 million respectively; and (iii) conducting publicity work for online and traditional media, for which the total funding in 2024 and 2025 are around \$3.1 million and \$4.2 million respectively.

In addition to the above work, the PWF organises large-scale publicity and public education campaigns when there are mega football events, including the UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, with the aims of further raising public awareness of the problems caused by gambling addiction and promoting no-gambling messages. For example, the PWF's total funding for the large-scale publicity and public education campaign organised during the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period was about \$6 million.

The Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and its secretariat regularly review the effectiveness of the said measures. Through such means as evaluating the outcomes of the sponsored activities when processing the reimbursement claims from the funded organisations, as well as exchanging views with stakeholders, the measures' overall effectiveness has been enhanced. The Government will continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate, including preventing and alleviating gambling problems among young people.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB062

(Question Serial No. 2601)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the implementation progress of the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY), please advise this Committee:

- (1) of the number of applicants for the MSSY and the age distribution of these applicants, as well as the details of the appointed posts the successful applicants held in advisory and statutory bodies since the launch of the MSSY;
- (2) of the respective expenditures incurred and staffing involved each year since the launch of the MSSY; and
- (3) whether indicators have been formulated to evaluate the effectiveness of the MSSY; if yes, of the specific indicators and their implementation progress.

Asked by: Hon TAN Yueheng (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

To provide more opportunities for young people to participate in policy discussions, the Government launched the Pilot Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth in late October 2017 for young people with the commitment to serving the community to self-nominate for joining advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) of the Government. The pilot scheme was regularised in 2018. The Chief Executive announced in the 2022 Policy Address the further expansion of the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth (MSSY), with the aim of increasing the number of participating advisory committees within the current term of the Government, from over 60 in 2022 to no less than 125 by end-2024 and no less than 180 by mid-2027.

So far, the number of participating committees under the MSSY has reached 141 with more than 500 seats offered in total for self-recommendation. A total of about 14 000 applications have been received from applicants aged between 16 and 35 coming from different backgrounds and sectors, with an average age of around 28. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has been liaising and working closely with various policy bureaux, with a view to opening up more committees on policy areas of greater interests and concerns to

young people, so that more of those dedicated to serving the community can self-nominate for the MSSY. As at mid-2024, about 630 ASB posts were held by young people appointed directly or indirectly through the MSSY. The overall ratio of youth members in ASBs also increased from 7.8% in end-2017 to 15.6% in mid-2024.

The implementation of the MSSY is carried out by a team of civil servants at the HYAB (comprising 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C, 1 Chief Executive Officer, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Executive Officer I, 2 Executive Officers II, 1 Clerical Officer, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Clerical Assistant) with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and emoluments involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB063

(Question Serial No. 2602)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will take forward the establishment of the “Youth Post” hostel and spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths in the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) What are the estimated expenditures involved in converting the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility and creating spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths?
- (2) Will the “Youth Post” hostel target mainly local or overseas young people? How many hostel places are expected to be provided and when will the hostel commence operation?

Asked by: Hon TAN Yueheng (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

To expand spaces and network for youths, the 2024 Policy Address announced that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity.

The Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating the youth facility under a short-term tenancy of 5 years. The awarded tenderer will operate the facility on a self-financing basis. The tender document has included appropriate terms and conditions to ensure that the facility is effectively used in promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people as well as boosting youth development. For example, the tender document requires that at least 50% of the gross floor area of the entire youth development facility must be used as a youth hostel.

We are assessing the tenders received, including proposals from applicant organisations on how they will set up and operate the youth facility. We expect that the assessment and award

of tender will be completed in the first half of 2025, and the concerned facility will progressively begin its operation within 2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB064

(Question Serial No. 2610)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the promotion of youth development, social harmony and the empowerment of women in Hong Kong, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) The specified key performance measures include the number of civic education projects sponsored, number of participants of various exchange programmes and number of social enterprises. Such existing indicators focus on the number of participants and the frequency of activities but lack in-depth capacity assessment. Given the resource constraints, how will the Government enhance its efficacy in allocating resources and evaluating their usage to avoid “having many activities with increased operational expenses but limited actual results”?
- (2) Over 140 projects have been launched under the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) since its establishment in June 2023. However, applications for the WEF can only be made through women’s groups and non-governmental organisations, which may render women outside these organisations unsupported, particularly grassroots and disadvantaged women. The limitation on application channels for the WEF is not in line with the overall policy objectives. Does the Government have information supporting the actual coverage rate of the WEF? Are there any plans to put in place more means of application, such as directly supporting individuals rather than requiring endorsement by an organisation? How does the Government ensure that grassroots and disadvantaged women can obtain assistance from the WEF (besides receiving social security allowance)?

Asked by: Hon TAN Yueheng (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

- (1) Besides taking the number of participants and the frequency of activities as the performance measures and indicators, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has a mechanism in place for monitoring the effectiveness of various projects and activities in promoting their related measures. All organisers sponsored by the HYAB are required to submit activity reports, financial reports, surveys on participants’ feedback,

etc. The HYAB will also work closely with various committees to jointly observe the conduct of these activities, review their evaluation reports and consider improvements if necessary.

- (2) Established in June 2023, the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) aims to empower women, regardless of their age, occupation, background, etc., to realise their full potential in their respective arenas, ultimately achieving the goal of promoting women's development in Hong Kong. The WEF provides funding support for non-profit-making or charitable women's groups and non-governmental organisations to launch, based on the needs of society, suitable projects for women from different backgrounds and social strata. The funded organisations are required to devise projects according to users' actual needs so as to meet the needs of different groups of women, including grassroots women. Examples include training on job-seeking skills for women seeking employment, courses to improve women's skills on elderly or child care, etc. The funded organisations are also required to adopt open, fair and just procedures and criteria for recruiting participants when implementing the projects. Therefore, women participating in WEF projects are not necessarily members of the funded organisations. The HYAB will continue to promote the WEF through various channels including websites, social platforms, emails, etc. The funded organisations will also publicise their activities to encourage more women to participate in WEF activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB065

(Question Serial No. 0016)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government is committed to women's development and launched the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) in June 2023 with an annual funding of \$20 million. To date, the WEF has provided funding support for women's groups and non-governmental organisations for launching over 240 projects. This year, a two-year pilot mentorship programme will be launched, matching female university students with women leader mentors. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the estimated expenditure for the two-year pilot mentorship programme to be launched by the Bureau, and the details of the programme; and
2. whether and how the effectiveness of the programme will be evaluated; if so, of the estimated completion time for the evaluation.

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the "She Inspires" Mentorship Programme (the Programme). Under the Programme, local female university students who aspire to pursue a career in professional or business sectors will be matched with women leader mentors to promote women's workplace development. We will organise various types of training, seminars or sharing sessions for mentees, arrange other relevant activities, as well as carry out publicity and promotion. Our initial estimation of the expenditure to be incurred by such initiatives is about \$3.72 million in 2025-26. The expenditure incurred by the Programme does not fall within the scope of the Women Empowerment Fund. The Programme will run on a pilot basis for two years and be reviewed afterwards. Upon commencement of the Programme, we will also gauge views from mentors and mentees regularly by various means such as questionnaire survey, sharing by participants or report to monitor the effectiveness.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB066

(Question Serial No. 2673)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As the expenditure of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) on youth development, social harmony and civic education will increase by \$150.7 million in 2025-26, representing a rise of 15.4%, what is the specific breakdown of the additional expenditure? What is the breakdown of the subventions provided by the HYAB for the 11 uniformed groups (UGs) under its purview in 2025-26? Has HYAB required these UGs to set performance indicators for their future development, including but not limited to requirements on the number of youth members and the training, courses and activities to be offered? If yes, what are the performance indicators? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Chun-sek, Edmund (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The increase of \$150.7 million in the provision for 2025-26 over the revised estimate for 2024-25 comprises an increase of \$107.4 million in the cash flow requirements for non-recurrent and capital account items, and an increase of \$43.3 million in the recurrent provision. The increased recurrent provision is for implementing various youth development, women and family related initiatives as well as covering the operating expenses. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will continue to examine, from time to time, the arrangements for various initiatives under Programme (2), with a view to flexibly deploying the provision in taking forward initiatives relating to youth development, social harmony and civic education.

Under the established policies, the HYAB provides recurrent subventions through lump sum grants to 11 uniformed groups (UGs) every year, with a view to supporting their provision of education and training to young people. A breakdown of the actual subventions to be granted to these UGs in 2025-26 is yet to be finalised. In setting the baseline subvention level for each UG, we will fully take into account the respective features of individual UGs, including their history of development, scale of operation, fund-raising capability, alternative funding sources, contents and natures of activities they organise, as well as the Government's overall prevailing fiscal position and other relevant factors.

The HYAB has signed with each of the UGs receiving recurrent subvention a Memorandum of Administrative Arrangements, requiring their annual submission of information such as year plan, budget, financial report and annual report in relation to youth activities for inspection by the HYAB, thereby ensuring the proper use of public resources. Meanwhile, these UGs have to set performance indicators, based on their operational needs, on a yearly basis for next year's operation. Such performance indicators include the number of youth members, the numbers of hours for training, courses and activities to be offered, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB067

(Question Serial No. 2697)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 204 of the Budget Speech that the Government launched the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) in June 2023 with an annual funding of \$20 million to provide funding support for women's groups and non-governmental organisations to launch projects with an aim of empowering women to develop their potential on their respective platforms. In this connection, will the Bureau please set out the details of the funded projects approved under the WEF since its establishment to March this year, including the total number of funded projects, and for each funded project its name, organiser, nature, target beneficiaries and funding amount, etc.?

Has the Bureau set any performance indicators for each of the funded projects? If yes, what are such performance indicators? Also, what follow-up actions will the Bureau take if a project fails to meet the performance indicators? If no, what are the reasons? Has the Bureau assessed whether the annual funding of \$20 million is sufficient? Will the Government consider increasing its budget to fund more projects that focus on enhancing occupational skills to strengthen women's capacity for work and enable them to pursue self-development?

Asked by: Hon WONG Chun-sek, Edmund (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

The Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) was established in June 2023. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, a total of 289 projects¹ were approved under the WEF and the funding involved was about \$43.28 million. The names of the funded projects and their organisers are available on the WEF website (www.wef.gov.hk). The number of funded projects and respective funding amounts by theme are as follows:

¹ 15 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

Category	Number of projects	Funding amount (\$'000)
General projects		
(i) Assisting women in accomplishing transformations in the job market	46	9,810
(ii) Enhancing women's awareness on their physical and mental health	54	9,110
(iii) Helping women to cope with different roles in family and society	17	3,150
(iv) Motivating women to enhance their personal attributes and achieve full potential	37	6,910
(v) Facilitating the use of new information and communication technology	25	3,570
Thematic projects		
(i) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Exchange Programme	93	6,930
(ii) Programme on Women's Participation in Community Services	17	3,800
Total:	289	43,280

Based on the needs of society, the funded organisations under the WEF will organise suitable activities for women from different backgrounds and social strata. The WEF projects offer activities of diverse nature and form to meet the needs of women in varied roles. Examples include training on job-seeking skills for women seeking employment, courses to improve women's skills on elderly or child care, etc. The organisations may set different target groups for the various activities held under the projects, and may suitably adjust such target groups according to the actual needs for the gainful use of resources.

Since the establishment of the WEF, 73 approved projects have been completed successfully. The remaining projects are either in progress or being rolled out. The funded organisations are required to conduct a questionnaire survey upon completion of each funded project to collect participants' opinions. The funded organisations are also required to submit activity and financial reports for each funded project to the Women's Commission (WoC) for reviewing the effectiveness of the project. Moreover, we will deploy staff to inspect the funded projects to help evaluate their effectiveness. The WoC will also review, among others, the utilisation and the vetting mechanism of the WEF to optimise its operation. For the completed projects, feedback from participants was generally positive. They consider that the projects have effectively supported their development in various arenas and that the WEF met the deliverable of empowering women.

We will continue to monitor the operation of the WEF and review its utilisation and scope of funding to ensure proper use of the WEF with a view to empowering women effectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB068****(Question Serial No. 2568)**Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

1. Please set out the Mainland and overseas youth internship and exchange programmes funded by the Government in 2024-25, as well as their respective numbers of participants and actual expenditures; and
2. Please set out the details of the two-way exchange activities between local and overseas youths to be organised by the Government in 2025-26, as well as the anticipated numbers of participants and participating countries/places, and the expenditures to be incurred.

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)Reply:

1. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) continues to take forward various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes outside Hong Kong. The respective expenditures and numbers of participants of these schemes/programmes in 2024-25 are as follows:

Name of Scheme/Programme	2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	
	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants
HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Internship in the Mainland	113	4 400
HYAB Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland	9.1	111
HYAB Scheme on Corporate Summer Internship on the Mainland and Overseas	N.A. [#]	288

Name of Scheme/Programme	2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	
	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants
HYAB - United Nations Volunteer Internship Programme	4.6	25
Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland	76	30 000
International youth exchange programmes [^]	24.9	2 123
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Cultural Exchange Programme	0.5	25

Major expenses related to the internship, such as transportation, accommodation and insurance for participants, were covered by participating corporates while the HYAB shared part of the administrative and publicity expenses.

[^] Including international youth exchange activities under the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (FSIYE) and the YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme (YA Programme).

- Under the FSIYE, the funded organisations may organise one-way or two-way exchange projects. The FSIYE provides funding support for eligible overseas youths to participate in such activities. In 2025-26, we also introduced a number of enhancement measures for the FSIYE to encourage non-governmental organisations to organise two-way exchange projects, with a view to deepening the interaction and exchange between Hong Kong and overseas youths. As the assessment exercise of the FSIYE for 2025-26 is underway, the countries/places covered by the approved projects are not available at this stage. In addition, there are two-way international youth exchange activities under the YA Programme for 2025-26 which are still under planning.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB069****(Question Serial No. 2979)**Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs BureauSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Youth Development, Social Harmony and Civic EducationControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

Since its establishment in June 2023 to date, the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) has provided funding support for over 240 projects with an annual funding of \$20 million. At present, the list of funded projects on the WEF's website only shows the names of the organisations and projects. Please inform this Committee of:

1. the numbers of funded projects and respective funding amounts by theme;
2. the numbers of funded projects and respective funding amounts by main target group, e.g. young women, working women and housewives; and
3. the indicators used to evaluate the effectiveness of the projects.

Asked by: Hon ZHANG Xinyu, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)Reply:

The Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) was established in June 2023. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, a total of 289 projects¹ were approved under the WEF and the funding involved was about \$43.28 million. The number of funded projects and respective funding amounts by theme are as follows:

Category	Number of projects	Funding amount (\$'000)
General projects		
(i) Assisting women in accomplishing transformations in the job market	46	9,810
(ii) Enhancing women's awareness on their physical and mental health	54	9,110

¹ 15 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

Category	Number of projects	Funding amount (\$'000)
General projects		
(iii) Helping women to cope with different roles in family and society	17	3,150
(iv) Motivating women to enhance their personal attributes and achieve full potential	37	6,910
(v) Facilitating the use of new information and communication technology	25	3,570
Thematic projects		
(i) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Exchange Programme	93	6,930
(ii) Programme on Women's Participation in Community Services	17	3,800
Total:	289	43,280

The WEF aims to empower women of various ages, occupations and backgrounds to realise their full potential in their respective arenas. Based on the needs of society, the funded organisations will organise suitable activities for women from different backgrounds and social strata. The WEF projects offer activities of diverse nature and form to meet the needs of women in varied roles. Examples include training on job-seeking skills for women seeking employment, courses to improve women's skills on elderly or child care, etc. The organisations may set different target groups for the various activities held under the projects, and may suitably adjust such target groups according to the actual needs for the gainful use of resources. The WEF does not maintain information on the projects by target group.

The funded organisations are required to conduct a questionnaire survey upon completion of each funded project to collect participants' opinions. The funded organisations are also required to submit activity and financial reports for each funded project to the Women's Commission (WoC) for reviewing the effectiveness of the project. Moreover, we will deploy staff to inspect the funded projects to help evaluate their effectiveness. The WoC will also review, among others, the utilisation and the vetting mechanism of the WEF to optimise its operation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB070

(Question Serial No. 3185)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Department will engage 1 more existing support service centre for ethnic minorities (EM centre) to strengthen support services for ethnic minorities. Please advise on the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in that EM centre.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

To further facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities into the community, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will engage 1 more existing support service centre for ethnic minorities (EM centre) to provide interpretation and translation services for ethnic minorities to alleviate the inconvenience faced by ethnic minorities due to language barriers. The new services are targeted to commence in 2025. The estimated annual recurrent expenditure of the new initiative is \$13.65 million. HAD will invite the operators of existing EM centres (except the CHEER Centre which is now providing interpretation and translation services) to submit proposals on provision of interpretation and translation services for consideration by HAD. HAD will handle the work arising from the new initiative with its existing manpower.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB071

(Question Serial No. 0041)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive mentioned the setting up of distinctive photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts to attract the public and tourists to take photos.

- (a) Please provide detailed information on each of the photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts, the uniqueness of the landmarks, the number of visitors in the past year, and the expenditure incurred for the setting up and maintenance of the landmarks.
- (b) What promotional measures have been adopted by the Department to publicise these landmarks? What are the specific details of, the expenditure involved in and the effectiveness of the promotional initiatives?
- (c) What specific plans does the Government have in the coming year to leverage the photo-taking landmarks in various districts for the promotion of local economy or for other purposes? What are the details of these plans and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

Each of the District Youth Community Building Committees (DYCBCs) across 18 districts proposes for its district a distinctive photo-taking landmark with a particular theme and specific design elements to showcase district uniqueness as well as attract the public and tourists to take photos and “check in” there. The photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts have been completed since early 2024 for display for different periods ranging from several months to perpetual. The landmarks include large-scale distinctive installations or lighting decorations, ground paintings/mural paintings, distinctive landmark signage, etc.

District Offices (DOs) have assisted DYCBCs in promoting the photo-taking landmarks in their respective districts through various channels, including websites, social platforms, local networks, etc. In addition, in September and October last year, DOs collaborated with the

District Services and Community Care Teams of their respective districts to organise a series of local tours in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Members of the public were invited to visit the distinctive attractions in the territory, including the photo-taking landmarks in various districts. DOs do not have any statistics on the number of visitors of each photo-taking landmark.

The work relating to the setting up, maintenance, publicity, etc. of the above photo-taking landmarks is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs together with the relevant government departments. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available. The 18 DOs will continue to invite the DYCBCs of their respective districts to advise on district works or facilities and other community building initiatives. DOs will also continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB072

(Question Serial No. 1364)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the 2023 Policy Address that the training for members of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) will be strengthened, including the provision of mental health support training, to assist in the early referral of persons in need in the local communities for support.

- (a) What are the content, number of sessions, and breakdown of expenditure by content in respect of the training provided for CTs so far?
- (b) What is the total number of CT members who have received mental health support training to date?
- (c) How many cases involving persons with mental health needs in the local communities have been referred by CTs to date?
- (d) Will the Government continue to strengthen the mental health support training for CTs in the future, including broadening the training content and increasing the number of training sessions? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (a) to (d) The Government has been providing training for District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) covering various aspects such as tips for communicating with elderly persons, getting to know the welfare services at the district level and training course on mental health support services.

The mental health support training mentioned above was stated in the 2023 Policy Address. Mental health support training covering an overview of common mental health issues, mental health first aid course, and basic skills in providing mental health support, etc., has been provided for members of CTs by the Health

Bureau (HHB) starting from the third quarter of 2024, with a view to fully utilising community resources and CTs' experience and networks to facilitate mental health promotion. CTs assist in early referral of persons in need in the local communities for support, with a view to achieving early detection, early diagnosis and early treatment and provide them with more comprehensive intervention support. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) does not maintain figures on cases involving persons with mental health needs in the local communities that have been referred by CTs.

Since the third quarter of 2024, members of each of the 452 CTs across the territory have attended mental health support training courses organised by HHB. Overall, about 90% of CT members have received such training. The training expenses incurred are absorbed within HHB. HAD will continue to engage in active discussions with HHB to facilitate and co-ordinate the participation of CT members.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB073

(Question Serial No. 3058)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

To provide support services for “three-nil” buildings, the Home Affairs Department has implemented the Resident Liaison Ambassador (RLA) Scheme and the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS). Following the regularisation of the BMPASS in 2022, a pilot scheme was launched to invite local organisations/ non-governmental organisations to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming owners’ corporations (OCs). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the current number of “three-nil” buildings in Hong Kong, with a breakdown by the 18 districts;
- (b) the names of local organisations and non-governmental organisations invited; the number of OCs formed with the assistance provided under the pilot scheme, with a breakdown by district, and the total expenditure incurred during the implementation period of the pilot scheme from June 2022 to June 2024 with a breakdown;
- (c) the numbers of buildings and flats benefitted and the details of the services provided under the new round of the BMPASS since its implementation in July 2024, with a breakdown by year and by the 18 districts; the number of OCs formed with the assistance provided under the BMPASS; and the estimated total expenditure incurred with a breakdown;
- (d) the performance indicators for the pilot scheme and the new round of the BMPASS, and whether those for the pilot scheme have been achieved, with relevant details;
- (e) the number of Resident Liaison Ambassadors recruited under the RLA Scheme since its implementation, with a breakdown by year and by the 18 districts; and
- (f) whether the Government has reviewed the effectiveness of the RLA Scheme since its implementation, and whether the Government has any plans to take a more targeted

approach to the provision of support services for “three-nil” buildings by introducing or making use of new technologies or services. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- (a) According to the information obtained by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), as at December 2024, there were 3 067 “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have any owners’ corporation (OC) or any form of residents’ organisation and do not engage any property management company (PMC), but excluding those that are under single ownership and can be self-managed). A breakdown by district is set out in **Annex A**.
- (b) To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, HAD implemented a “pilot scheme” under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS pilot scheme) in 2022 by inviting local organisations/non-governmental organisations with experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming OCs. The BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented between June 2022 and June 2024 in 9 districts with a relatively large number of “three-nil” buildings, including the Central & Western, Eastern, Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and North Districts, involving a total expenditure of \$19.15 million. A list of local organisations/non-governmental organisations engaged with the number of OCs formed with their assistance broken down by district is in **Annex B**.
- (c) Since the BMPASS pilot scheme has garnered widespread support from the community and users, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS with a similar mode of operation in July 2024 for a period of 3 years. The estimated total expenditure involved is around \$33.11 million. The services covered by the new round of the BMPASS include assisting owners in forming OCs, facilitating the procurement of third party risks insurance for newly formed OCs, and providing services for a period of 12 to 15 months, so as to ensure that the day-to-day operations of the OCs’ concerned comply with the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), their deeds of mutual covenant and other relevant legislation. The number of OCs formed as at December 2024 is set out in **Annex C**.
- (d) The BMPASS pilot scheme ended in June 2024, covering a total of about 690 “three-nil” buildings in 9 districts. With the assistance of the scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 1 000 Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs) were recruited and 62 newly formed OCs procured third party risks insurance, meeting the objectives of the BMPASS pilot scheme. The new round of the BMPASS covers a total of about 867 “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. It is estimated that the local organisations/non-governmental organisations engaged will assist the formation of about 100 OCs, recruitment of approximately 1 700 RLAs, and facilitate procurement of third party risks insurance by around 20 newly formed OCs.
- (e) To assist owners of old buildings in enhancing building management, HAD has been implementing the RLA Scheme since 2011 to recruit owners or residents of “three-nil” buildings aged 30 years or above as RLAs. The scheme seeks to establish a resident liaison network, facilitate residents’ discussion and handling of daily building

management matters, and assist government departments in liaising with residents and promoting the message of effective building management. As at December 2024, about 2 220 RLAs were living in “three-nil” buildings. A breakdown by district is set out in **Annex D**.

- (f) HAD reviews the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings from time to time to promote good building management, and encourage and assist owners to form OCs for proper management of their private properties. District Offices have been providing old buildings in need, including “three-nil” buildings, with cleaning service for their common parts through various channels such as the District-led Actions Scheme having regard to the actual circumstances, so as to demonstrate the benefits brought by good building management. We will also step up efforts in recruiting RLAs and provide them with information on building management, in order to promote the message of effective building management and enable them to assist government departments in liaising with residents. Our long-term objective is to help owners of these buildings form OCs for proper management of their own properties. As at December 2024, 670 OCs were formed with RLAs’ involvement.

In addition, the Chief Executive announced in his 2024 Policy Address the implementation of a pilot scheme on “joint property management” in selected areas in 2025 to assist “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings in jointly hiring a single PMC for joint property management so that the management fees can be apportioned and these buildings will be able to receive basic building management services at a more affordable cost. Making reference to the number and distribution of old single-block private buildings in the selected areas, HAD will implement a pilot scheme in the first half of 2025 in 4 districts, namely Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan, where clusters of older single-block buildings are present. The scheme aims to encourage and facilitate owners of “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings to reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single PMC to adopt the “joint property management” model on a trial basis. The pilot scheme is anticipated to run for an initial duration of 1 year. Subject to the outcomes of the implementation of the pilot scheme, a review will be conducted to consider the feasibility of extending it to other districts.

**Number of “three-nil” buildings by district #
(as at December 2024)**

District	Number of “three-nil” buildings *
Central & Western	355
Eastern	64
Southern	65
Wan Chai	182
Kowloon City	322
Kwun Tong	24
Yau Tsim Mong	368
Sham Shui Po	369
Wong Tai Sin	52
Islands	13
Sai Kung	188
Tai Po	282
Tsuen Wan	63
Yuen Long	273
Sha Tin	22
Tuen Mun	107
North	312
Kwai Tsing	6
Total	3 067

Figures are derived from information collected by staff of the Home Affairs Department during day-to-day contact.

* Excluding “three-nil” buildings that are under single ownership and can be self-managed.

Local organisations/non-governmental organisations engaged under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme and the number of owners' corporations (OCs) formed with their assistance (June 2022 to June 2024)

District	Local organisations/ non-governmental organisations engaged	Number of OCs formed
Central & Western	Mount Davis Kai-Fong Welfare Association	12
Eastern	Association of Care for Community Hong Kong	7
Wan Chai	Centre Stage Squarer	2
Kowloon City	Community Care, and New Home Association Kowloon West Service Centre	1
Yau Tsim Mong	Community Engagement Workshop	24
Sham Shui Po	Sham Shui Po Neighbourhood Cares Association and Kowloon Federation of Associations Sham Shui Po District Committee	31
Tai Po	Tai Po District Residents Association	5
Tsuen Wan	Association for Tsuen Wan Development	8
North	Luen Wo Hui Residential Association	11
	Total	101

**Number of owners' corporations (OCs) formed under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme from 2024 to 2027
(as at December 2024)**

District	Number of OCs formed*
Central & Western	1
Wan Chai	1
Eastern	3
Yau Tsim Mong	2
Sham Shui Po	6
Kowloon City	6
Kwun Tong	2
Tai Po	1
Total	22

- * In other districts, there has not been any case in which an OC was formed under the scheme so far.

**Number of Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs)
(as at December 2024)**

District	Number of RLAs recruited
Central & Western	178
Eastern	30
Southern	48
Wan Chai	121
Kowloon City	172
Kwun Tong	19
Yau Tsim Mong	619
Sham Shui Po	580
Wong Tai Sin	47
Islands	0
Sai Kung	0
Tai Po	163
Tsuen Wan	83
Yuen Long	29
Sha Tin	8
Tuen Mun	6
North	116
Kwai Tsing	7
Total	2 226

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB074

(Question Serial No. 3156)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) manages community halls and community centres (CHs/CCs) in the 18 districts to provide organisations with venue facilities for holding various community activities. However, some of the facilities in CHs/CCs are ageing and some were damaged due to adverse weather, causing inconvenience to residents. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the utilisation rate of the facilities in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts;
- (b) the number of complaints received in relation to the facilities and the subjects under complaint (such as uneven floor, malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems and damage to sound equipment) in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts;
- (c) the progress of HAD's follow-up actions on the above complaints, including the number of completed cases, the number of ongoing or outstanding cases, and the average time taken for handling a complaint;
- (d) the number of (i) new facilities items and (ii) facilities items requiring replacement due to ageing or damage, and the expenditure incurred in providing or replacing these items in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts; and
- (e) the details of the repair and replacement plans for CH/CC facilities in 2025-26 and the estimated expenditure, with a breakdown by the CHs/CCs in the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

- (a) The utilisation rates of the multi-purpose halls in community halls/community centres (CHs/CCs) in the past 3 years are set out in **Annex A**.

(b) to (e) The Home Affairs Department has been striving to improve the facilities and ancillary facilities in CHs/CCs. Apart from carrying out emergency repairs in response to individual complaints, District Offices (DOs) conduct general site maintenance and minor improvement works from time to time. Depending on resources and needs, DOs would also upgrade ageing building services installations, including air-conditioning and ventilation, electrical, lighting and drainage installations, and enhance stage and audio-visual equipment to better meet the needs of venue users.

In the past 3 years, DOs received a total of 124 complaints in relation to the facilities in CHs/CCs. Of these, 116 cases have been pursued and concluded, while the follow-up work for the remaining 8 cases are under progress. The average time taken to handle a complaint is around 10 days. Information relating to the complaints and the handling progress is set out in **Annex B**. Major works projects undertaken for the addition and replacement of CH/CC facilities in the past 3 years and the expenditure incurred are set out in **Annex C**. Major repair and replacement of CH/CC facilities planned for 2025-26 and the estimated expenditure are set out in **Annex D**.

**Utilisation Rates of Multi-purpose Halls in
Community Halls/Community Centres (CHs/CCs) from 2022 to 2024**

District	CH/CC	Utilisation rate (%)		
		2022	2023	2024
Central & Western	Western District CC	Note (1)		
	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	53.0	60.7	56.1
Eastern	Causeway Bay CC	76.5	84.4	84.7
	Hing Wah CH	79.4	80.8	74.6
	Yue Wan CH	81.6	89.0	81.3
	Aldrich Bay CH	80.3	89.1	87.1
	Quarry Bay CH	Note (2)	82.4	79.3
	Siu Sai Wan CH	91.8	89.8	89.3
	North Point CH	76.1	87.3	88.8
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	96.2	96.9	94.3
	Ap Lei Chau CH	70.9	63.7	32.7
	Lei Tung CH	Note (2)	53.4	73.3
	South Horizons Neighbourhood CC	95.2	84.9	75.4
	Stanley CH	14.4	15.3	15.6
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	Note (2)	49.5	46.7
Kowloon City	Hung Hom CH	85.1	86.1	80.7
	Kai Tak CH	Note (2)	64.6	80.6
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong CC	68.6	59.6	53.1
	Lok Wah Estate CC	94.3	58.7	66.0
	Shun Lee Estate CC	67.1	64.4	66.0
	Lam Tin (East) CH	66.8	67.7	65.9
	Lam Tin (West) Estate CC	79.5	71.7	76.4
	Sau Mau Ping CH	92.3	87.6	82.7
	Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood CC	81.6	76.5	76.3
	Kai Yip CH	80.0	74.2	67.6
	Yau Tong CH	Note (2)	84.1	85.9
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	95.0	91.2	90.7
	Nam Cheong District CC	93.7	86.8	90.0
	Tai Hang Tung CC	90.2	79.9	76.7
	Lai Kok CH	Note (2)	73.9	84.0
	Pak Tin CH	Note (2)	80.3	86.2
	Shek Kip Mei CH	96.1	84.4	85.8
	Lai Chi Kok CH	93.2	82.6	79.4
	Mei Foo CH	92.0	84.5	85.1

District	CH/CC	Utilisation rate (%)		
		2022	2023	2024
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC	91.7	81.2	88.9
	Choi Wan Estate CC	86.7	84.9	75.0
	Chuk Yuen Estate CC	94.2	87.5	71.0
	Fung Tak Estate CC	92.6	86.2	87.7
	Tsz Wan Shan CH	92.9	61.8	51.2
	Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate CC	89.3	88.1	75.8
	Tung Tau CC	Note (2)	50.8	60.2
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	42.9	51.5	59.9
	Mong Kok CH	75.4	66.4	62.9
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	60.7	53.1	55.6
	Tung Chung CH	73.7	81.0	84.3
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching Estate CC	75.7	60.3	Note (3)
	Cheung Ching CH	Note (3)	Note (3)	67.2
	Cheung Fat Estate CC	82.9	70.1	61.7
	Tai Wo Hau Estate CC	95.6	80.9	84.8
	Cheung Hang CH	88.2	75.5	71.9
	Kwai Fong CH	94.2	89.5	83.1
	Kwai Shing CH	82.9	72.5	75.4
	Tsing Yi Estate CH	81.3	73.3	70.4
	Lai King CH	Note (2)	73.1	65.7
	Shek Lei CH	72.0	84.0	87.0
North	North District CC	Note (1)		
	Cheung Wah CH	90.3	88.9	88.0
	Ta Kwu Ling CH	13.3	8.7	8.0
	Sha Tau Kok CH	14.7	16.4	12.2
	Luen Wo Hui CH	87.3	85.0	82.8
	Wo Hing CH	Note (2)	Note (4)	69.4
	Queens Hill CH	Note (5)	53.8	64.2
Sai Kung	King Lam Neighbourhood CC	89.5	72.8	66.1
	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	75.8	81.2	79.5
	Tsui Lam CH	70.9	55.6	56.5
	Kin Choi CH	87.9	76.1	77.4
	Sheung Tak CH	78.0	69.7	76.8
	Lohas Park CH	69.0	61.5	52.9
	Hang Hau CH	Note (2)	72.3	72.4
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC	90.2	86.1	81.8
	Lung Hang Estate CC	92.6	92.4	89.2
	Hin Keng Neighbourhood CC	88.1	73.2	69.0
	Chun Shek CH	92.3	89.6	84.8
	Kwong Yuen CH	93.1	88.1	89.5
	Lek Yuen CH	Note (2)	55.6	58.9
	Pok Hong CH	85.8	87.9	86.4
	Sha Kok CH	84.6	86.9	86.5
	Sun Tin Wai CH	Note (2)	54.6	66.0
	Wo Che CH	66.4	65.8	67.0
	Lee On CH	Note (2)	74.7	86.8
	Mei Tin CH	96.8	81.9	85.5
	Yuen Chau Kok CH	75.5	70.5	78.7

District	CH/CC	Utilisation rate (%)		
		2022	2023	2024
Tai Po	Tai Po CC	74.9	74.0	65.4
	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	73.8	72.1	64.6
	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	82.9	72.3	76.9
	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	62.5	72.5	66.6
	Fu Shin CH	77.5	74.2	71.7
	Kwong Fuk CH	77.0	78.0	74.8
	Tai Yuen CH	78.0	74.0	61.9
	Tung Cheong Street CH	62.7	70.9	72.6
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	83.2	73.4	73.2
	Lei Muk Shue CH	78.0	78.9	69.8
	Shek Wai Kok CH	68.4	72.2	49.4
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC	65.3	41.1	62.2
	Butterfly Bay CC	70.8	61.7	69.5
	Leung King Estate CC	77.6	75.4	77.8
	Kin Sang CH	73.6	53.2	59.3
	Shan King CH	89.8	85.7	80.9
	Tai Hing CH	76.4	61.0	65.6
	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	72.2	77.4	77.4
	Tseng Choi Street CH	74.7	70.4	66.6
	Wu Shan Road CH	78.0	74.5	79.8
	Lung Yat CH	78.6	77.5	73.1
	Siu Lun CH	Note (2)	55.6	60.4
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC	74.9	69.2	69.6
	Tin Shui CC	79.0	80.0	63.8
	Long Ping CH	72.1	74.3	74.6
	Tin Ching CH	86.7	79.4	77.8
	Tin Fai Road CH	81.0	82.5	72.5
	Yuen Long Town East CH	Note (2)	Note (4)	41.2

Notes:

- (1) There is no multi-purpose hall in the CC.
- (2) The multi-purpose hall in the CH/CC was used for anti-epidemic purposes throughout the year. No booking from applicant organisations was accepted during the period.
- (3) Cheung Ching Estate CC was closed at the end of 2023. The reprovisioned Cheung Ching CH commenced operation in 2024.
- (4) The multi-purpose hall in the CH was closed for repair works throughout the year. No booking from applicant organisations was accepted during the period.
- (5) Queens Hill CH commenced operation in 2023.

**Complaints in relation to
Community Hall/Community Centre (CH/CC) Facilities from 2022-23 to 2024-25**

2022-23

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Central & Western	Western District CC	Malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems	1	Concluded
Eastern	North Point CH		1	Concluded
Sai Kung	Hang Hau CH		1	Concluded
Southern	Lei Tung CH		2	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	Problem with sanitary facilities	1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Lee On CH		3	Concluded
Sha Tin	Lung Hang Estate CC		2	Concluded
Sha Tin	Mei Tin CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Sha Kok CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Water seepage	1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Yuen Long Town East CH		1	Concluded
		Total	18	

2023-24

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Kwun Tong	Lok Wah Estate CC	Malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems	1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching CH		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC		2	Concluded
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Uneven floor	1	Concluded
North	Sha Tau Kok CH		1	Concluded
Sai Kung	Tsui Lam CH		1	Concluded
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH	Problem with sanitary facilities	1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC		2	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Tai Wo Hau Estate CC		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC	Water seepage	2	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Nam Cheong District CC		3	Concluded
Central & Western	Western District CC	Others ^{Note}	1	Concluded
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex		2	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung CC		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Chun Shek CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Shan King CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC		2	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC		1	Concluded
		Total	29	

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Malfunctioning of air-conditioning systems	1	Concluded
Eastern	Quarry Bay CH		1	Concluded
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH		2	Under follow-up
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH		1	Concluded
North	Cheung Wah CH		2	Concluded
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC		2	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Wu Shan Road CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH		1	Concluded
Eastern	Quarry Bay CH	Uneven floor	1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC		1	Concluded
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Damage of sound equipment	1	Concluded
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Lai Kok CH		1	Under follow-up
Sham Shui Po	Shek Kip Mei CH		1	Under follow-up
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH		1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC	Problem with sanitary facilities	1	Concluded
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH		3	Under follow-up
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Mei Foo CH		1	Concluded
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung CC		3	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong CH		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Shing CH		1	Under follow-up
Kwai Tsing	Lai King CH		1	Under follow-up
Sha Tin	Kwong Yuen CH		1	Concluded
Sha Tin	Wo Che CH		1	Concluded
Tai Po	Tung Cheong Street CH		1	Under follow-up
Yuen Long	Tin Ching CH		1	Concluded
Yuen Long	Tin Yiu CC		1	Concluded
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Water seepage	4	Concluded
Kwun Tong	Sai Tso Wan Neighbourhood CC		1	Concluded
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay CC		3	Concluded

District	CH/CC	Subject under complaint	Number of complaints	Handling progress
Yuen Long	Tin Shui CC	Water seepage	3	Concluded
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Others ^{Note}	1	Concluded
Eastern	Causeway Bay CC		2	Concluded
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH		2	Concluded
Eastern	Quarry Bay CH		1	Concluded
Eastern	Yue Wan CH		2	Concluded
Southern	Lei Tung CH		2	Concluded
Southern	South Horizons Neighbourhood CC		1	Concluded
Southern	Wah Kwai CC		5	Concluded
Kowloon City	Hung Hom CH		1	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Choi Wan Estate CC		1	Concluded
Wong Tai Sin	Chuk Yuen Estate CC		1	Concluded
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC		1	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Hang CH		4	Concluded
Kwai Tsing	Shek Lei CH		1	Under follow-up
Sha Tin	Heng On Estate CC		2	Concluded
		Total	77	

^{Note} Other complaints involve facilities such as stage equipment, lifts, water dispensers, etc.

**Major Works Projects Undertaken for the Addition and Replacement of
Community Hall/Community Centre (CH/CC) Facilities
and the Expenditure Incurred from 2022-23 to 2024-25^{Note}**

2022-23

District	CH/CC	Project	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of chiller plant and building management system	2.44
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (East) CH	Upgrading of audio-visual (AV) system	0.80
Kwun Tong	Sau Mau Ping CH	Upgrading of AV system	1.14
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump, central control and monitoring system of the air-handling unit and the associated equipment	2.45
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	1.50
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	0.63
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.64
Islands	Tung Chung CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.95
Islands	Tung Chung CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	0.53
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner and the associated equipment	1.40
Kwai Tsing	Shek Lei CH	Replacement of air-handling unit, fan coil unit, split type air-conditioner and accessories	1.16
North	North District CC	Replacement of safety device for lift	1.16
North	Sha Tau Kok CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	2.00
Sai Kung	Lohas Park CH	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning system, including the packaged air-conditioner of the air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit and the associated ducts	1.70
Sha Tin	Lee On CH	Replacement of central battery system and the associated equipment	1.86
Sha Tin	Yuen Chau Kok CH	Replacement of central battery system and the associated equipment	2.61
Tai Po	Tai Po CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.38
Tai Po	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.00
Tai Po	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	2.00

District	CH/CC	Project	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)
Tai Po	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	4.54
Tai Po	Wan Tau Tong Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	2.00
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.00
Tsuen Wan	Lei Muk Shue CH	Replacement of split type air-conditioner, fresh air pre-conditioner and the associated equipment	1.11
Tuen Mun	On Ting/Yau Oi CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.50
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.29
Tuen Mun	Tai Hing CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.00
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.70
Tuen Mun	Tseng Choi Street CH	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	1.00
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	1.00
Yuen Long	Tin Ching CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	1.00
Total			48.49

2023-24

District	CH/CC	Project	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of chiller plant and building management system	2.00
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of fire service pump, sprinkler pump and the associated control box and valve	0.84
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH, South Horizons Neighbourhood CC, Stanley CH, Lei Tung CH and Wah Kwai CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.68
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip CH	Replacement of AV system	0.75
Sham Shui Po	Cheung Sha Wan CC	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump, air-handling unit, central control and monitoring system and the associated equipment	1.80
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	0.73
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC, Choi Wan Estate CC, Fung Tak Estate CC and Tung Tau CC	Upgrading of AV system	3.34
Wong Tai Sin	Wong Tai Sin CC, Choi Wan Estate CC, Chuk Yuen Estate CC, Fung Tak Estate CC, Tsz Wan Shan CH, Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate CC and Tung Tau CC	Installation of information kiosk	
Yau Tsim Mong	Henry G. Leong Yaumatei CC	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	0.70
Yau Tsim Mong	Mong Kok CH	Installation of LED screen and replacement of AV system	0.42
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Replacement of stage lighting system	0.93
Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fong CH, Cheung Hang CH and Shek Lei CH	Installation of LED screen	1.47
North	Queens Hill CH	Installation of LED screen	0.85
Sai Kung	Lohas Park CH	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning system, including the packaged air-conditioner of the air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit and the associated ducts	1.16
Sha Tin	Sun Tin Wai CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.50
Tai Po	Tai Wo Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.20
Tai Po	Kwong Fuk CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system	1.50
Tai Po	Tung Cheong Street CH	Upgrading of AV system	0.78
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	1.00
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok CH	Replacement of AV system	0.99
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay CC	Replacement of air-conditioning system	3.00
Tuen Mun	Kin Sang CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	1.50

District	CH/CC	Project	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)
Tuen Mun	Tai Hing CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit	2.50
Tuen Mun	Tseng Choi Street CH	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	2.00
Yuen Long	Long Ping CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	2.00
Yuen Long	Tin Ching CH	Replacement of chiller plant, chilled water pump and air-handling unit	4.00
Total			39.64

District	CH/CC	Project	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of chiller plant and building management system	1.68
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex	Replacement of fire service pump, sprinkler pump and the associated control box and valve	0.36
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	0.94
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	1.00
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH, South Horizons Neighbourhood CC, Stanley CH, Lei Tung CH and Wah Kwai CH	Upgrading of AV system	2.57
Southern	Ap Lei Chau CH	Replacement of floor	0.66
Southern	Stanley CH	Replacement of air-handling unit, fan coil unit and accessories	0.63
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	Replacement of LED screen	1.12
Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Estate CC	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner and the associated works	0.80
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (East) CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner, including noise barrier and the associated works	0.60
Kwun Tong	Yau Tong CH	Replacement of AV system	1.63
Wong Tai Sin	Fung Tak Estate CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	0.52
Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau CC	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning unit and the associated works	0.58
Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau CC	Replacement of compressors for chiller plants	0.34
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Replacement of air-cooled chiller, air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit	1.50
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Fat Estate CC	Installation of LED screen	0.64
North	Luen Wo Hui CH	Installation of LED screen	0.62
North	Wo Hing CH	Installation of LED screen	1.24
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	0.40
Sha Tin	Sun Tin Wai CH	Replacement of air-conditioning equipment	2.21
Tai Po	Fu Shin CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit and accessories	1.50
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and the associated equipment	0.28
Tsuen Wan	Princess Alexandra CC	Replacement of AV system	0.71

District	CH/CC	Project	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner, fresh air pre-conditioner and accessories	2.09
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Bay CC, Kin Sang CH, Leung King Estate CC, Lung Yat CH, On Ting/Yau Oi CC, Shan King CH, Tai Hing CH and Tseng Choi Street CH	Installation of portable air-cooler	0.30
Tuen Mun	Shan King CH	Replacement of air-conditioning air duct, lighting installation and stage lighting system	0.68
Tuen Mun	Lung Yat CH	Replacement of stage lights and accessories	0.81
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Replacement of central battery system and accessories	1.80
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Installation of LED screen	0.60
Total			28.81

^{Note} Only works projects costing \$200,000 or above are included.

**Major Repair and Replacement of Community Hall/Community Centre (CH/CC) Facilities
Planned for 2025-26 and the Estimated Expenditure^{Note}**

District	CH/CC	Project	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Central & Western	Sai Ying Pun Community Complex and Kennedy Town Community Complex	Replacement of AV system	3.53
Eastern	Aldrich Bay CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	2.50
Eastern	Siu Sai Wan CH	Replacement of air-handling unit and accessories	1.09
Southern	Stanley CH	Replacement of air-handling unit, fan coil unit and accessories	1.11
Wan Chai	Leighton Hill CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system and accessories	0.99
Kwun Tong	Shun Lee Estate CC	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner and the associated works	2.50
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin (East) CH	Replacement of packaged air-conditioner, including noise barrier and the associated works	2.48
Sham Shui Po	Nam Cheong District CC	Replacement of air-cooled chillers and air-handling unit and the associated works	1.50
Wong Tai Sin	Fung Tak Estate CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	1.80
Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau CC	Replacement of multi-split type air-conditioning unit and the associated works	0.75
Islands	Discovery Bay CH	Replacement of air-cooled chillers, air-handling unit and fresh air-handling unit	2.91
Kwai Tsing	Lai King CH	Replacement of air-conditioning system and accessories	2.00
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	2.44
Sha Tin	Kwong Yuen CH	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	1.30
Sha Tin	Kwong Yuen CH	Replacement of stage lighting system and accessories	0.71
Sha Tin	Pok Hong CH	Replacement of stage lighting system and accessories	0.71
Sha Tin	Lee On CH	Replacement of emergency generator and accessories	1.74
Tai Po	Fu Heng Neighbourhood CC	Replacement of low voltage switch cabinet and accessories	1.30
Tai Po	Fu Shin CH	Replacement of air-conditioning unit and accessories	1.10
Tuen Mun	Tseng Choi Street CH	Replacement of submersible pump and accessories	1.16
Tuen Mun	Lung Yat CH	Replacement of chiller plant and accessories	1.39

District	CH/CC	Project	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Replacement of central battery system and accessories	0.60
Yuen Long	Tin Fai Road CH	Replacement of compressors for chiller plants and accessories	1.16
Total			36.77

Note Only major works projects costing \$200,000 or above are included.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB075

(Question Serial No. 0546)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2024, the Home Affairs Department and the District Councils of the 18 districts jointly launched the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts to roll out an array of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations across the territory. The activities have created a buoyant mood in the community and supported the local economy. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the expenditure involved in the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts since their launch, including that on venues, publicity and materials? What are the details of the staffing establishment for the activities, including post titles, ranks, duties, expenditure on emoluments and other staff-related expenditure?
- (b) What are the details of the economic benefits brought about by the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts since their launch, including the job opportunities created, the amount of consumer spending, etc.?
- (c) What is the average visitor flow of the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts since their launch? What are the respective percentages of Hong Kong residents and tourists?
- (d) Has the Government evaluated whether the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts are cost-effective? Will the Government continue to launch related activities in the future? If yes, what are the current preparations and the specific timetable? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

The series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts launched in 2024 by the 18 District Offices (DOs) of the Home Affairs Department, in collaboration with the Working Groups on Boosting Local Economy set up by the District Councils, mainly aim to provide the public with a wide range of cultural and leisure events to showcase local diversity or traditional cultural connotations in various districts, so as to create a buoyant mood in the community.

The activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts commenced in late January last year, and as at the first quarter of this year, more than 60 events have been organised. The activities take various forms, including bazaar carnivals, traditional cultural events, emerging cultural activities and entertainments as well as artwork exhibitions, musical performances and sports experiences. The activities have successfully created a buoyant mood in the community and have attracted many citizens to participate. The feedback received from the stall operators has been predominantly positive, indicating high patronage and the activities' effectiveness in promoting their businesses.

Taking individual bazaar carnivals as an example, the Kwun Tong Night Market in the Year of Dragon held in Kwun Tong early last year attracted a cumulative total of 800 000 visitors in 23 days. Subsequently, the Chinese New Year Bazaar in Wong Tai Sin had 114 000 visitors in 3 days; the Yuen Long Vibes Mart in Yuen Long had 120 000 visitors in 3 days; Vespere Tuen Mun in Tuen Mun had over 120 000 visitors in 3 days; and the Urban Jam Festival, which was held over two consecutive weekends in the bustling Causeway Bay and featured a distinctive open-air bazaar complemented by pop music and dance performances, attracted more than 600 000 visitors, boosting the business of merchants and creating a buoyant mood in the neighbourhood. Stall operators of the bazaars generally expressed satisfaction with their sales, but did not disclose their actual profits due to commercial considerations.

Given the diverse types and nature of the series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts, we do not have the footfall statistics for each of the activities and the respective percentages of residents and tourists among the visitors. The work arising from the activities is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available.

The 18 DOs will continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building, and publicise and promote the activities through various channels, including websites, social platforms, district networks, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB076

(Question Serial No. 2210)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2024, the Chief Executive announced that the Government would regularise the establishment of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) and increase their funding by 50% in the next term of service. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the amount of expenditure to be spent on CTs by the Government in the next term of service? What are the reasons for the increase?
- (b) Please provide the number of times CTs offered support services and visited households in 2024 (with a breakdown by District Council district).
- (c) In the next term of service, what measures will be taken by the Government to enhance the provision of caring services?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-yan, JoePHY (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

- (b) As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. A breakdown of the number of times of support services provided and the number of households visited by CTs by District Council district are set out at **Annex**.
- (c) In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Figures on services provided by
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the 18 districts
(as at 31 January 2025)**

District	Number of CTs in sub-districts	Number of times of support services (basic home or other support services)	Number of households visited
Central & Western	15	712	8 004
Eastern	35	3 088	28 913
Southern	17	2 808	25 356
Wan Chai	13	1 121	8 523
Kowloon City	25	3 250	30 974
Kwun Tong	40	2 507	35 200
Sham Shui Po	25	3 021	21 029
Wong Tai Sin	25	1 532	26 158
Yau Tsim Mong	20	1 371	13 453
Islands	10	630	10 673
Kwai Tsing	31	2 319	32 021
North	18	2 428	15 271
Sai Kung	29	1 928	15 896
Sha Tin	41	2 392	35 048
Tai Po	19	1 517	11 993
Tsuen Wan	19	5 665	22 929
Tuen Mun	31	2 978	24 772
Yuen Long	39	3 826	31 858
Total	452	43 093	398 071

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB077

(Question Serial No. 0138)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building; (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Minor Works in Rural Areas

District Councils (DCs) in the New Territories are responsible for the co-ordination and management of minor works in rural areas. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Since District Officers have taken up the role of DC Chairmen, governance at the district level is further enhanced. Will the new term of DCs in the New Territories and the District Offices concerned review the efficiency of minor works in the rural areas in their respective districts?
- (b) Further to the above, there are views that it takes 6 months to complete the installation of a letterbox in rural areas. Will the Government consider reviewing whether the time taken for individual minor works projects is reasonable, so as to meet the expectations of the public?
- (c) Quite a number of villages have not yet successfully applied for their own village offices. With regard to their construction applications, will the Government make available government sites suitable for short-term use in the villages for application for construction of village offices through inter-departmental co-ordination?
- (d) The Government allocated \$4 billion to implement the Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy Minor Works Programme in the 1990s with good results, but the programme was then replaced by the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme, to which an annual provision of only around \$100 million is allocated and under which no land right is granted. Does the Government have any plans to expand the ambit of the RPW programme so as to achieve the same effectiveness as in the past?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment in rural areas, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) launched the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme in 1999, which provides funding for carrying out minor works to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories. The 9 District Offices (DOs) in the New Territories collect views from local organisations and individuals, including District Council members, Rural Committees and villagers, through various channels with a view to identifying minor works projects for the benefit of the local community. As at the end of February 2025, more than 2 800 projects have been completed under the RPW programme. The living environment and infrastructure in rural areas have improved significantly. Generally speaking, it takes time to finalise and implement the projects under the RPW programme, as each of them involves a lot of preparatory work, such as conducting feasibility studies, carrying out design work and consulting relevant stakeholders. HAD and the DOs will continue to work proactively with the relevant departments in closely monitoring the projects, including their progress and works schedules, with a view to implementing and completing the projects at the soonest possible time.
- (c) Under the existing arrangement of the Lands Department, vacant government sites are available for application for short-term tenancy (STT) by non-governmental organisations for community, institutional or other non-profit-making purposes. The respective District Lands Offices (DLOs) are responsible for approving STT applications, including those for constructing village offices. HAD will consider the circumstances and needs of the villages concerned and provide policy support to the relevant DLOs in respect of the STT applications for the construction of village offices.
- (d) Given that rural planning involves relatively complicated statutory procedures and requires considerable time to address issues like land ownership and land resumption, projects involving land resumption are not included in the RPW programme. This will enable HAD to improve the rural environment in a more timely and flexible manner. Projects involving land resumption are undertaken by other works departments.

Works projects under the RPW programme mainly aim at upgrading the infrastructure and improving the living environment of the rural areas in the New Territories and most of them are of a smaller scale. On 22 January 2021, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the increase of the financial ceiling of the delegated authority from \$30 million to \$50 million per project for 21 block allocation subheads, including Subhead 7014CX - Rural Public Works Programme, under the Capital Works Reserve Fund. Hence, works projects with a project estimate not exceeding \$50 million can be included in the RPW programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB078

(Question Serial No. 0730)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Please advise on the following:

- (a) details of the District Council consultations on territory-wide issues in 2024, including the topics, consultation periods, etc.; and
- (b) the reason(s) for the decrease in the number of “liaison with owners/management bodies of private buildings” (72 200) in 2025 as compared with that (73 216 and 77 482) in the past 2 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- (a) The 18 District Offices (DOs) under the Home Affairs Department assist various policy bureaux and departments in conducting consultations with District Councils (DCs) on district and territory-wide issues under their purview from time to time. According to the established practice, representatives of relevant bureaux and departments are invited to attend the meetings of DCs or their committees to hear directly the views of DC members, without setting a separate consultation period. In 2024, a total of 29 DC consultations on territory-wide issues were conducted, covering various topics, namely “Environmental Protection” (6 times), “Food and Environmental Hygiene” (5 times), “Development Planning” (5 times), “Traffic and Transport” (5 times), “Medical and Health Services” (3 times), “Housing Supply” (2 times), “Youth Development” (2 times) and “Public Services” (1 time).
- (b) Building management is the responsibility of owners. The Government’s policy is to act as a facilitator, to encourage and assist owners to form suitable organisations, such as owners’ corporations (OCs), through multi-pronged measures, and provide appropriate support to help them fulfil their building management responsibilities.

Generally speaking, the estimated number of “liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings” for each year is determined by the number of private

buildings and management bodies in the corresponding year. The actual figure depends on whether owners or management bodies have made requests, and whether there are any exceptional circumstances that necessitate such actions. In 2023 and 2024, there was an increase in the numbers of “liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings”, primarily attributable to the need for more support in building management (such as reconvening general meetings of OCs) from owners and management bodies following the epidemic and the occurrence of extreme weather in those years. DOs therefore needed to maintain a more robust relationship with owners/management bodies of private buildings.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB079

(Question Serial No. 0731)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance; (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding “the three committees”, please advise on the following:

- (a) the respective number of times that non-standing departments were invited to meetings by “the three committees”, and the attendances of these departments upon invitation in 2024, with a breakdown by the 18 districts; and
- (b) how to ensure the non-standing departments will attend, upon invitation, the meetings of “the three committees” as far as possible to listen to the views of district representatives.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

- (a) There are one to several Area Committee(s) (AC(s)), a District Fight Crime Committee (DFCC) and a District Fire Safety Committee (DFSC) (collectively referred to as “the three committees”) in each district. They play an important bridging role between the district and the Government. Each committee offers valuable advice to the District Office (DO) concerned according to its respective purview.

ACs are responsible for promoting public participation in district affairs, advising on and assisting in the organisation of community involvement activities and the implementation of government-sponsored initiatives, and advising on local issues that affect the respective districts. Given the broad range of items for discussion in the meetings, in addition to the standing departments of ACs, such as the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, representatives of relevant non-standing departments are also invited to the meetings from time to time depending on the issues under discussion.

DFCCs play an important role in fighting crime by reviewing the situation at district level and reflecting community concerns about law and order issues. The standing

departments of DFCCs mainly include the HKPF, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Social Welfare Department and the Education Bureau. Besides, DFCCs work closely with the Correctional Services Department (a non-standing department) by, for example, jointly organising district activities in the 18 districts to disseminate the message of supporting rehabilitated offenders. Depending on the issues of public concern in the districts, the representatives of the relevant non-standing departments will be invited to the meetings of DFCCs.

DFSCs actively promote fire prevention and other building safety issues, conduct public education and publicity work on fire prevention and building safety in the districts, as well as promote and assist in organising fire drills in co-operation with owners' corporations. The standing departments of DFSCs include departments related to fire safety, such as the Fire Services Department, the HKPF, the Buildings Department, the Housing Department, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, etc. It is generally not necessary to invite other departments to the meetings.

The respective number of times that non-standing departments were invited to meetings of the ACs and the DFCCs of the 18 districts, and the attendances of these departments upon invitation in 2024 are as follows:

District	AC		DFCC	
	Invitation	Attendance	Invitation	Attendance
Central & Western	0	0	0	0
Eastern	0	0	0	0
Southern	7	2	0	0
Wan Chai	0	0	1	1
Kowloon City	14	4	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	2	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	1	0	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	2	2
Islands	6	4	0	0
Kwai Tsing	11	5	1	1
North	25	18	0	0
Sai Kung	2	2	1	1
Sha Tin	2	2	1	1
Tai Po	21	17	1	1
Tsuen Wan	4	3	1	1
Tuen Mun	22	15	1	1
Yuen Long	9	5	1	1
Total:	128	79	10	10

- (b) In general, non-standing departments would be happy to attend meetings of “the three committees” upon invitation to listen to the views of members, and will provide discussion papers for discussion in the meetings. When necessary, DOs would encourage the representatives of non-standing departments to attend the meetings of “the three committees”, and actively participate in the discussion and listen to the views. If the representatives of the non-standing departments are unable to attend the meetings due to other commitments, the DO concerned will assist in relaying members’ views expressed in the meetings to the relevant non-standing departments for consideration.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB080

(Question Serial No. 0732)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), please advise:

- (a) on the staff establishment involved in providing support for CTs;
- (b) whether the relevant departments will consider taking proactive actions to invite CTs to book the multi-purpose halls in community halls and community centres for provision of more caring services, with rental charges waived, given that there is room for increasing the utilisation rate of these venues?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

- (a) The Home Affairs Department has been using the existing resources to undertake the work relating to the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) since 2022-23. A total of 26 civil service posts were created in 2023-24 and 2024-25, including 25 time-limited posts, and 1 permanent post which was created in 2024-25. The 25 time-limited posts mentioned above will be retained for the period from 2025-26 to 2027-28 to support the work relating to CTs.
- (b) Regarding the use of facilities in community halls and community centres (CHs/CCs), District Offices (DOs) have drawn up a set of guidelines and conditions having regard to local circumstances. For instance, DOs can determine the number of hours of each booking session for using CHs/CCs facilities, the booking priority given to different types of organisations, etc. according to district needs.

CTs, which are district organisations recognised by the Government, can submit applications directly to the DOs concerned for the purpose of organising activities in CHs/CCs. DOs will actively support CTs in the provision of caring services. As the activities organised by CTs are non-profit making, they would be granted full exemption from charges for using the facilities under the existing mechanism.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB081****(Question Serial No. 0733)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Local Environmental ImprovementsControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

Please provide in the following tables the details of the Rural Public Works and District Minor Works projects since 2023:

2023

18 districts	Project description	Specific location	(Actual/expected) project duration	(Actual/estimated) expenditure	Initiator (department/ residents/ District Council member(s)/ other parties)

2024

18 districts	Project description	Specific location	(Actual/expected) project duration	(Actual/estimated) expenditure	Initiator (department/ residents/ District Council member(s)/ other parties)

2025

18 districts	Project description	Specific location	(Actual/expected) project duration	(Actual/estimated) expenditure	Initiator (department/ residents/ District Council member(s)/ other parties)

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department provides funding for carrying out minor works to improve the infrastructure, living environment and hygienic conditions of the 18 districts across the territory (including rural areas) through the Rural Public Works (RPW) programme and the District Minor Works (DMW) programme. District Offices collect views from District Council members, Rural Committees, local organisations and relevant stakeholders through various channels, with a view to identifying minor works projects for the benefit of the local community.

On 14 February 2025, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the allocations, including those for the RPW programme and the DMW programme, under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations for the 2025-26 financial year. Works projects included in the RPW programme and the DMW programme from the 2023-24 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year are set out in the Full List of Items Proposed to be Funded by Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocations. For details, please refer to the following webpages:

(2025-26 financial year)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2025/chinese/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20250122pwsc-5-2-ec.pdf>

(2024-25 financial year)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2024/english/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20240221pwsc-14-1-ec.pdf>

(2023-24 financial year)

<https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2023/english/fc/pwsc/papers/pwsc20230118pwsc-4-1-ec.pdf>

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB082

(Question Serial No. 0815)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As stated in the Budget, last year the Chief Executive announced that the Government would regularise the establishment of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) and increase their funding by 50% in the next term of service. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

Since the regularisation of CTs in 2023:

- (a) How many households actually benefitted from the visits by CTs approximately?
- (b) What are the major types of support services (such as emergency assistance, daily caring service, etc.) and the respective number of services provided at large?
- (c) Regarding the total expenditure, what is the approximate amount of funding support that has been spent to subsidise CTs for the provision of services? What are the approximate administrative and management costs (such as personnel emoluments, cost for renting office premises and venues, etc.)?

Regarding the CTs programme in 2025-26:

- (a) What is the approximate number of CT members expected to participate in the provision of services? What is the estimated number of target households planned to be covered?
- (b) What are the estimated total expenditure and the estimated amount of additional funding involved? What is the approximate amount or the respective percentage of funding for other items (such as staff training cost, material procurement cost, etc.)?
- (c) What are the specific measures (such as application of technology, inter-departmental collaboration, etc.) planned to be adopted for service enhancement?

Asked by: Hon CHEN Chung-nin, Rock (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

The Government delineates the 18 districts into 452 sub-districts, with 1 District Services and Community Care Team (CT) providing services for each sub-district, covering households across all of the 18 districts in the territory. CTs are organisation-based. Each CT consists of around 8 to 12 members, all of whom serve as volunteers. There are about 5 000 CT members across the 18 districts. In addition, CTs may mobilise individuals who are not team members (such as other members of the organisation, local residents, etc.) to participate in their work as volunteers depending on the needs of individual activities.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

The formation of CTs aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. The Government has been providing some of the CT's resources. The amount of the Government funding for each CT in the first term of the two-year funding agreement ranges from \$0.8 million to \$1.2 million. In addition to the resources provided by the Government, CTs make use of the internal resources of the operating organisations, along with sponsorship in cash and donations, to provide caring services for local residents.

As regards administrative costs, CTs may reserve not more than 15% of the Government's funding to cover the administrative overheads (such as the costs of auditing the annual and final accounts of CTs).

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise CTs, and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

The Government is working on the development of the Care Team Community Resources Management Platform in order to assist CTs in the management and reporting of various services and activities. The application is expected to commence trial operations on a limited scale in the first half of 2025, with a target to roll out for the use of all CTs in the second term of the funding agreement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB083

(Question Serial No. 2375)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the management of “three-nil” buildings, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of “three-nil” buildings in each district in the past 3 years;
- (b) the number of requests received for assistance in building management involving “three-nil” buildings in each of the past 3 years and the progress of handling them;
- (c) the outcomes of the implementation of the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme over the past 3 years;
- (d) the outcomes of the implementation of the Resident Liaison Ambassador Scheme over the past 3 years;
- (e) the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the implementation of the pilot scheme on “joint property management”;
- (f) the estimated number of “three-nil” buildings to be covered by the property management services provided under the pilot scheme on “joint property management”.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (a) According to the information obtained by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), the numbers of “three-nil” buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have any owners’ corporation (OC) or any form of residents’ organisation and do not engage any property management company (PMC), but excluding those that are under single ownership and can be self-managed) in Hong Kong in the past 3 years were 2 943, 3 097, and 3 067 respectively. A breakdown by district is set out at **Annex**.

- (b) HAD received 3 736, 3 346, and 4 427 enquiries on building management and maintenance respectively in the past 3 years. We do not have a statistical breakdown of the number of requests for assistance received in respect of “three-nil” buildings.
- (c) To enhance the support for owners of “three-nil” buildings, HAD implemented a pilot scheme under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS pilot scheme) in 2022 by inviting local organisations/non-governmental organisations with experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming OCs. The BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented between June 2022 and June 2024 in 9 districts with a relatively large number of “three-nil” buildings, including Sham Shui Po, Tsuen Wan, the Central & Western, Eastern, Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, North and Tai Po Districts, reaching out to about 690 “three-nil” buildings in total. With the assistance of the BMPASS pilot scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 62 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 1 000 Resident Liaison Ambassadors (RLAs) were recruited. Since the BMPASS pilot scheme was proven effective and garnered widespread support from users and the community, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 for a period of 3 years to cover all “three-nil” buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. As at December 2024, 22 OCs were formed, 8 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 166 RLAs were recruited with the assistance of the scheme.
- (d) To assist owners of old buildings in enhancing building management, HAD has been implementing the RLA Scheme since 2011 to recruit owners or residents of “three-nil” buildings aged 30 years or above as RLAs. The scheme seeks to establish a resident liaison network, facilitate residents’ discussion and handling of daily building management matters, and assist government departments in liaising with residents and promoting the message of effective building management. As at December 2024, 670 OCs were formed with RLAs’ involvement. About 2 220 RLAs are currently living in “three-nil” buildings.
- (e) The Government has earmarked about \$7 million to implement a pilot scheme on “joint property management” (pilot scheme). The funding will be used for the purposes of engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the pilot scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs. HAD will undertake the co-ordination work arising from the implementation of the pilot scheme with its existing manpower.
- (f) The pilot scheme seeks to encourage and facilitate owners of “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings to reach a consensus on adopting the “joint property management” model on a trial basis so that the management fees can be apportioned and they will be able to receive basic property management services at a more affordable cost, thereby improving their living environment. The success of the pilot scheme hinges on the owners’ recognition of the necessity for proper building management and the attainment of consensus among owners of different buildings on jointly hiring a single PMC. We will proactively publicise the benefits of the “joint property management” model, while remaining mindful that the challenges associated with the implementation of the pilot scheme must not be underestimated. Given that the scheme will be implemented on a trial basis and requires the attainment of consensus among the owners concerned, we do not find it appropriate to project an estimated number of participating buildings.

Number of “three-nil” buildings by district #

District	Number of “three-nil” buildings *		
	Year 2022 (as at December 2022)	Year 2023 (as at December 2023)	Year 2024 (as at December 2024)
Central & Western	393	366	355
Eastern	73	66	64
Southern	68	68	65
Wan Chai	193	195	182
Kowloon City	341	333	322
Kwun Tong	20	25	24
Yau Tsim Mong	386	382	368
Sham Shui Po	393	380	369
Wong Tai Sin	49	52	52
Islands	12	13	13
Sai Kung	115	183	188
Tai Po	234	281	282
Tsuen Wan	67	67	63
Yuen Long	235	231	273
Sha Tin	3	24	22
Tuen Mun	36	102	107
North	315	317	312
Kwai Tsing	10	12	6
Total	2 943	3 097	3 067

Figures are derived from information collected by staff of the Home Affairs Department during day-to-day contact.

* Excluding “three-nil” buildings that are under single ownership and can be self-managed.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB084

(Question Serial No. 1703)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau provides resources annually for application by local organisations to support them in organising various projects. However, these organisations often experience personnel changes due to the expiration of terms of office or other factors. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In vetting funding applications from organisations, apart from making reference to their previous applications, will the Government also take into consideration the background, profile and capability of the management staff of the organisations before making decisions? If yes, please advise the details. If no, please give reasons.
- (b) In the past 3 years, has the Government rejected any funding applications after taking into account the capability of the management staff of the organisation? If yes, please advise the details.
- (c) It is learnt that there are cases of prolonged delay of payment to contractors by some organisations after hiring them to organise activities. However, the contractors concerned refrained from taking legal actions, due to their affiliation with the Government, the amount of payment involved, or other considerations. Regarding such organisations and their behaviours, does the Government have any handling and reporting mechanisms in place to prevent providing further funding to them?

Asked by: Hon CHU Kwok-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) implements the Community Involvement Programme (CIP) to provide funding for community involvement initiatives in various districts to promote community building. In vetting an application for funding under CIP from a local organisation, the District Office (DO) will, based on the relevant vetting criteria, which include not only the applicant's track record and its experience, capability, resources and knowledge in organising relevant activities, but also the nature and feasibility of the proposed project, make a holistic

assessment on whether the application should be approved. HAD does not have relevant statistical information on the various grounds for rejecting funding applications.

- (c) If a grantee fails to submit the final report, certified official receipts and other relevant documents to the DO within a reasonable period of time upon completion of the project for reimbursement, the DO may consider rejecting the reimbursement claims and/or demanding from the grantee an immediate return of all or part of the payment previously made to the grantee. In vetting a new funding application, the DO will also take into account the applicant's track record in implementing previous projects. If the track record of a particular organisation is unsatisfactory, its application will be accorded a lower priority or rejected.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB085

(Question Serial No. 1139)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (3) Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Local Public Works (Maintenance) (LPW(M)) projects in 2024

Expenditure: The actual expenditure in 2024 was \$38.7 million.

Number of projects completed: The actual number of projects completed in 2024 was 96.

Comparing with the estimates for 2025:

Expenditure: The estimated expenditure in 2025 is \$33.5 million, about 13.4% lower than the actual expenditure in 2024.

Number of projects completed: The estimated number of projects to be completed in 2025 is 100, slightly higher than the actual number of projects completed in 2024.

Question: What are the key performance indicators set for LPW(M) projects in 2024? How do they compare with the estimates for 2025?

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

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department uses the provision under Local Public Works (Maintenance) (LPW(M)) to carry out maintenance of local public works in rural areas of the New Territories and emergency repairs resulting from natural disasters. The limit on the expenditure on each project is \$10 million.

The maintenance works cover facilities provided under minor works programmes in the past, such as paving, footpaths and drainage facilities, while the emergency repairs include road and drain clearance works necessitated by extreme weather, such as typhoons and rainstorms, which causes fallen trees and flooding. As annual works expenditure varies according to factors like the conditions of the local facilities, the needs of the local community and the weather conditions, no key performance indicators regarding the number of projects or their implementation were set for LPW(M) projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB086

(Question Serial No. 1146)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The formation of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) seeks to consolidate community resources and forces to support the Government's district work and strengthen district networks. As of the end of 2024, CTs in the 18 districts have basically been in full operation for 12 months. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Regarding their work last year, how many CTs achieved 80% or above of the overall performance indicators as required for the year, and its proportion to the total number of CTs?
- (b) Will the Government consider evaluating and comparing the performance of CTs and awarding those with outstanding performance, so as to achieve better promotion and motivation effect? If not, what are the reasons?

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

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To ensure that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about

23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

The Government is collating all information on the performance of all CTs in a holistic manner, so as to assess whether the work of CTs has met the KPIs and achieved the expected outcomes. We will draw experience from the implementation of the first term of service upon collation of such information and make arrangements for the next term.

To show appreciation for CTs, including the team members, volunteers and partnering organisations, for their selfless devotion, and to share their good stories and good deeds in providing caring services with their peers and the public, the Home Affairs Department has launched the Care Team Commendation Scheme (CTCS). A sharing session entitled “Good People • Good Deeds” of CTs will be held under CTCS in the first half of 2025. During the session, heartfelt, inspirational and exemplary stories of CTs which can serve as models for their peers will be shared.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB087

(Question Serial No. 0519)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned that the Department's work in 2025-26 will include the implementation of a pilot scheme on joint property management in selected areas. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the specific amount of government expenditure on the scheme?
- (b) Has the Government assessed the social and economic benefits that may be brought about by the scheme, such as the outcomes to be achieved in terms of streamlining procedures, reducing manpower costs and helping minority owners and owners' corporations? If such an assessment has been made, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- (a) The Government has earmarked about \$7 million to implement a pilot scheme on "joint property management" (pilot scheme). The funding will be used for the purposes of engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the pilot scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs.
- (b) It has all along been the Government's policy objective to assist building owners in fulfilling their responsibilities in building management. For some old single-block buildings, owners encountered difficulties in engaging professional property management companies (PMCs) on their own to assist with day-to-day building management due to the small number of units in the buildings and the lack of adequate financial resources. In view of this, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will launch a pilot scheme to engage non-governmental organisations with extensive district networks and experience in building management or related fields to encourage and facilitate owners of "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings in selected areas to reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single PMC to manage their buildings so that the management fees can be apportioned. HAD anticipates that building owners joining the pilot scheme will be able to receive basic property management services at

a more affordable cost, thereby improving their living environment. The successful implementation of the pilot scheme will set a good example for other buildings owners to organise on their own initiative and adopt the “joint property management” model by engaging professional PMCs to assist with day-to-day building management. HAD will assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme according to the outcomes of its implementation and feedback from participating owners.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB088

(Question Serial No. 0520)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In 2025-26, the Government will strengthen funding support for the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the next term of service and continue to monitor the work of CTs and their progress in meeting the key performance indicators (KPIs). Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the status of achieving the KPIs, broken down by type of service, since the establishment of CTs?
- (b) What was the amount of money involved in the services provided or activities organised by each CT, broken down by the 18 districts? Please specify the activity or service that received the most funding support.

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) To ensure that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised

members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents.

The KPIs of CTs encompass community care, assistance in emergencies and the provision of supplementary services. At the initial stage of the establishment of CTs, the KPIs include establishing communication channels for CTs in the sub-districts, widely publicising these communication channels and services of CTs to residents of the sub-districts, and establishing liaison networks to reach out to at least 15% of the households of the sub-districts within 1 year from the funding agreement's effective date. CTs have successfully achieved all these KPIs. Besides, CTs are making ongoing efforts in conducting visits and providing home or other support services. They will also continue to offer assistance in the event of emergencies, according to local circumstances, and provide supplementary services in accordance with the terms of the funding agreements.

The formation of CTs aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out at **Annex**. We do not maintain statistics on the breakdown of the expenditure for each of the service areas by district.

In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Amount of funding disbursed to
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)
(as at early March 2025)**

District	Amount of funding disbursed* (\$ million)
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
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Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
Yau Tsim Mong	12.00
Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
Islands	5.88
Sai Kung	16.39
Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
Total	266.09

* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB089

(Question Serial No. 2387)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Since the launch of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), they have paid visits to about 390 000 households and provided around 43 000 times of support services. It is mentioned in paragraph 205 of the Budget Speech that the Government will further enhance the provision of caring services. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

With regard to the 390 000 households to which CTs have reached out, what is the breakdown by the 18 districts?

The Government has indicated that the performance indicators for CTs are set based on the local circumstances of individual districts. What are the specific details of the performance indicators? Are there any indicators, such as the number of visits paid to residents, commonly applicable to various CTs?

What is the nature of the approximately 43 000 times of support services provided by CTs? What is the Government's direction of enhancing the provision of services under the CTs programme?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

To ensure that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services

such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. A breakdown of the number of households visited by CTs by District Council district is set out at **Annex**.

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In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Number of households visited by
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)
(as at 31 January 2025)**

District	Number of CTs in sub-districts	Number of households visited
Central & Western	15	8 004
Eastern	35	28 913
Southern	17	25 356
Wan Chai	13	8 523
Kowloon City	25	30 974
Kwun Tong	40	35 200
Sham Shui Po	25	21 029
Wong Tai Sin	25	26 158
Yau Tsim Mong	20	13 453
Islands	10	10 673
Kwai Tsing	31	32 021
North	18	15 271
Sai Kung	29	15 896
Sha Tin	41	35 048
Tai Po	19	11 993
Tsuen Wan	19	22 929
Tuen Mun	31	24 772
Yuen Long	39	31 858
Total	452	398 071

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB090

(Question Serial No. 1390)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget that the Government will further enhance and promote caring services. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) What are the actual amount of funding support for 2024-25 and the estimated expenditure for 2025-26 for each District Services and Community Care Team (CT) with regard to the 452 CTs set up in the 18 districts across the territory?
- (b) In 2024, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) set up 2 additional support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) and an Ethnic Minority Care Team in each of the 10 EM centres. What were the expenditure and staff establishment involved?
- (c) What were the total number of household visits made and the number of support services provided by CTs in 2024-25? How did HAD monitor the performance of CTs? How were the key performance indicators set for each CT?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

- (a) The formation of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. The Government has been providing some of the CTs' resources. The amount of the Government funding for each CT in the first term of the two-year service agreement ranges from \$0.8 million to \$1.2 million. In addition to the resources provided by the Government, CTs make use of the internal resources of the operating organisations, along with sponsorship in cash and donations, to provide caring services for local residents.

As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise CTs, and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

- (b) To further facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community, starting from 2024-25, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has set up 2 additional support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres), 1 in Kowloon City and 1 in Sha Tin, thus increasing the total number of EM centres to 10; and 1 Ethnic Minority Care Team (EM Care Team) in each of the EM centres. Each EM Care Team is led by 1 social worker, and 2 programme workers who are familiar with the languages and cultures of EMs. EMs will also be recruited as volunteers. The revised estimated expenditure on the 2 measures mentioned above is \$26.92 million for 2024-25, and the estimated expenditure is \$30.57 million for 2025-26 and each year thereafter.
- (c) To ensure that CTs provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. These include the setting up of communication channels and liaison networks for residents of the sub-districts to contact CTs, regular visits to or contact with elderly households and other households in need in the sub-districts, and the provision of home or other support services to those in need at the sub-district level. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

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To monitor the progress of the work of CTs, the operating organisation of each CT is required to submit to the Government a progress report on the work of its CT every 6 months, as well as an annual report covering the CT's work and financial details, including the annual audited account prepared by an independent certified public accountant. District Offices monitor the work of CTs on a regular basis, including deploying staff to conduct visits or attend their activities or services to evaluate the effectiveness of their services, and review the progress on the services provided according to their proposed service plans.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB091

(Question Serial No. 2448)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Department set up 452 District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the 18 districts in 2023 with a view to supporting the Government's district work and strengthening community network. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What is the amount of funding support provided for CTs by district each year since their setting up?
- (b) What are the Government's manpower and expenditure involved in supporting the work relating to CTs each year since their setting up?
- (c) What are the current number of members of CTs in each district, and their ratio to the local population?
- (d) Has the Government evaluated the effectiveness of CTs? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (e) In 2025-26, will the Government explore the introduction of new CT services? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Hoey Simon (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

- (a) The formation of District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out in **Annex A**.

- (b) The Home Affairs Department has been using the existing resources to undertake the work relating to CTs since 2022-23. A total of 26 civil service posts were created from 2023-24 to 2024-25, including 25 time-limited posts, and 1 permanent post which was created in 2024-25. The 25 time-limited posts mentioned above will be retained for the period from 2025-26 to 2027-28 to support the work relating to CTs, incurring an average annual expenditure of about \$24 million.
- (c) The Government delineates the 18 districts into 452 sub-districts, with 1 CT providing services for each sub-district, covering households across all of the 18 districts in the territory. CTs are organisation-based. Each CT consists of around 8 to 12 members, all of whom serve as volunteers. There are about 5 000 CT members across the 18 districts. In addition, CTs may mobilise individuals who are not team members (such as other members of the organisation, local residents, etc.) to participate in their work as volunteers depending on the needs of individual activities.

The current number of members of CTs in each district is set out in **Annex B**.

- (d) and (e) In order to improve the effectiveness of CTs' work in the next term, we are reviewing various aspects of CTs, including the outcomes of service provision, resource utilisation, publicity efforts, training and support for CTs and their members, etc., with a view to deepening and broadening the scope of the caring services.

**Amount of funding disbursed to
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)
(as at early March 2025)**

District	Amount of funding disbursed* (\$ million)
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
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Kwai Tsing	18.62
Total	266.09

* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

**Number of members of
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)**

District	Number of CT members
Central & Western	175
Eastern	403
Southern	190
Wan Chai	153
Kowloon City	263
Kwun Tong	416
Sham Shui Po	291
Wong Tai Sin	280
Yau Tsim Mong	229
Islands	113
Kwai Tsing	343
Tsuen Wan	223
North	202
Sai Kung	330
Sha Tin	475
Tai Po	221
Tuen Mun	337
Yuen Long	448
Total	5 092

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB092

(Question Serial No. 0809)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Last year, the Home Affairs Department, the District Offices of the 18 districts and the respective District Councils (DCs) jointly rolled out a series of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations under the theme of Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- Please provide a breakdown by DC district on the names, types, dates and venues of the activities, the numbers of visitors/participants and the expenditure involved;
- What are the results of the Government's evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts in promoting local economy, fostering social cohesion, etc.?
- What is the estimated expenditure on organising activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts in each district this year? How will the Government assist the districts in optimising the activities to further enhance their effectiveness?
- What measures does the Government have in place to publicise the activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts to attract local residents and even people from other districts?
- What is the hit rate of the webpage of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts so far? Does the Government have any plans to enhance the webpage? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

The series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts launched in 2024 by the 18 District Offices (DOs) of the Home Affairs Department, in collaboration with the Working

Groups on Boosting Local Economy set up by the District Councils, mainly aim to provide the public with a wide range of cultural and leisure events to showcase local diversity or traditional cultural connotations in various districts, so as to create a buoyant mood in the community.

The activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts commenced in late January last year, and as at the first quarter of this year, more than 60 events have been organised. The activities take various forms, including bazaar carnivals, traditional cultural events, emerging cultural activities and entertainments as well as artwork exhibitions, musical performances and sports experiences. The activities have successfully created a buoyant mood in the community and have attracted many citizens to participate. The feedback received from the stall operators has been predominantly positive, indicating high patronage and the activities' effectiveness in promoting their businesses. A list of activities set out by District Council district is at [Annex](#).

Taking individual bazaar carnivals as an example, the Kwun Tong Night Market in the Year of Dragon held in Kwun Tong early last year attracted a cumulative total of 800 000 visitors in 23 days. Subsequently, the Chinese New Year Bazaar in Wong Tai Sin had 114 000 visitors in 3 days; the Yuen Long Vibes Mart in Yuen Long had 120 000 visitors in 3 days; Vespere Tuen Mun in Tuen Mun had over 120 000 visitors in 3 days; and the Urban Jam Festival, which was held over two consecutive weekends in the bustling Causeway Bay and featured a distinctive open-air bazaar complemented by pop music and dance performances, attracted more than 600 000 visitors, boosting the business of merchants and creating a buoyant mood in the neighbourhood. Stall operators of the bazaars generally expressed satisfaction with their sales, but did not disclose their actual profits due to commercial considerations.

Given the diverse types and nature of the series of activities of the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts, we do not have the footfall statistics for each of the activities. The work arising from the activities is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available.

As at the end of February 2025, the Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts subpage of the relevant thematic website set up by the Government has recorded a hit rate of over 170 000. The 18 DOs will continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics and traditional cultural connotations using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building, and publicise and promote the activities through various channels, including websites, social platforms, district networks, etc.

Overview of activities under Day x Night Vibes @ 18 Districts
(January 2024 to March 2025)

<u>District</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name of activity</u>
Central & Western	January to February 2024	C&W District Sparkles: Vivid and Vibrant Vibes Through the Day and Night Bazaar
	December 2024	Central and Western District HarbourFUN Carnival
Eastern	May 2024	Night Dragon Parade @ Eastern District
	December 2024 to January 2025	The Journey of Cantonese Opera @ Eastern District
Southern	March 2024	Ap Lei Chau Hung Shing Cultural Festival: Southern District Vibes Bazaar @ Hung Shing Festival
	October 2024	Fishermen Culture Day in the Southern District in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China: Tying the Knot the Fishermen's Way
	March 2025	2025 Ap Lei Chau Hung Shing Cultural Festival
Wan Chai	May 2024	Urban Jam Festival
	December 2024 to February 2025	Tasty Wan Chai
Kowloon City	April 2024	Kowloon City Songkran Festival 2024
	November 2024	Kowloon City Panda Lantern Carnival
	December 2024	Kowloon City: Food, Buy and Play with Pets!
Kwun Tong	January to February 2024	Kwun Tong Night Market in the Year of Dragon
	February 2024	Lanterns over the Hills and Full Moon over Kwun Tong
	May 2024	Kwun Tong Summer Night Bazaar
	November to December 2024	Winter Vibe @ Kwun Tong
	January to February 2025	Kwun Tong Night Bazaar 2025
		Lunar New Year Lucky Draw in Kowloon East^

<u>District</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name of activity</u>
Sham Shui Po	February to March 2024	Lighting Duet @ Sham Shui Po
	March 2024	Something Special @ Sham Shui Po
	March to April 2024	“Fete des Fleurs” Marché le Floréal and Marché le Floréal 2.0
	November to December 2024	Hong Kong Comics Art Tech Fair
	December 2024	Only.Coffee Festival
		“Protect Animals” Sham Shui Po Running Pet Carnival
	January to February 2025	Sham Shui Po Hearts to Hearts – 2025 Golden Dragon Parade and Carnival in Celebration of the Year of the Snake
	February to March 2025	Fête des Fleurs 2025
Wong Tai Sin	March 2025	Symphony of Multimedia @ Apliu Street Chat Room
	February 2024	Wong Tai Sin Chinese New Year Bazaar
	December 2024	Wong Tai Sin WinterFest
	January to February 2025	Lunar New Year Lucky Draw in Kowloon East^
Yau Tsim Mong	February 2025	Wong Tai Sin Dragon and Lion Dance 2025
	January 2024	Yau Ma Tei Festival
	February 2024	Tsim Sha Tsui Night Vibes
		Yau Tsim Mong Presents – The Year Of The Dragon: Countdown Celebration
	September 2024	Panda Lightshow
		Block Party By The Sea
Islands	September to November 2024	Yau Tsim Mong National Day Shopping Month
	November 2024	Tai Kok Tsui Temple Fair cum Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China
	February 2024	Lighting and Decoration cum Light Switching Ceremony
		Islands District Lunar New Year Lantern Carnival
	March 2024	Islands District Sports Fun Day
Kwai Tsing		Islands District Music Night
	October 2024	Vibe @ Silvermine
	February 2025	Islands District Pet Carnival
	April 2024	Kwai Tsing Bamboo Theatre
Kwai Tsing	December 2024	Amazing Snowy New Year’s Eve @ Kwai Tsing

<u>District</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Name of activity</u>
North	February 2024	Luen Wo Light Market
		Sha Tau Kok Lantern Festival Fun Day
	December 2024	LOHAS in North District Grassland Music Festival
	December 2024 to January 2025	Sha Tin, North and Tai Po District Winter Lucky Draw^
Sai Kung	May 2024	Sai Kung Tin Hau Festival
	October 2024	WE WA! Sai Kung Halloween Celebration Event
	February 2025	Love Blooms in Sai Kung: Valentine's Mini Concert & Carnival
Sha Tin	February 2024	"Sha Tin Festive Vibes" Lantern Festival Fun Day
	December 2024 to January 2025	Sha Tin, North and Tai Po District Winter Lucky Draw^
Tai Po	February 2024	Lam Tsuen Well-wishing Bazaar
	February to March 2024	Wish for You Bazaar
	June 2024	Tai Po Dragon Boat Fun Carnival
	September to October 2024	Shopping and Dining Promotions in Tai Po District in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China
	December 2024	Tai Po Lung Mei Beachtival
	December 2024 to January 2025	Sha Tin, North and Tai Po District Winter Lucky Draw^
	January to February 2025	Hong Kong Well-wishing Festival 2025 cum Lam Tsuen Well-wishing Bazaar
	February to March 2025	Wish for You Bazaar
Tsuen Wan	February 2024	Celebrating the Year of Dragon – Tsuen Wan Lantern Festival Bazaar
	August to September 2024	Summer Lucky Draw in Tsuen Wan District
Tuen Mun	April 2024	Vespere Tuen Mun
	December 2024	Tuen Teens Choice
Yuen Long	March 2024	Yuen Long Vibes Mart
	December 2024	Yuen Long Happy Vibes Carnival

^ The activity was held concurrently in more than one district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB093

(Question Serial No. 0810)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In his 2023 Policy Address, the Chief Executive mentioned the setting up of a distinctive photo-taking landmark in each of the 18 districts across the territory. Each district would be provided with an additional funding of \$1 million for setting up the photo-taking landmark or for organising activities in the district. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please set out, with a breakdown by District Council district, the names of the photo-taking landmarks set up or the activities organised with the additional funding in each district, the display periods of the landmarks/the dates of activities and the expenditure involved.
- (b) What are the measures taken by the Government to promote the photo-taking landmarks or activities, and what is the expenditure involved?
- (c) Will the Government consider compiling information on the photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts and the existing check-in spots in various districts for easy reference by the public and tourists, so as to facilitate their visits? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

A consolidated reply to the various parts of the question is as follows:

Each of the District Youth Community Building Committees (DYCBCs) across 18 districts proposes for its district a distinctive photo-taking landmark with a particular theme and specific design elements to showcase district uniqueness as well as attract the public and tourists to take photos and “check in” there. The photo-taking landmarks in the 18 districts have been completed since early 2024 for display for different periods ranging from several months to perpetual. The landmarks include large-scale distinctive installations or lighting decorations, ground paintings/mural paintings, distinctive landmark signage, etc.

District Offices (DOs) have assisted DYCBCs in promoting the photo-taking landmarks in their respective districts through various channels, including websites, social platforms, local networks, etc. In addition, in September and October last year, DOs collaborated with the District Services and Community Care Teams of their respective districts to organise a series of local tours in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Members of the public were invited to visit the distinctive attractions in the territory, including the photo-taking landmarks in various districts.

The work relating to the setting up, publicity, etc. of the above photo-taking landmarks is absorbed within the existing resources and manpower of DOs together with the relevant government departments. Hence, a breakdown of the expenditure involved is not available. The 18 DOs will continue to invite the DYCBCs of their respective districts to advise on district works or facilities and other community building initiatives. DOs will also continue to organise an array of activities with district characteristics using their existing manpower and resources to promote community building.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB094

(Question Serial No. 0684)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government plans to launch a one-year pilot scheme on “joint property management” in Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan in June this year at the earliest.

- (a) The Government has earmarked \$7 million for the implementation of the pilot scheme. What are the details of the allocation of provision and manpower involved?
- (b) What specific measures are in place to help non-governmental organisations secure consensus among property owners?
- (c) How will the Government assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme? Will specific indicators be set on, among other things, the extent to which environmental hygiene or quality of building maintenance has been improved?
- (d) How will the benefits of joining the scheme be promoted to the public, especially those people living in older districts, in order to enhance property owners' awareness of property management?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (a) The Government has earmarked about \$7 million to implement a pilot scheme on “joint property management” (pilot scheme). The funding will be used for the purposes of engaging non-governmental organisations, promoting the pilot scheme and meeting the relevant administrative costs. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) will undertake the co-ordination work arising from the implementation of the pilot scheme with its existing manpower.
- (b) Given the varied conditions, facilities and services of buildings, as well as the diverse needs of residents, it is essential to help owners of different buildings reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single property management company (PMC). HAD will engage non-governmental organisations with extensive district networks and experience in

building management or related fields to reach out to owners of “three-nil” buildings and old single-block buildings in selected areas to encourage their participation in the pilot scheme and provide them with assistance. By making use of their extensive district networks, the relevant organisations will communicate and co-ordinate with the owners to encourage their participation in the pilot scheme. They will also assist the owners’ corporations/owners of participating buildings in convening meetings to discuss and resolve matters related to the implementation of “joint property management”, and facilitate the attainment of consensus among all parties involved. HAD also encourages non-governmental organisations, when submitting their proposals, to introduce measures to attract owners to participate in the pilot scheme. These measures may include the effective utilisation of technology to minimise property management costs and the identification of additional revenue streams for buildings. The revenue generated can be used to cover the day-to-day expenses borne by owners or owners’ corporations.

- (c) The success of the pilot scheme hinges on the owners’ recognition of the necessity for proper building management and the attainment of consensus among owners of different buildings on jointly hiring a single PMC. We will proactively publicise the benefits of the “joint property management” model, while remaining mindful that the challenges associated with the implementation of the pilot scheme must not be underestimated. We will assess the effectiveness of the pilot scheme according to the outcomes of its implementation and feedback from participating owners.
- (d) Apart from the Government’s efforts in publicising the benefits of the “joint property management” model, the non-governmental organisations engaged to implement the pilot scheme will also promote the scheme to the owners’ corporations/owners of the target buildings. Through their extensive district networks, these organisations will communicate and co-ordinate with the owners to encourage their participation in the pilot scheme and help them understand that proper building management will undoubtedly contribute to a comfortable living environment. In the course of implementing the pilot scheme, members of District Councils and the District Services and Community Care Teams may also leverage their district networks and their opportunities in providing services to assist the engaged non-governmental organisations with the implementation and promotion of the pilot scheme and facilitate communication with the owners’ corporations or owners of old single-block buildings in their sub-districts to explain the pilot scheme in detail and encourage their participation in the scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB095

(Question Serial No. 3068)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In order to get a fuller picture of buildings in the territory in terms of their management status and age distribution, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide the respective numbers of buildings which have owners' corporations (OCs) and those which do not, broken down by the 18 District Council districts, and by age group as follows: 29 years or below, 30-49 years, 50-59 years, 60-69 years and 70 years or above;
- (b) What are the Government's specific measures targeted at buildings without OCs to assist owners in setting up OCs, such as the stepping up of publicity and education efforts and the provision of technical support? What are the implementation details and how will their effectiveness be evaluated?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- (a) According to the information obtained by the Home Affairs Department (HAD), as at December 2024, there were about 20 000 buildings in Hong Kong with owners' corporations (OCs) and about 20 800 buildings without OCs in the territory. Of those buildings without OCs, they included private buildings under single ownership and town houses, while some were under other forms of management, such as owners' committees. A breakdown by district is set out at Annex. HAD does not have a breakdown of the above buildings by year of completion.
- (b) To enhance the support for owners of "three-nil" buildings (i.e. buildings which do not have any OC or any form of residents' organisation and do not engage any property management company (PMC), but excluding those that are under single ownership and can be self-managed) and assist them in enhancing building management, HAD has been implementing the Resident Liaison Ambassador (RLA) Scheme since 2011 to recruit owners or residents of "three-nil" buildings aged 30 years or above as RLAs. The scheme seeks to establish a resident liaison network, facilitate residents' discussion and

handling of daily building management matters, and assist government departments in liaising with residents and promoting the message of effective building management. Our long-term objective is to help owners of these buildings form OCs for proper management of their own properties. As at December 2024, 670 OCs were formed with RLAs' involvement. HAD also implemented a pilot scheme under the Building Management Professional Advisory Service Scheme (BMPASS pilot scheme) in 2022 by inviting local organisations/non-governmental organisations with experience in building management or related fields to reach out to owners of "three-nil" buildings and to encourage and assist them in forming OCs. The BMPASS pilot scheme was implemented between June 2022 and June 2024 in 9 districts with a relatively large number of "three-nil" buildings, including Sham Shui Po, Tsuen Wan, the Central & Western, Eastern, Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, North and Tai Po Districts, reaching out to about 690 "three-nil" buildings in total. With the assistance of the BMPASS pilot scheme, 101 OCs were formed, 62 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 1 000 RLAs were recruited. Since the BMPASS pilot scheme was proven effective and garnered widespread support from users and the community, HAD continued the implementation of the BMPASS in July 2024 for a period of 3 years to cover all "three-nil" buildings in the 18 districts across the territory. As at December 2024, 22 OCs were formed, 8 OCs procured third party risks insurance and 166 RLAs were recruited with the assistance of the scheme.

To encourage property owners to fulfil their responsibilities in building management and to enhance their knowledge thereof, HAD and District Offices organise regularly a great variety of educational and publicity programmes through workshops, seminars, training courses, Television and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest, easy-to-read publicity materials, etc.

In addition, the Chief Executive announced in his 2024 Policy Address the implementation of a pilot scheme on "joint property management" in selected areas in 2025 to assist "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings in jointly hiring a single PMC for joint property management so that the management fees can be apportioned and these buildings will be able to receive basic building management services at a more affordable cost. Making reference to the number and distribution of old single-block private buildings in the selected areas, HAD will implement the pilot scheme in the first half of 2025 in 4 districts, namely Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City and Tsuen Wan, where clusters of older single-block buildings are present. The scheme aims to encourage and facilitate owners of "three-nil" buildings and old single-block buildings to reach a consensus on jointly hiring a single PMC to adopt the "joint property management" model on a trial basis. The pilot scheme is anticipated to run for an initial duration of 1 year. Subject to the outcomes of the implementation of the pilot scheme, a review will be conducted to consider the feasibility of extending it to other districts.

**Number of buildings with and without owners' corporations (OCs) by district #
(as at December 2024)**

District	Number of buildings with OCs	Number of buildings without OCs
Central & Western	1 756	1 408
Eastern	884	507
Southern	921	1 295
Wan Chai	1 428	845
Kowloon City	1 699	834
Kwun Tong	551	345
Yau Tsim Mong	1 794	1 157
Sham Shui Po	1 389	770
Wong Tai Sin	373	131
Islands	326	509
Sai Kung	1 912	791
Tai Po	1 293	2 125
Tsuen Wan	592	386
Yuen Long	1 699	7 410
Sha Tin	1 067	929
Tuen Mun	991	438
North	901	689
Kwai Tsing	386	189
Total	19 962	20 758

Figures are derived from information collected by staff of the Home Affairs Department during day-to-day contact.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB096

(Question Serial No. 2118)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding “the provision of support services for ethnic minorities (EMs)”, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the manpower and expenditure involved in providing support services for EMs in the past 3 years and up to the present?
- (b) Please provide the details of the service capacity of the 10 support service centres for EMs (EM centres) and their service utilisation over the past year, with a breakdown by service.
- (c) Please provide the details of the top 5 types of services with the highest number of users last year.
- (d) What is the amount of funding earmarked by the Government for implementation of the relevant programmes this year?
- (e) Has the Government conducted regular reviews on the effectiveness of the EM centres? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (f) What were the criteria taken into account when choosing the locations of the EM centres? Are the criteria subject to regular reviews?
- (g) What were the outcomes of the work of each of the Ethnic Minority Care Teams over the past year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 134)

Reply:

- (a) The manpower and expenditure of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in providing support services for ethnic minorities (EMs) in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Manpower involved	Service expenditure (\$ million)
2022-23	11 civil service staff 4 Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff	81.80
2023-24	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff	81.63
2024-25	11 civil service staff 4 NCSC staff	114.20 ^{Note 1} (Revised estimate)

^{Note 1} It was announced in the 2023 Policy Address that a series of measures would be put in place to strengthen support for EMs, including setting up 2 additional support service centres for EMs (EM centres), setting up an Ethnic Minority Care Team (EM Care Team) in each EM centre, regularising the enhanced services provided by EM centres for EM new arrivals and youths, and the District-based Programmes for Racial Harmony. Hence, there is an increase in the revised estimated expenditure for 2024-25 compared with the actual expenditure in 2023-24.

- (b) The 10 EM centres provide dedicated classes, counselling services, integration programmes, etc. for EMs. The CHEER Centre also provides interpretation and translation services for EMs to facilitate their access to public services.

The statistics of the EM centres are kept on a project year basis. The actual number of service recipients of the 8 EM centres in the last project year (2023-24 project year) are as follows:

Centre ^{Note 2}	Number of service recipients
HOPE Centre	8 119
HOME Centre	11 966
HOME Sub-centre	7 887
CHEER Centre	28 653
YLTH Centre	16 231
ONE Centre	12 766
LINK Centre	18 980
TOUCH Sub-centre	10 244
Total	114 846

^{Note 2} The 2 new centres located in Kowloon City and Sha Tin officially opened in December 2024. Hence, there is no data on the service utilisation of these 2 centres in the past year.

- (c) In 2023-24, the top 5 types of services provided by the EM centres with the highest number of service recipients are (i) integration programmes, (ii) interpretation and translation services, (iii) consultation, counselling and referral services, (iv) after-school tutorial classes, and (v) language classes.
- (d) In 2025-26, the estimated expenditure of HAD on support services for EMs is about \$120.8 million.
- (e) HAD has been closely monitoring the operation of the EM centres to ensure that the organisations concerned perform to standard and comply with the terms of the grant agreements. Such measures include examination of regular progress reports, user surveys, etc. submitted by these organisations. We also arrange for staff to conduct programme observations, review meetings and random checks on their financial records to ensure that the EM centres are operating in accordance with the grant agreements. We will continue to keep the operation of the EM centres under review in order to ensure that their services meet the needs of EMs.
- (f) When considering the locations of the EM centres, HAD would take into account the demographic distribution of EMs and the views of relevant stakeholders. At present, a total of 10 EM centres, located in Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Kwai Tsing, Tung Chung and Sha Tin, provide services for EMs across the territory, covering the districts where they mainly reside. We will keep in view the needs of EMs and review how to strengthen the support services from time to time.
- (g) The 10 EM centres have set up EM Care Teams in succession since July 2024 to strengthen the caring services for EMs. As of end of February 2025, the 10 EM Care Teams have conducted about 2 100 home visits and 260 outreach activities, reaching out to about 4 620 EM families/individuals. In addition, the EM Care Teams have disseminated important government information to EMs, such as promoting the Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents (non-Chinese Citizens) and assisting them to make application, and disseminating relevant information to EMs during typhoons and cold spells, reminding them to take appropriate precautionary measures. The EM Care Teams have also worked closely with the District Offices and the District Services and Community Care Teams to follow up on cases of EMs who encountered difficulties.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB097

(Question Serial No. 3042)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 205 of the Budget Speech that the Government will increase the funding of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) by 50% in the next term of service. The Government will further enhance the provision of caring services. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) For which areas will the increased funding in the next term of service primarily intended to be used (such as supplies, manpower, etc.)?
- (b) Will the Government consider increasing the provision for promoting CTs' accomplishments which bring positive energy to people? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- (a) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

- (b) To show appreciation for the CTs, including the team members, volunteers and partnering organisations, for their selfless devotion, and to share their good stories and good deeds in providing caring services with their peers and the public, the Home Affairs Department has launched the Care Team Commendation Scheme (CTCS). A sharing session entitled “Good People • Good Deeds” of CTs will be held under CTCS in the first half of 2025. During the session, heartfelt, inspirational and exemplary stories of the CTs which can serve as models for their peers will be shared.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB098

(Question Serial No. 2628)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) in the 18 districts, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the staffing of CTs in the 18 districts proposed by the Government?
- (b) Will staff of professional grades such as social workers be included in the staffing of CTs? If yes, what is the manning ratio of the professional grades?
- (c) What are the planned performance indicators for CTs, such as scope of service, types and nature of service, and number of target beneficiaries?
- (d) What is the total amount of provision for CTs in the 18 districts? Please provide information on the estimated provision for each of the districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The Government delineates the 18 districts into 452 sub-districts, with 1 District Services and Community Care Team (CT) providing services for each sub-district, covering households across all of the 18 districts in the territory. CTs are organisation-based. Each CT consists of around 8 to 12 members, all of whom serve as volunteers. There are about 5 000 CT members across the 18 districts. In addition, CTs may mobilise individuals who are not team members (such as other members of the organisation, local residents, etc.) to participate in their work as volunteers depending on the needs of individual activities.

The current number of members of CTs in each district is set out in **Annex A**.

- (c) To ensure that CTs provide adequate services for residents of the sub-districts, the Government has set key performance indicators (KPIs) on a two-year basis. The KPIs concerned encompass community care, assistance in emergencies and the

provision of supplementary services. At the initial stage of the establishment of CTs, the KPIs include establishing communication channels for CTs in the sub-districts, widely publicising these communication channels and services of CTs to residents of the sub-districts, and establishing liaison networks to reach out to at least 15% of the households of the sub-districts within 1 year from the funding agreement's effective date. CTs have successfully achieved all these KPIs. Besides, CTs are making ongoing efforts in conducting visits and providing home or other support services. They will also continue to offer assistance in the event of emergencies, according to local circumstances, and provide supplementary services in accordance with the terms of the funding agreements.

As at 31 January 2025, CTs have visited about 390 000 elderly households and other households in need, and provided about 43 000 times of basic home or other support services such as home repairs and cleaning, health check-ups, free haircuts for the elderly, information technology support as well as care and support services for residents affected by incidents and emergencies, etc. In addition, about 23 000 district-level activities, such as integration activities, exhibitions on national security education, etc., were organised. CTs have swiftly mobilised members and volunteers to attend to the needs of affected individuals and provide them with appropriate assistance during emergencies such as the fire at New Lucky House on Jordan Road, the massive power cut in Wong Tai Sin, the emergency water outage in the Tung Chung New Town and rural areas, and other such incidents. At present, CTs are making good progress in the provision of services in accordance with these KPIs.

- (d) The formation of CTs aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out in **Annex B**.

**Number of members of
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)**

District	Number of CT members
Central & Western	175
Eastern	403
Southern	190
Wan Chai	153
Kowloon City	263
Kwun Tong	416
Sham Shui Po	291
Wong Tai Sin	280
Yau Tsim Mong	229
Islands	113
Kwai Tsing	343
Tsuen Wan	223
North	202
Sai Kung	330
Sha Tin	475
Tai Po	221
Tuen Mun	337
Yuen Long	448
Total	5 092

**Amount of funding disbursed to
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)
(as at early March 2025)**

District	Amount of funding disbursed* (\$ million)
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
Southern	10.36
Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
Yau Tsim Mong	12.00
Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
Islands	5.88
Sai Kung	16.39
Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
Total	266.09

* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB099

(Question Serial No. 2629)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

What were the ethnic minority (EM) population in the service area, annual number of users, gross floor area, net operational floor area and net usable floor area of each of the support service centres for EMs in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

At present, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations to run 10 support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) in Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Kwai Tsing, Tung Chung and Sha Tin to provide various support services for EMs to facilitate their integration into the community. The EM centres provide services on a territory-wide basis for target users in all districts. The statistics on population of EMs (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by district based on the 2021 Population Census are set out in **Annex A**.

The gross floor area of the EM centres and the number of service recipients from 2019-20 project year to 2023-24 project year are set out in **Annex B** and **Annex C** respectively. HAD does not have information on the net operating floor area or net usable floor area of the EM centres.

**Statistics on population of
ethnic minorities (excluding foreign domestic helpers) in 2021**

(Based on the 2021 Population Census)

District	Indian	Nepalese	Pakistani	Filipino	Thai	Indonesian	Total
Yau Tsim Mong	7 164	12 538	1 184	2 630	572	1 057	25 145
Yuen Long	1 503	8 375	3 253	1 998	555	771	16 455
Islands	5 881	961	1 418	4 229	608	540	13 637
Kowloon City	4 287	506	1 446	2 084	883	297	9 503
Central & Western	3 858	589	291	2 686	417	349	8 190
Kwai Tsing	1 760	458	4 400	355	610	598	8 181
Eastern	2 145	376	1 456	2 314	748	582	7 621
Wan Chai	1 658	1 737	225	2 107	738	625	7 090
Sham Shui Po	950	1 382	2 364	982	653	566	6 897
Kwun Tong	1 379	149	1 831	793	1 347	691	6 190
Sai Kung	2 377	110	958	1 584	534	480	6 043
Tuen Mun	620	916	1 766	1 286	735	537	5 860
Southern	2 220	258	391	765	347	235	4 216
Sha Tin	1 474	32	772	628	751	329	3 986
Tsuen Wan	557	847	716	860	222	337	3 539
Wong Tai Sin	490	289	1 139	325	733	403	3 379
Tai Po	130	15	152	235	601	362	1 495
North	94	2	576	293	293	190	1 448
Total	38 547	29 540	24 338	26 154	11 347	8 949	138 875

Gross floor area of support service centres for ethnic minorities

Centre*	Gross floor area (square metre)				
	2019-20 project year	2020-21 project year	2021-22 project year	2022-23 project year	2023-24 project year
HOPE Centre	353	353	353	353	353
HOME Centre	307	307	307	307	307
HOME Sub-centre	149	149	149	149	149
CHEER Centre	599	599	599	599	599
YLTH Centre	194	194	194	194	306
SHINE Centre/ ONE Centre**	390	390	415	415	415
LINK Centre	390	390	390	390	390
TOUCH Sub-centre	409	409	290	290	389
Total	2 791	2 791	2 697	2 697	2 908

* As the DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened recently in December 2024, the relevant figures for the 2 centres in the past 5 years are not available.

** The SHINE Centre ceased operation in August 2021 and was replaced by the ONE Centre.

Number of service recipients of support service centres for ethnic minorities

Centre*	Number of service recipients				
	2019-20 project year	2020-21 project year	2021-22 project year	2022-23 project year	2023-24 project year
HOPE Centre	5 192	6 808	6 498	7 383	8 119
HOME Centre	13 522	14 526	13 073	9 298	11 966
HOME Sub-centre	5 961	7 733	6 781	5 681	7 887
CHEER Centre	21 667	25 967	22 791	29 205	28 653
YLTH Centre	15 429	12 313	16 183	18 855	16 231
SHINE Centre/ ONE Centre**	14 618	18 378	4 230	12 065	12 766
LINK Centre	9 557	11 170	16 835	15 259	18 980
TOUCH Sub-centre	4 199	4 456	4 208	4 746	10 244
Total	90 145	101 351	90 599	102 492	114 846

* As the DREAM Centre in Kowloon City and the IDEA Centre in Sha Tin were officially opened recently in December 2024, the relevant figures for the 2 centres in the past 5 years are not available.

** The SHINE Centre ceased operation in August 2021 and was replaced by the ONE Centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB100

(Question Serial No. 1959)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is reported that the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) from various districts distributed free tickets and held private screenings of the movie Ne Zha for public enjoyment. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Did the distribution of free movie tickets and the hosting of private cinema screenings by the CTs mentioned above involve the use of public funds? If yes, what are the details? If no, which organisations provided those tickets?
- (b) There are views that activities such as distributing free movie tickets and hosting free private screenings should not be considered a “caring” duty of the publicly-funded CTs. Has the Bureau taken note of these views and made improvements accordingly?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) According to the funding agreements between the Government and the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), CTs may take into account the local circumstances and needs of their districts in providing additional services, such as organising integration activities and exhibitions on national security education, etc. It is the practice of some CTs to establish liaison with residents in their sub-districts by organising movie appreciation activities for the communities, benefitting those at the grassroots level, the elderly, families and ethnic minorities, etc.

We understand that some CTs considered “Ne Zha 2” a showcase of values in traditional Chinese culture and thus organised appreciation activities of the movie to promote traditional Chinese culture. CTs collaborate with various groups in organising movie appreciation activities by taking into account local circumstances and needs, thereby leveraging community resources for public good. Movie appreciation activities arranged by individual CTs for grassroots communities are conducted in accordance with the terms of the funding

agreements. The Home Affairs Department does not have the statistics on the organisations responsible for distributing tickets for these movie appreciation activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB101

(Question Serial No. 1961)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is reported that the Home Affairs Department (HAD) used public funds to subsidise the exhibition of the animated movie “Ne Zha 2”. The “We Care We Serve” logo was also seen on posters for the “Ne Zha 2” private screening events organised by the District Services and Community Care Teams. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) For the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years, did the Bureau allocate and earmark any funding to subsidise the exhibition of the movie? If so, what was the amount involved? What was the amount of public funds spent by HAD in subsidising the events associated with the aforementioned animated movie?
- (b) Apart from subsidising “Ne Zha 2”, did HAD subsidise the screening events of other movies, or are there any plans to do so?
- (c) What were the considerations behind HAD’s decision to subsidise the exhibition of “Ne Zha 2”?
- (d) There are views that the movie “Four Trails” generates high benefits at a low cost. It received accolades at international film festivals which helps telling the good stories of Hong Kong. In addition to sponsoring “Ne Zha 2”, will the Director of Bureau take the initiative to fund the viewing of other movies which can help promote the image of Hong Kong, such as “Four Trails” and “Twilight of the Warriors: Walled in”, in order to avoid discriminatory treatment towards other film producers and distributors?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

- (a) to (d) The Home Affairs Department has not set aside dedicated funding for screening of movies in 2024-25 and 2025-26. According to the funding agreements between the Government and the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs), CTs may take into account the local circumstances and needs of their districts in

providing additional services, such as organising integration activities and exhibitions on national security education, etc. It is the practice of some CTs to establish liaison with residents in their sub-districts by organising movie appreciation activities for the communities, benefitting those at the grassroots level, the elderly, families and ethnic minorities, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB102****(Question Serial No. 2569)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (4) LicensingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

- (a) Please inform this Committee of the following information on the law enforcement actions taken by the Government in respect of suspected operation of unlicensed hotels or guesthouses in the past 3 years: (1) the number of complaints accepted; (2) the number of inspections; (3) the number of times for which evidence was collected by means of decoy operations; (4) the number of prosecutions; and (5) the convicted cases and penalties.
- (b) In 2025-26, what are the Government's plans and budget for promoting to visitors the importance of patronising licensed hotels and guesthouses?

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)Reply:

- (a) Operation of guesthouses in Hong Kong is regulated by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (HAGAO), which aims to ensure that premises intended to be used as guesthouses are suitable for such a purpose, including compliance with statutory standards in respect of building and fire safety. The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is responsible for administering the HAGAO, including issuing guesthouse licences and performing enforcement duties.

The numbers of complaints, inspections, prosecutions and convictions related to suspected unlicensed hotels or guesthouses received by OLA in the past 3 years (from 2022 to 2024) are as follows:

	2022	2023	2024	Total
No. of complaints	242	1 084	1 281	2 607
No. of inspections	4 297	5 588	9 955	19 840
No. of prosecutions#	42	120	175	337
No. of convictions#*	25	91	143	259

In order not to undermine future investigation and enforcement, it is inappropriate to disclose statistics related to OLA's collection of evidence by posing as clients (commonly known as "decoy operation").

The number of prosecutions against and convictions for operating unlicensed hotels or guesthouses may involve cases occurred before that particular year.

* In the past 3 years, the amounts of fines imposed on offenders who operated unlicensed hotels or guesthouses ranged from \$1,000 to \$30,000.

- (b) To promote the importance of patronising licensed hotels and guesthouses among tourists, HAD places advertisements in MTR stations located in tourist hotspots such as Causeway Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok and Yau Ma Tei during peak travel seasons such as the National Day and Chinese New Year holidays. Outdoor advertisements are also displayed in places packed with guesthouses (e.g. Chungking Mansion). A list of licensed hotels and guesthouses has been uploaded to OLA's website (www.hadla.gov.hk) and the mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses" to facilitate tourists' search for the latest details, licence numbers and addresses of licensed hotels and guesthouses. Additionally, OLA requires all licensed guesthouses to display the "licensed hotels and guesthouses" logo at their main entrances as well as the door of each of the guest rooms so that the tourists will be able to identify whether the guesthouses in which they are staying are licensed under the HAGAO. OLA has also enhanced its publicity efforts on internet search engines outside Hong Kong to help tourists gain access to information about licensed hotels and guesthouses when planning their trips. OLA will review and flexibly adjust its enforcement and publicity strategies from time to time, and continue to vigorously combat and eradicate the operation of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB103

(Question Serial No. 2993)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Government will increase the funding for the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) by about 50% in their next term of service. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) A detailed breakdown of expenditure incurred by CTs in the 18 districts by service area (such as community care, assistance in emergencies, etc.) since 2023 and the respective percentage of such expenditure.
- (b) The estimates for “District Services and Community Care Teams” this year is \$319 million, representing an increase of more than 70% over the previous financial year. What are the reasons for such an increase? What are the key areas that the estimates will focus on?
- (c) What are the expected outcomes of providing additional government funding for CTs and how will the outcomes be evaluated?

Asked by: Hon ZHANG Xinyu, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (a) The formation of the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs) aims to consolidate community resources to care for the community. In addition to government funding, CTs make use of internal resources of the operating organisations, along with other sponsorship and donations, to provide caring services for local residents. Where appropriate, new funding sources will be sought for service provision. As at early March 2025, the Government has disbursed about \$270 million to CTs. A breakdown of the funding allocated to CTs in each of the 18 districts is set out at Annex. We do not maintain statistics on the breakdown of the expenditure for each of the service areas by district.
- (b) and (c) As announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government will regularise CTs, and will increase funding amount by 50% in the next term of service in support of

their work. The expenditure involved in the next two-year term is \$678 million (i.e. \$339 million per annum). The 2025-26 estimate of \$319.1 million covers the funding provisions in the first and second terms of services.

Building on the established district networks and the foundation of the caring work, CTs will continue to strengthen and further extend their services at the district level through the effective use of the additional resources in the next term of service. As a result, CTs can further broaden and deepen the scope of the caring services in a flexible and pragmatic manner, taking into account the unique local circumstances and the needs of their sub-districts. Since CT members are all volunteers, the resources will continue to be used for service provision to benefit members of the public.

To monitor the progress of the work of CTs, the operating organisation of each CT is required to submit to the Government a progress report on the work of its CT every 6 months, as well as an annual report covering the CT's work and financial details, including the annual audited account prepared by an independent certified public accountant. District Offices monitor the work of CTs on a regular basis, including deploying staff to conduct visits or attend their activities or services to evaluate the effectiveness of their services, and review the progress on the services provided according to their proposed service plans.

**Amount of funding disbursed to
the District Services and Community Care Teams (CTs)
(as at early March 2025)**

District	Amount of Funding Disbursed* (\$ million)
Central & Western	9.20
Eastern	19.94
Southern	10.36
Wan Chai	7.79
Kowloon City	15.00
Kwun Tong	23.80
Yau Tsim Mong	12.00
Sham Shui Po	15.00
Wong Tai Sin	15.00
Islands	5.88
Sai Kung	16.39
Tai Po	11.35
Tsuen Wan	14.20
Yuen Long	22.67
Sha Tin	21.72
Tuen Mun	18.50
North	8.67
Kwai Tsing	18.62
Total	266.09

* The table sets out the amount of funding disbursed by the Government to CTs in each district as at early March 2025. The figures are subject to change given the ongoing disbursement of funding throughout the remainder of 2024-25.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB104

(Question Serial No. 0158)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Advertisement Publicity of the Government

The Information Services Department is responsible for the Government's publicity and publishing work, and providing support to bureaux and departments, which includes inviting celebrities to appear in advertisement for publicity. For instance, Louis Koo was engaged to appear in a promotional video on hospitality in 2024. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of:

1. the expenditure incurred on the engagement of celebrities last year; and
2. the mechanism of engaging the celebrities; how the celebrities are selected and how the engagement fee is decided?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

Television (TV) Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) are produced by bureaux/departments (B/Ds) based on their needs, with technical assistance provided by the Information Services Department (ISD). To enhance the publicity effect, production houses may suggest inviting celebrities to appear in TV APIs and name the celebrities in the submitted quotations, and the B/Ds shall consider whether to accept the proposal and procure the service. The ISD does not keep information on the relevant expenses incurred by the B/Ds in inviting celebrities to appear in TV APIs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB105

(Question Serial No. 2799)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information;
(4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Programmes (2) and (4) that the respective provision for 2025-26 are \$44.1 million (15.5%) and \$39.2 million (55.8%), higher than the revised estimate for 2024-25. This is mainly due to the increased work for media services and promotion of co-hosting the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the details of the media services and local publicity and promotion projects expected to be provided by the Information Services Department (ISD); and
- (2) regarding the work mentioned in item (1), whether the ISD has set Performance Indicators to monitor the effectiveness of relevant work; if yes, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.:5)

Reply:

- (1) Co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the 15th National Games (NG), and the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th Special Olympic Games (NGD and NSOG) will be held from 9 to 21 November and from 8 to 15 December 2025 respectively. The Games mark an important milestone in strengthening sports co-operation and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and it also helps enhance the position of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as a hub for mega events. It is anticipated that strong media interest will arise in covering the Games.

To facilitate reporters' coverage of the sports competitions of the Games in Hong Kong, the Government will set up a Main Media Centre (MMC) as the prime workplace for reporters. Venue-based Media Centres (VMCs) will also be set up for reporters' use

during the competitions. The Information Services Department (ISD) will deploy manpower to provide services and assistance to reporters at the MMC and VMCs. It will also arrange to provide comprehensive official information on the competitions for media use. About \$28 million has been allocated to the ISD to provide the above media services to reporters in Hong Kong during the NG, NGD and NSOG.

For the publicity and promotion of the NG and the NGD and NSOG in Hong Kong, \$39.4 million has been allocated to the ISD in the 2025-26 financial year. It is mainly for managing the Facebook and Instagram pages, production of TV and radio Announcement in the Public Interests, giant banners and posters, as well as placement of print, electronic and outdoor advertising, etc. In addition, the ISD will produce a series of short videos on the NG and the NGD and NSOG, and upload them to various accounts set up by the ISD on different social media platforms. The ISD also plans to collaborate with suitable local key opinion leaders (KOLs) for them to issue promotional posts on their social media accounts. Through various forms of publicity and promotional efforts, it is hoped that the awareness and interest of the general public in the mega sports events of the NG and the NGD and NSOG, will be enhanced.

- (2) The ISD will fully utilise internal resources and the allocated provision to provide the best services to reporters covering the NG, NGD and NSOG in Hong Kong. Publicity and promotional efforts help enhance the positive image of Hong Kong, facilitating the development of Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events and sports as an industry, bringing intangible benefits to the economy. Since these economic benefits cannot be quantified, it is difficult to set a key performance indicator for the publicity measures in general.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB106

(Question Serial No. 2803)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Programme (1) that one aspect of the work of the Information Services Department (ISD) is to sponsor VIPs from the Mainland and overseas to visit Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of visitors invited by the ISD on sponsorship and the breakdown by visitors' category (i.e. political and business leaders, academia and media representatives, etc.) and region of origin over the past year;
- (2) regarding item (1), the expenditure incurred for the sponsorship programme; and
- (3) in respect of the number of sponsored visitors and visiting VIPs assisted planned to be increased from 93 to 130 in 2025, the estimated expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

In 2024-25, the Information Services Department assisted a total of 95 sponsored visitors and prominent guests to Hong Kong, including 55 sponsored visitors and 40 non-sponsored visitors, with sponsorship expenditure of about \$2.52 million (as at the end of February 2025). These visitors came from the Mainland, Africa, America, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania, involving sectors including government, business, academia, arts and culture, innovation and technology, international/regional organisations and think-tanks, etc. As the Government continues to strengthen connection and exchanges with the Mainland and the rest of the world, the number of sponsored visitors is expected to increase further in 2025-26, with an estimated expenditure of \$5.5 million. The actual expenditure may be adjusted depending on the number and nature of visitors, as well as their places of departure.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB107

(Question Serial No. 0832)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong;
(4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Information Services Department (ISD) performs its work under this Programme mainly via the following channels: the Brand Hong Kong platform, including activities, homepages and social media like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, WeChat, Weibo, X, YOUKU and YouTube. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of:

1. the top 3 to 5 most impactful government publicity videos produced by the ISD over the past 5 years with their respective production expenditure; on which Brand Hong Kong platforms (e.g. activities, homepage and social media like Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, WeChat, Weibo, X, Youku and YouTube, etc.) they were released; and the approximate number of online views on each released platform; and
2. the top 3 to 5 Television (TV) Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) and the top 3 to 5 radio APIs produced by the ISD with higher production cost or higher broadcast frequencies in the past 5 financial years; the respective production cost of these TV APIs; their approximate number of views on the major broadcast platforms; the respective production cost of these radio APIs; their broadcast frequencies on the major radio channels?

Asked by: Hon CHEN Chung-nin, Rock (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

1. The Information Services Department (ISD) has been producing videos on various themes to promote Hong Kong as Asia's world city and an events capital abound with opportunities. Over the past 5 years, the 3 most impactful videos produced by the ISD for external promotion are as follows:

Publicity video	“Asia’s Event Capital – April (2024)”	“Hong Kong – Where the World Looks Ahead”	“Asia’s Event Capital – June (2024)”
Issue date	May 2024	August 2023	July 2024
Production cost (\$)	In-house production, no additional costs involved	998,000 (cost included the production of 1-minute and 30-second versions in English and Putonghua)	In-house production, no additional costs involved
Video views (as of 6 March 2025)			
Facebook	3 300 000	1 856 132	1 900 000
Instagram	3 582 429	2 697 031	2 410 921
LinkedIn	927 666	1 429	519 455
X (formerly known as Twitter)	851	Not released on this platform	713
YouTube	623	539 039	388
WeChat (微信)	1 521 771	324	31 591
Weibo (微博)	716 000	1 990 000	1 030 000
Youku (優酷)	Platform does not provide such data		

2. Television (TV) Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) are mainly broadcast on 27 channels of 5 local TV stations in Hong Kong, while radio APIs are mainly broadcast on 12 channels of 3 radio stations in Hong Kong. In the past 5 financial years, the 3 TV APIs and radio APIs, produced by the ISD, with the highest broadcast frequencies are as follows:

Titles of TV and radio APIs (year)	“Hong Kong National Security Law” (2020-21)	“Have Faith, Together We Fight the Virus” (A 60-second TV API) (2020-21)	“A New Era – Stability. Prosperity. Opportunity” (A 60-second TV API) (2022-23)
Production cost (\$) (Note)	43,100 (post-production)	240,000	1,380,000
Number of broadcast of TV APIs on TV channels	8 708	5 550	6 396
Number of broadcast of radio APIs on radio channels	1 693	4 824	3 137

Note: The procurement contracts included the total production cost of the TV and radio APIs without breakdowns.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB108

(Question Serial No. 1547)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (3) Public Opinion

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

In replying the written question raised by a Legislative Council member last year, the Government indicated that the Information Services Department (ISD) would set aside around \$2 million in 2024-25 for monitoring public opinions expressed on Mainland social media platforms. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of:

1. the final use of the provision concerned and the relevant effectiveness (e.g. as to enhancing the Government's understanding of public sentiments and public opinions for targeted policies);
2. a number of targets are mentioned in this Programme (e.g. "19 newspaper monitored each day", "an estimate of 5 730 hours of news and public affairs programmes monitored on major television stations", "an estimate of 5 480 hours of monitoring popular social media platforms"; the manpower (and their ranks) responsible for relevant work, their emoluments, and how they account for the total establishment and emolument expenses of the ISD;
3. the estimated expenditure for this Programme is 2.9% higher than the revised estimate for last year, and is 14% higher than the actual provision for 2023-24, what is the specific use of the increased estimate?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Man-kong (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. The Information Services Department (ISD) has been keeping a close watch on public opinions expressed on major social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, etc. to stay abreast of public sentiments. As Hong Kong and the Mainland are closely connected, with frequent exchanges of personnel and a growing number of Mainland netizens sharing and discussing policies of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government or the social situation in Hong Kong, the ISD has expanded the scope of its public opinion monitoring since 2024-25 to cover

popular Mainland social media platforms, such as WeChat, Weibo, Xiaohongshu and Douyin, etc. so as to grasp online public opinions in a timely and comprehensive manner.

The ISD utilises outsourced services making use of advanced tools such as big data analytics and computer programmes to monitor social media platforms for discussions relating to the work of the HKSAR Government, with the help of human input for analysis and compilation for enhanced accuracy and reliability, to help bureaux and departments learn more about the views of the public during the formulation and implementation of policies, and make timely responses and clarifications as appropriate.

2. It is part of the day-to-day work of Information Officers at the headquarters or deployed to various bureaux and departments to monitor media reports on newspapers, radio and television stations, as well as public opinions expressed on major social media platforms. We are therefore not able to give a separate account of the exact manpower involved and related expenses incurred.
3. In Programme (3) Public Opinion, provision for 2025-26 is 2.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2024-25. This is mainly due to the increased provision for operating expenses. Provision for 2025-26 is 14% higher than the actual provision for 2023-24. Apart from the aforesaid reason, it is also due to the increased provision in 2024-25 for expanding the monitoring radar to cover popular Mainland social media platforms.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB109

(Question Serial No. 1468)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong;
(2) Local Public Relations and Public Information;
(4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the publicity and dissemination of Government messages by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, will the Government inform this Council of the following:

1. the expenditure for producing promotional videos, special programmes and projects by the Government to disseminate updated and general livelihood information to the public; the respective expenditure incurred by promotion, broadcast or release of advertisements on television stations, radio stations, online platforms and social media; the number of views of various promotion projects on various media and online platforms in the past 5 financial years;
2. the monthly variation on the number of followers of the dedicated pages or accounts on the social media managed by the Information Services Department (ISD) over the past 5 years; the average reach of each post to the public/netizens during the same period;
3. for overseas, the respective expenditure for the Government's promotion, projects and activities, etc. in the areas of (including but not limited to) attracting enterprises, investment, talents and promotion of tourism in the past 5 financial years;
4. whether the ISD has regularly reviewed the existing promotion projects and channels, so that new social media platforms and media can be engaged in a timely manner to effectively disseminate useful information to people across the community spectrum locally, and to extend the reach of promotion on attracting enterprises, investment and talents overseas?

Asked by: Hon HO King-hong, Adrian Pedro (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

1. Bureaux/departments (B/Ds) produce Television (TV) and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) based on their needs, with technical assistance provided by the Information Services Department (ISD). The ISD does not maintain a centralised record of the relevant costs of the TV APIs produced by other B/Ds. TV APIs are mainly broadcast in free airtime slots on 27 channels of 5 local TV stations in Hong Kong. As for radio APIs, they are mainly broadcast on 12 channels of 3 radio stations in Hong Kong. Free airtime for TV and radio APIs is provided by the domestic free and pay television programme service licensees and sound broadcasting licensees in accordance with their respective licensing conditions, and therefore no advertising expenditure is involved. Where appropriate, the ISD also enhances publicity of these TV APIs through social media platforms, including the ISD YouTube channel and website, news.gov.hk and Tamar Talk.

As for TV and radio APIs produced by the ISD, the 3 TV and radio APIs with the highest number of broadcast in the past 5 financial years are as follows:

Titles of TV and radio APIs (Financial year)	“Hong Kong National Security Law” (2020-21)	“Have Faith, Together We Fight the Virus” (A 60-second TV API) (2020-21)	“A New Era – Stability. Prosperity. Opportunity” (A 60-second TV API) (2022-23)
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Note: The procurement contracts include the total production cost of the TV and radio APIs without breakdowns.

As for other publicity activities such as special programmes and projects, they were arranged by other B/Ds based on their needs, the ISD does not keep the relevant information.

2. Changes in the number of followers for Brand Hong Kong social media platforms over the past 5 years:

	Facebook	Instagram	LinkedIn	X (formerly known as Twitter)	Weibo (微博)	WeChat/ WeChat video (微信/微信 影音號)	Youku (優酷)	YouTube
Year	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of subscribers (rate of increase)
2020	87 846	8 355	4 211	6 253	25 500	22 417	410	4 145
2021	106 184 (20.88%)	10 242 (22.59%)	11 405 (170.84%)	Account operation was temporarily suspended [^]	68 588 (168.97%)	76 744 (242.35%)	480 (17.07%)	5 279 (27.35%)
2022	128 315 (20.84%)	12 302 (20.11%)	16 909 (48.26%)		74 200 (8.18%)	93 785 (22.42%)	518 (7.91%)	6 099 (15.53%)
2023	152 298 (18.69%)	22 838 (85.64%)	19 425 (14.88%)		82 604 (11.33%)	97 729 (4.21%)	521 (0.57%)	6 911 (13.31%)
2024	181 722 (19.32%)	25 680 (12.44%)	26 333 (35.56%)	8 737 (39.72%)#	87 230 (5.60%)	107 064 (9.55%)	524 (0.57%)	7 966 (15.26%)
Year	Average reach of each post						Average reach of each video	Average no. of views of each video
2020	125 239	220 890	24 128	311 847	900 522	132 128	The platform does not provide statistics on reach of each video	2 829
2021	116 177	119 263	100 536	Account operation was temporarily suspended [^]	558 471	421 919		12 858
2022	204 638	166 743	367 138		926 098	1 285 689		4 902
2023	189 162	622 911	182 215		1 477 531	2 239 037		1 015
2024	105 688	751 793	274 106		323	949 183		3 701

[^] X account ceased operation starting from the end of August 2020.

Rate of increase compared to 2020.

Changes in the number of followers for the social media pages and accounts of news.gov.hk over the past 5 years :

	Facebook	Instagram (Chi)	Instagram (Eng)	Weibo	WeChat	X (Chi)	X (Eng)	news.gov.hk WhatsApp channel	YouTube
Year	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of followers	No. of subscribers (rate of increase)
2020	142 883	62 924	5 683	1 163 797	48 693	35 638	28 523	Channel was not yet set up	61 518
2021	154 000 (7.78%)	66 522 (5.72%)	7 265 (27.84%)	1 172 537 (0.75%)	52 395 (7.60%)	47 862 (34.30%)	34 638 (21.44%)		66 439 (8.00%)
2022	166 370 (8.03%)	76 810 (15.47%)	10 451 (43.85%)	1 220 300 (4.07%)	59 130 (12.85%)	68 800 (43.75%)	46 000 (32.80%)		71 820 (8.10%)
2023	170 787 (2.65%)	86 734 (12.92%)	13 067 (25.03%)	1 232 240 (0.98%)	63 574 (7.52%)	84 062 (22.18%)	49 393 (7.38%)		73 057 (1.72%)
2024	174 884 (2.40%)	100 249 (15.58%)	14 378 (10.03%)	1 234 739 (0.20%)	70 774 (11.33%)	94 391 (12.29%)	56 333 (14.05%)	52 714@	73 258 (0.28%)
Year	Average reach of each post								Average no. of views of each video
2020	34 117	Statistics were not kept	Statistics were not kept	Statistics were not kept	Statistics were not kept	5 866	2 126	Channel was not yet set up	4 607
2021	20 731					2 370	1 118		1 580
2022	28 111					1 816	1 113		5 746
2023	25 506					1 359	682		3 032
2024	41 692	65 816	29 914	29 610	169	1 031	443	The platform does not provide statistics on reach of each post	1 783

@ The channel was launched in May 2024.

Changes in the number of followers for Tamar Talk Facebook and Xiaohongshu over the past 5 years:

Year	Facebook	Xiaohongshu
	No. of followers (rate of increase)	No. of fans
2020	35 000	Account was not yet created
2021	38 000 (8.57%)	
2022	51 500 (35.53%)	
2023	53 000 (2.91%)	
2024	54 500 (2.83%)	500@@
Year	Average reach of each post	
2020	71 700	Account was not yet created
2021	100 500	
2022	134 600	
2023	92 300	
2024	104 000	450@@

@@ Tamar Talk's Xiaohongshu account was created and commenced trial operation in February 2024. It was verified and formally launched in October 2024.

- The ISD has been coordinating and assisting in implementing public relations projects outside Hong Kong, including exhibitions, forums, media partnership and various promotional activities. The figures in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Number of public relations projects outside Hong Kong coordinated and assisted by the ISD
2020	50
2021	50
2022	57
2023	59
2024	61

The expenditure (including personal emoluments) relevant to initiatives on external promotion has been included under Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong. The department does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure. The total expenditure of this programme in the past 5 years is as follows:

Financial Year	Total expenditure (\$m) for Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong
2020-21	181.8
2021-22	158.0
2022-23	180.1
2023-24	168.6
2024-25	171.1 (revised estimate)

4. The ISD promotes Hong Kong's advantages and opportunities and tells the good stories of Hong Kong through a number of measures, including collaborating with major local, Mainland and international media to produce promotional content, place advertisements, and make use of social media and electronic platforms to disseminate government information. The ISD will continue to keep track of the latest market developments and global trends, and make good use of different social media platforms, various channels and methods to promote government messages.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB110

(Question Serial No. 1279)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It was mentioned in the 2024-25 Budget that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government would launch a Sponsored Overseas Speaking Engagement Programme ("The Programme"). Renowned scholars and industry leaders will be sponsored to promote Hong Kong overseas. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of the following:

- (1) over the past year, the expenditure incurred and the manpower;
- (2) over the past year, the breakdown of (i) the number of applications received and the number of approved applications; (ii) the sponsorship amount approved and (iii) the number of participants, details of the events and their scale;
- (3) whether there is any criteria or conditions for defining renowned scholars and industry leaders, if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons;
- (4) whether there is any eligibility criteria for the events sponsored; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons; and
- (5) whether the Government has evaluated the effectiveness of the Programme; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

To step up external promotion of Hong Kong, the Information Services Department (ISD) launched the Sponsored Overseas Speaking Engagement Programme (the Programme) in 2024-25. Under the Programme, sponsorship will be provided by ISD to renowned academics, leaders or experts in their respective industries, sectors or professions to speak at Hong Kong SAR Government-supported events held abroad, such as conferences, forums, summits and receptions, etc. With their professional background, rich experience and high recognition in their respective fields, as well as broad external network, these speakers can

act as Hong Kong's ambassadors to help promote Hong Kong's strengths and advantages to the world.

Generally speaking, ISD works with the overseas Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) to identify suitable overseas speaking occasions and invite different speakers to give speeches so that overseas audiences can fully understand Hong Kong's latest developments, and their perception of Hong Kong can be enhanced.

In 2024-25, in accordance with the established mechanism, ISD sponsored 3 speakers from the political, cultural and academic fields to visit Europe, Australia and the Middle East respectively. The itineraries included giving speeches at publicity and promotion activities held by relevant overseas ETOs and at international seminar, involving audiences of around 650 persons. The related expenses were about \$250,000, and the Programme was implemented by existing ISD staff.

The promotion and publicity under the Programme will enable the local people to understand Hong Kong's latest developments in economy, culture and other aspects, promote positive perception of Hong Kong overseas, and bring intangible benefits to the Hong Kong economy. ISD will continue to work with the overseas ETOs to promote this Programme, and will keep monitoring its implementation and review its effectiveness in order to enhance the publicity impact.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB111

(Question Serial No. 1291)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Apollonia, LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding Programme (1) on the estimated expenditure of Public Relations Outside Hong Kong, will the Government inform this Council of the following:

- (1) the breakdown of the following over the past 5 years : (i) the number of advertisement placed on overseas media platforms (including newspapers, magazines, television stations, radios, video websites, social media and streaming platforms); (ii) the content of the advertisements; (iii) the platforms involved; (iv) the number of reach; (v) the policy bureaux/departments involved; and (vi) the respective expenditure incurred;
- (2) the breakdown of the respective number of interviews actively provided by the Government for locally-based international media and visiting journalists, details of the interviews, the officials involved and the expenditure incurred over the past 5 years;
- (3) the breakdown of the respective number of visitors (by country/region and sector of the visitors) invited to visit Hong Kong under the Sponsored Visitors Programme over the past 5 years;
- (4) the breakdown of the respective number of promotional activities organised outside Hong Kong, details of the activities, and the expenditure incurred over the past 5 years;
- (5) the breakdown of the expenditure incurred for maintaining the operation of Brand Hong Kong platform over the past 5 years; and
- (6) whether key performance indicators have been set regarding the effectiveness of the measures mentioned in items (1) to (4) above; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (1) The current-term Government attaches great importance to telling the good stories of Hong Kong. Policy bureaux and departments, as well as Government officials, often introduce the policies and development of Hong Kong through local, Mainland and overseas media. If necessary, advertisements are also placed on overseas media platforms through different channels (such as advertising agencies, media release distribution platforms and media partnerships, etc.). The types of advertisements concerned are very diverse (for example, newspaper and magazine print ads, website ads, social media promotions, mobile application ads and TV commercials, etc.), covering a wide range of subject areas. Hence, detailed figures, content or the number of reach of the advertisements over the past 5 years are not available.

As regards advertisements placed by the Information Services Department (ISD) on overseas media platforms, the focus of the promotion content is to promote : Hong Kong's development of "eight centres" as outlined in the 14th Five-Year Plan, which cover the areas of finance, trade, innovation and technology, international cultural exchange, shipping and aviation, legal and dispute resolution services as well as intellectual property trading; the city's strengths as a well-connected, dynamic and diverse cosmopolitan with world-class education, talent and infrastructure; and the growing emphasis on quality living and conservation of nature and heritage. To tie in with the opening of the Kai Tak Sports Park and the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the ninth National Special Olympic Games to be co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao at the end of the year, the ISD has also disseminated news and information that could help tell the good stories of Hong Kong. The relevant expenditure has been included under the total expenditure of Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong. The department does not maintain itemised breakdown of the expenditure.

- (2) The ISD's regular duties also include providing assistance to journalists from both the Mainland and overseas, as well as sponsoring their visits to Hong Kong to cover major events and interview officials. This initiative aims to promote Hong Kong's advantages and opportunities across various sectors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ISD did not sponsor any journalists to visit Hong Kong during the 2 financial years in 2020-21 and 2021-22. In 2022-23, 83 journalists were sponsored to visit Hong Kong, incurring an expenditure of around \$1.17 million. In 2023-24, the number of sponsored journalists was 164, incurring an expenditure of around \$2.19 million. In 2024-25 (up to end February 2025), 214 journalists were sponsored to visit Hong Kong and the relevant expenditure was about \$2.17 million.
- (3) Besides, through the Sponsored Visitors Programme (SVP), the ISD invites influential figures from places outside Hong Kong, such as political and business leaders, industry dignitaries, think-tank members, opinion leaders, scholars, etc., to come to Hong Kong to understand the latest developments, opportunities and advantages of the city, and "bring home" our good stories. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no sponsored visitors were received under the SVP in the first 2 years of the three-year period from 2020-21 to 2022-23, while 2 SVP visitors came in the third year incurring an expenditure of about \$34,000. In 2023-24, there were 39 SVP visitors with an expenditure of about \$1.9 million. In 2024-25 (up to end February 2025), there were 55 SVP visitors with an expenditure of about \$2.52 million. These visitors came from the Mainland, Africa, America, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania involving different sectors, such

as government, business, academia, arts and culture, innovation and technology, international/regional organisations and think-tanks, etc.

- (4) The ISD carries out promotional activities in different forms outside Hong Kong as necessary, including public relations and publicity efforts to tie in with the delegation visits led by the Chief Executive and the Financial Secretary to the Mainland and overseas, as well as “Immersive Hong Kong” roving exhibitions. As the types of promotional activities are diverse, the detailed content cannot be provided. The relevant expenditure has been included under the total expenditure of Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong. The ISD does not maintain itemised breakdown of the expenditure. The department also does not maintain relevant information and expenditures by individual bureaux and departments.
- (5) Over the past 5 years, the ISD continued to promote Hong Kong as Asia’s world city and an events capital abound with opportunities through the Brand Hong Kong platform by various means (including events, website and social media promotion etc.). The Brand Hong Kong platform falls under the scope of work of Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong. The relevant expenditure has been included under the total expenditure of Programme (1). The department does not maintain itemised breakdown of the expenditure.

The expenditure for the above-mentioned publicity work outside Hong Kong under the ISD’s purview (including expenditure for items (2) and (3) above and personal emoluments of the relevant programme) has been included in the provision for Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong. Details are as follows:

Financial Year	Total expenditure (\$m) for Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong
2020-21	181.8
2021-22	158.0
2022-23	180.1
2023-24	168.6
2024-25	171.1 (revised estimate)

- (6) The Government’s promotion and publicity in the Mainland and overseas helps to enhance the positive perception of Hong Kong, consolidate Hong Kong’s status as an international metropolis and bring intangible benefits to the economy. As these economic benefits cannot be quantified, it is difficult to establish key performance indicators for the promotional work in general.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB112

(Question Serial No. 2904)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Last year, the Information Services Department launched a Sponsored Overseas Speaking Engagement Programme ("The Programme"), under which sponsorship would be provided to renowned academia, industry or business leaders to speak at Hong Kong SAR Government-supported events held abroad, such as conferences, forums, summits and receptions, etc. to help promote Hong Kong's strengths and advantages to the world. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) over the past year, the number of speakers (i) initially invited; (ii) successfully sponsored to participate in the Programme and a breakdown by their professional background (e.g. academic, business, innovation and technology and culture and arts sectors, etc.) of the sponsored speakers;
- (2) over the past year, (i) distribution by region (e.g. North America, Europe and South East Asia, etc.) that the sponsored speakers visited; (ii) nature of the events (e.g. international conference, industry summit and cultural exchange forum, etc.) and the total expenditure sponsored for each event and the specific use (e.g. transportation, accommodation and preparation for speaking engagement, etc.);
- (3) since the launch of the Programme, whether the Government has monitored the effectiveness of each sponsored speaking engagement, including compiling statistics of (i) the number of overseas media reports that were generated or carried; (ii) the number of potential investors or enterprises that actively contacted relevant organisations in Hong Kong as a result of the speaking engagement; and (iii) the total number of international co-operation or investment projects that were generated; if yes, please provide a breakdown; if no, what are the reasons; and
- (4) whether the Government will continue the Programme in 2025-26; if yes, the estimated expenditure expected to be incurred and the estimated financial gain brought about by the Programme?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

To step up external promotion of Hong Kong, the Information Services Department (ISD) launched the Sponsored Overseas Speaking Engagement Programme (the Programme) in 2024-25. Under the Programme, sponsorship will be provided by ISD to renowned academics, leaders or experts in their respective industries, sectors or professions to speak at Hong Kong SAR Government-supported events held abroad, such as conferences, forums, summits and receptions, etc. With their professional background, rich experience and high recognition in their respective fields, as well as broad external network, these speakers can act as Hong Kong's ambassadors to help promote Hong Kong's strengths and advantages to the world.

Generally speaking, ISD works with the overseas Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) to identify suitable overseas speaking occasions and invite different speakers to give speeches so that overseas audiences can fully understand Hong Kong's latest developments, and their perception of Hong Kong can be enhanced.

In 2024-25, in accordance with the established mechanism, ISD sponsored 3 speakers from the political, cultural and academic fields to visit Europe, Australia and the Middle East respectively. The itineraries included giving speeches at publicity and promotion activities held by relevant overseas ETOs and at international seminar, involving audiences of around 650 persons. The related expenses were about \$250,000.

The promotion and publicity under the Programme will enable the local people to understand Hong Kong's latest developments in economy, culture and other aspects, promote positive perception of Hong Kong overseas, and bring intangible benefits to the Hong Kong economy. ISD will continue to work with the overseas ETOs to promote this Programme, and will keep monitoring its implementation and review its effectiveness in order to enhance the publicity impact.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB113

(Question Serial No. 3079)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (2) Local Public Relations and Public Information

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The provision for 2025-26 under this Programme is \$329.4 million, which is considerably higher than the revised provision for 2024-25 by 15.5%. According to the Controlling Officer's explanation, the change is mainly due to the increased provision for media services in relation to the co-hosting of the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games, as well as full-year effect of vacancies filled in 2024-25. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) provision for media services in 2025-26 regarding the co-hosting of the 15th National Games;
- (b) provision for media services in 2025-26 regarding the co-hosting of the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities; and
- (c) provision for media services in 2025-26 regarding the co-hosting of the 9th National Special Olympic Games?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

Co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the 15th National Games (NG), and the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th Special Olympic Games (NGD and NSOG), will be held from 9 to 21 November and from 8 to 15 December 2025 respectively. The Games mark an important milestone in strengthening sports co-operation and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and it also helps enhance the position of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as a hub for mega events. It is anticipated that strong media interest will arise in covering the Games.

To facilitate reporters' coverage of the sports competitions in Hong Kong, the Government will set up a Main Media Centre (MMC) as the prime workplace for reporters. Venue-based Media Centres (VMCs) will also be set up for reporters' use during the competitions. The

Information Services Department (ISD) will deploy manpower to provide services and assistance to reporters at the MMC and VMCs. The ISD will also arrange to provide comprehensive official information on the competitions for media use.

The ISD has been allocated a provision of about \$28 million to provide the above media services to reporters in Hong Kong during the NG, NGD and NSOG.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB114

(Question Serial No. 3080)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Civic Responsibility

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The provision for 2025-26 under this Programme is \$109.4 million, which is considerably higher than the revised provision for 2024-25 by 55.8%. According to the Controlling Officer's explanation, the change is mainly due to the increased provision for local publicity and promotion in relation to the co-hosting of the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) provision for local publicity and promotion in 2025-26 regarding the co-hosting of the 15th National Games;
- (b) provision for local publicity and promotion in 2025-26 regarding the co-hosting of the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities; and
- (c) provision for local publicity and promotion in 2025-26 regarding the co-hosting of the 9th National Special Olympic Games?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

Co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the 15th National Games (NG), and the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th Special Olympic Games (NGD and NSOG), will be held from 9 to 21 November and from 8 to 15 December 2025 respectively. The Games mark an important milestone in strengthening sports co-operation and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and it also helps enhance the position of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area as a hub for mega events. For the publicity and promotion of the NG and the NGD and NSOG in Hong Kong, \$39.4 million has been allocated to the Information Services Department (ISD) in the 2025-26 financial year. It is mainly for managing the Facebook and Instagram pages, production of TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interests, giant banners and posters, as well as placement of print, electronic and outdoor advertising, etc. In addition, the ISD will produce a series of short videos on the NG and the NGD and NSOG, and upload them to various accounts set up

by the ISD on different social media platforms. The ISD also plans to collaborate with suitable local key opinion leaders (KOLs) for them to issue promotional posts on their social media accounts. Through various forms of publicity and promotional efforts, it is hoped that awareness and interest of the general public in the two mega sports events of the NG and the NGD and NSOG, will be enhanced.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB115

(Question Serial No. 1997)

Head: (74) Information Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Information Services (Mrs Apollonia LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is pointed out in the Brief Description that the Information Services Department is geared to promoting Hong Kong as Asia's World City and an events capital abound with opportunities. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- a) the estimates dedicated to the promotional work relating to the events capital over the past 5 years;
- b) whether there was specific work and plan put forward for promoting the events capital over the past 3 years; if yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons;
- c) the scale and organisational structure of the existing manpower responsible for promoting the events capital, etc; how many of them are dedicated staff; how many are full time staff?

Asked by: Hon Hon LUK Hon-man, Benson (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- a) The Information Services Department (ISD) has been adopting various means and measures on external promotion of the advantages, potentials and opportunities of Hong Kong, including promoting Hong Kong as Asia's events capital and telling the good stories of Hong Kong. The major means and measures include: collaborating with leading local, Mainland and international media to produce publicity content and place advertisements; using multimedia channels and networks, such as promotion via social media and digital platforms; partnering with mega event organisers to promote Brand Hong Kong and mega events; inviting prominent political, business and media leaders to visit Hong Kong with tailor-made itineraries, including joining different kinds of mega events as far as possible. These visitors can see for themselves the latest developments in the city, and bring home the good stories of Hong Kong.

Promotional work relating to events capital falls under Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong. Relevant expenses have been included in the financial provision

for Programme (1), including personal emoluments. Table below lists out the total expenditure for Programme (1) in the past 5 years.

Financial Year	Total expenditure for Programme (1) Public Relations Outside Hong Kong (\$m)
2020-21	181.8
2021-22	158.0
2022-23	180.1
2023-24	168.6
2024-25	171.1 (revised estimate)

- b) To promote Hong Kong as Asia's events capital, the ISD has set up a dedicated page titled Mega Events on the Brand Hong Kong website, allowing the public to browse the calendars of mega events in Hong Kong and relevant information. To enhance external publicity and promotion, the ISD makes use of the social media platforms of Brand Hong Kong and invites media from the Mainland and overseas countries to cover these events in Hong Kong, while efforts are also made to promote the events on the Mainland's social platforms such as Xiaohongshu. Furthermore, the ISD produces monthly TV Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) and social media video clips to let a wider public learn about the mega events held in Hong Kong during the month.
- c) Promotional work relating to events capital is one of the duties of ISD officers. As they also perform other duties, the requested information therefore cannot be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB116

(Question Serial No. 3415)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau on the Youth Link (YL):

1. What are the Bureau's manpower and expenditure involved in managing and operating the YL?
2. What are the total number of youth members of the YL to date, as well as the gender ratio and age distribution thereof? What was the increase in the number of members last year?
3. How many activities have been held in total under the YL so far? What is the expenditure involved in each activity?
4. In addition to setting up a physical platform for YL members in Nam Cheong, does the Bureau have any plans to further encourage young people to join the YL? If yes, what are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

1. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has implemented the Youth Link (YL) mainly with existing resources. At present, YL activities are primarily co-ordinated by 1 Chief Executive Manager and 2 Senior Executive Managers appointed on non-civil service contract terms at the HYAB. Since they are also responsible for other regular duties, we cannot single out the exact manpower and estimated expenditure involved.
2. The HYAB launched the YL in September 2023 to link up participants of various government youth programmes, offering them opportunities to develop diverse talents and participate in public affairs, as well as strengthening their communication, interaction and mutual trust with the Government. The YL currently has over 18 000 youth members, representing an increase of more than 10 000 members over the figure last year. Among the members, 47% are male and 53% female, and their age

distribution is: 42% of them are aged 12 to 17, 45% aged 18 to 25, 10% aged 26 to 33 and 3% aged 34 to 39.

3. Since the launch of the YL, the HYAB has organised an array of activities for its members. To name a few, the Youth Dialogue on “The Chief Executive’s 2024 Policy Address” and other Youth Dialogue sessions, the historical and cultural exchange tour to Jiangxi Province, the exchange tour “Exploring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Greater Bay Area”, visits to youth hostels and the National Security Exhibition Gallery, some voluntary work in large-scale government events, as well as attendances at international events. For instance, in November 2024 several YL members took part as delegates from Hong Kong, China in an official youth development programme under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held in Peru, where they had in-depth exchanges with other youth delegates from various member economies in the Asia-Pacific region. The HYAB has met and exceeded the target of organising and providing at least 10 youth development activities for YL members by end-2024, as the attendances at YL activities have reached over 2 400 to date. Since the HYAB has implemented the YL mainly with existing resources, we cannot single out the expenditure involved.
4. The HYAB will strive to attract more young people to join as YL members through organising more diverse activities. We will organise or provide at least 20 youth development activities for members within 2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB117

(Question Serial No. 3416)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Bureau will take forward the establishment of the “Youth Post” hostel and spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths in the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility.

1. Please advise on the Bureau’s manpower and expenditure involved in the “Youth Post”.
2. Has the Bureau set any performance indicators for the operator of the “Youth Post”, such as in 5 years’ time the targeted numbers of overseas and local young beneficiaries, and the planned number of activities to be held for cultural, arts and sport exchanges among youths?
3. In addition to enhancing ancillary transport facilities, what are the Bureau’s specific plans on creating synergy among the “Youth Post”, the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and the Kai Tak Sports Park by pooling their resources? Will the Bureau consider introducing co-organised programmes, special experience activities or discount packages to attract more local citizens and tourists to visit these places? If yes, what are the details and estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

To expand spaces and network for youths, the 2024 Policy Address announced that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity.

The Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating the youth facility under a short-term tenancy of 5 years. The awarded tenderer will operate the facility on a self-financing basis. Our target is that the concerned facility will progressively begin its operation within 2025.

We have required applicant organisations to submit, in their tenders, proposals on how to operate and utilise the “Youth Post”. The operator will also be required to submit annual reports on the occupancy rates and utilisation of the “Youth Post”. We will further discuss with the awarded tenderer on ways to utilise and publicise the “Youth Post”, including collaboration arrangements between the awarded tenderer and relevant government departments and/or organisations, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people as well as boosting youth development.

Since the implementation of the “Youth Post” initiative is undertaken by existing HYAB staff, no additional expenditure is involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB118

(Question Serial No. 3417)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau has launched the “HKYouth+” youth mobile application (HKYouth+) to provide a one-stop platform for disseminating information about youth development programmes.

1. Please set out the cost of application development, the yearly operation and maintenance costs, the total number of downloads and the number of registered users of the HKYouth+.
2. What was the expenditure incurred by the Bureau last year on publicising HKYouth+? What will be the estimated expenditure thereon for the coming year?
3. Does the Bureau have any specific plans to further enhance the functions and publicity of the HKYouth+ for boosting its usage rate and youth participation? If yes, what are the details and estimates? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

Since its launch, the “HKYouth+” youth mobile application (HKYouth+) has received positive feedback from the public, with its numbers of downloads and members steadily on the increase and reaching over 52 000 and 40 000 respectively as at end-March 2025.

The development cost of the HKYouth+ was \$2,680,400, which covered the design of user experience and interface, a content management system, setting up of infrastructure, as well as development of the mobile application and back-end system. Since 2024-25 fell within the maintenance period of application development, no maintenance costs were incurred for the HKYouth+. As enhancement to the functions and system of the HKYouth+ is ongoing, we cannot provide the estimated actual maintenance costs for 2025-26 at this stage.

Since the first release of the HKYouth+, we have closely monitored and assessed its operation and users' feedback for continuous enhancement to the system and user experience. We will continue to create and upload more practical multi-media content and, in collaboration with

different government departments / public organisations, provide more diverse information about activities related to youth development and members' offers.

To enhance synergy effects on the promotion of the HKYouth+ and various online platforms, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission will regularly post latest news of the HKYouth+ on their social media pages, and will draw up customised promotional strategies for different target groups to release publicity information in forms that young people will be interested in. Meanwhile, we will continue to collaborate with the 18 District Offices on district-level promotion and distribute publicity materials through more than 700 secondary schools, tertiary institutions and Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres under the purview of the Social Welfare Department. This is to introduce to more young people the features and functions of the HKYouth+ as well as members' offers thereon, thereby attracting more young people to download and use the application. As the HKYouth+ is usually promoted together with other youth development programmes under the HYAB, we cannot single out the relevant estimated expenditure.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB119

(Question Serial No. 3319)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Expenditure on this Programme for 2025-26 is about \$150.7 million (15.4%) higher than the revised estimate for the previous financial year, and is mainly for promoting youth development, social harmony, civic education including national education outside schools, participation of young people in policy discussion, the development of social enterprises, and the empowerment of women in Hong Kong. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. As the estimate is \$150.7 million higher than the revised expenditure for the previous financial year, what are the respective provisions for youth development, social harmony and civic education?
2. What are the respective numbers of application, funding amounts and project details under the various funding schemes of the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area and the Youth Development Fund?
3. The Bureau will launch the “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme in 2025-26. What specific initiatives are included therein to promote women’s workplace development? What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

1. The increase of \$150.7 million in the provision for 2025-26 over the revised estimate for 2024-25 comprises an increase of \$107.4 million in the cash flow requirements for non-recurrent and capital account items, and an increase of \$43.3 million in the recurrent provision. The increased recurrent provision is for implementing various youth development, women and family related initiatives as well as covering the operating expenses. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) will continue to examine, from time to time, the arrangements for various initiatives under Programme (2), with a view to flexibly deploying the provision in taking forward initiatives relating to youth development, social harmony and civic education.

2. For 2025-26, the respective details of the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area (the Alliance) and the various funding schemes of the Youth Development Fund are as follows:

- (i) Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area

The HYAB, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Human Resources and Social Security Department of Guangdong Province took the lead to establish the Alliance in December 2023. The Alliance has nearly 60 member organisations from various sectors in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), including government and public organisations, innovation and entrepreneurial bases, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and social organisations, post-secondary institutions and scientific research institutes, professional organisations and venture funds, providing young entrepreneurs with a one-stop information, publicity and exchange platform.

As of February 2025, over 160 activities had been organised in Guangdong and Hong Kong by member organisations of the Alliance since its establishment, including the Pavilion and Symposium of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the GBA at the "Entrepreneur Day 2024" organised by HYAB on 5 and 6 December 2024, with the aim of offering the latest venture information and support to aspired Hong Kong youths in pursuing development, innovation and entrepreneurship in different GBA cities.

As the HYAB mainly deploys existing resources to carry out the work of the Alliance, we cannot single out the estimated expenditures involved.

- (ii) HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases

To promote youth innovation and entrepreneurship, the HYAB and the Youth Development Commission (YDC) rolled out in 2024 a new round of the HYAB Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Entrepreneurship Scheme) and the HYAB Funding Scheme for Experiential Programmes at Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases (the Experiential Scheme), which provide support for potential Hong Kong young entrepreneurs.

The Entrepreneurship Scheme subsidises NGOs to implement youth entrepreneurship projects, under which young people intending to start their businesses locally and in other GBA cities are provided with entrepreneurial support, incubation services and start-up capital for 1 to 3 years. Under the previous round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we granted a total of about \$130 million to 16 NGOs and 217 youth start-up teams were successfully recruited. They cover a wide range of businesses, including research and development of innovation and technology projects, retail, information technology, healthcare, brand design and education services, etc. Relevant youth start-up teams have started their businesses in Hong Kong aside, over 70 of them have also established their bases in Mainland GBA cities such as Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai

and Foshan. Under the new round of Entrepreneurship Scheme, we received 32 applications and granted around \$170 million to 19 NGOs in late 2024, which are expected to gradually launch their start-up projects in the first half of 2025 and provide start-up capital and support services for about 260 youth start-up teams.

The Experiential Scheme subsidised, in its previous round, 12 NGOs to organise short-term experiential programmes at the innovation and entrepreneurial bases in Mainland GBA cities, from which about 300 youths have benefitted. Under the new round of Experiential Scheme, we have received 48 applications and granted a total of about \$4.2 million to 14 NGOs, which will organise 18 different short-term experiential programmes in various Mainland provinces/cities from this year onwards. It is expected that around 600 youths will be able to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the enormous Mainland market.

(iii) Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities and Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities

The HYAB and the YDC launched in end-2022 the Funding Scheme for Youth Positive Thinking Activities (FSYPTA) and the Funding Scheme for Youth Adventure Training Activities (FSYATA), with the aim of nurturing positive thinking among young people and cultivating their positive values, thereby enabling them to become a new generation possessing a sense of responsibility and having an aspiration and willingness to contribute to the development of our country and Hong Kong. A total of about \$51 million has been approved under the first rounds of these two schemes for subsidising 11 NGOs to conduct activities on promoting youth positive thinking. Under the funded projects, activities have been gradually rolled out since the summer of 2023 for a period of around two years, and it is expected that no less than 16 000 attendance will be benefitted in total by mid-2025. The HYAB also rolled out a new round (2025-27) of the FSYATA in December 2024 and a new round (2025-27) of the FSYPTA in January 2025 for application by eligible NGOs. It is expected that positive thinking / adventure training activities of the approved projects under these two funding schemes will be gradually rolled out starting from the summer of 2025 for about two years.

(iv) Youth Start-up Internship Programme

The HYAB partners with Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to provide young people with internship opportunities at local start-ups, with a view to fostering their interest in pursuing a career in innovation and technology. Every year, this internship programme offers a total of 200 three-to-six-month internship placements covering various disciplines, such as data analysis, fintech, biotechnology, artificial intelligence applications, business development, marketing and design, etc. As at 28 February 2025, while the internship programme is still open for application, the HYAB has already received a total of 2 996 applications. The estimated expenditure to be involved is about \$14 million in 2025-26.

3. The HYAB will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the two-year pilot “She Inspires” Mentorship Programme (the Programme). Under the Programme, local female

university students who aspire to pursue a career in professional or business sectors will be matched with women leader mentors to promote women's workplace development. We will organise various types of training, seminars or sharing sessions for mentees, arrange other relevant activities, as well as publicity and promotion. Our initial estimation of the expenditure to be incurred by such initiatives is about \$3.72 million in 2025-26. The work related to women's development (including the implementation of the Programme) is mainly taken up by the HYAB's Women Affairs Team. In 2025-26, the Team will be headed by 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C and staffed by 8 civil servant posts including Administrative Officer, Executive Officer as well as Clerical and Secretarial Grades staff, together with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. As all these staff are required to handle in parallel other work related to women's development, we cannot single out the staff establishment for the Programme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB120

(Question Serial No. 3880)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025-26 that the Bureau will take forward the establishment of the “Youth Post” hostel and spaces for cultural and arts exchanges for youths in the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the progress of the tender exercise for the hostel, the number of companies/organisations having submitted an application, the commissioning date of the hostel and the estimated costs to be incurred; and
2. of the specific services that will be provided in the spaces to be established for cultural and arts exchanges for youths, and whether the Bureau will consider making such venues available for hire by small and medium local arts groups and artists, thereby supporting local arts development; if yes, of the details.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

To expand spaces and network for youths, the 2024 Policy Address announced that the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau will convert the Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility into a youth development facility, which includes setting up a “Youth Post” hostel and creating spaces for youth cultural, arts and sports exchanges, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people, and creating spaces to stimulate creativity.

The Government issued a tender document on 20 December 2024 to select, through open tender, a suitable organisation for operating the youth facility under a short-term tenancy of 5 years. The awarded tenderer will operate the facility on a self-financing basis. Our target is that the concerned facility will progressively begin its operation within 2025.

We have required applicant organisations to submit, in their tenders, proposals on how to operate and utilise the “Youth Post”. We will further discuss with the awarded tenderer on ways to utilise and publicise the “Youth Post”, including collaboration arrangements between the awarded tenderer and relevant government departments and/or organisations, with a view to promoting mutual exchange among Mainland, overseas and local young people as well as boosting youth development.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB121

(Question Serial No. 3835)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding women's development, please advise on:

- 1) the number of meetings convened by the Women's Commission in each of the past 3 years, the topics covered in the meetings, the proposals put forward and the percentages of proposal implementation;
- 2) the staff establishment for supporting the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF) (including the ranks, posts, salary points and actual number of staff) and the operating expenditure over the past year;
- 3) the details of the projects funded by the WEF to date, and for each project, the total amount of funding, type of organisation, type of project and number of beneficiaries; and
- 4) the initial details, progress, implementation timetable and estimated numbers of participating women leaders and female university students of the mentorship programme to be launched soon.

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

- 1) In the past 3 years, a total of 36 meetings of the Women's Commission (WoC) and its working groups were held to give advice on different women-related policies and initiatives, including the Women Empowerment Fund (WEF), one-stop family and women information portal, Family and Women Development Summit, "She Inspires" Mentorship Programme, Capacity Building Mileage Programme, public education and publicity activities, etc. The Government actively considers the WoC's advice and promotes the development of women through a multi-pronged strategy, including the provision of an enabling environment, empowerment of women and public education, as well as collaborations with other sectors in the community. When formulating policies, the Government will continue to consult the WoC and give full consideration to its advice.

- 2) The work on supporting the WEF is mainly taken up by Executive Officer grade staff, with the assistance of non-civil service contract staff. As all these staff are required to handle in parallel other work related to women's development, and the operating expenditure concerned is included in the estimates for Programme (2) of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), there is no separate breakdown on the manpower and operating expenditure of the WEF.
- 3) The WEF was established in June 2023 and the funded organisations are non-profit-making or charitable women's groups and non-governmental organisations. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, a total of 289 projects¹ were approved under the WEF and the funding involved was about \$43.28 million. The number of funded projects and respective funding amounts by theme are as follows:

Category	Number of projects	Funding amount (\$'000)
General projects		
(i) Assisting women in accomplishing transformations in the job market	46	9,810
(ii) Enhancing women's awareness on their physical and mental health	54	9,110
(iii) Helping women to cope with different roles in family and society	17	3,150
(iv) Motivating women to enhance their personal attributes and achieve full potential	37	6,910
(v) Facilitating the use of new information and communication technology	25	3,570
Thematic projects		
(i) Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Exchange Programme	93	6,930
(ii) Programme on Women's Participation in Community Services	17	3,800
Total:	289	43,280

Since the establishment of the WEF, 73 of the approved projects have been completed. Regarding the completed projects, the total attendance of the activities under the WEF was about 39 000.

- 4) The HYAB will launch in the second quarter of 2025 the two-year pilot "She Inspires" Mentorship Programme. Under the Programme, local female university students who aspire to pursue a career in professional or business sectors will be matched with women leader mentors, and will be provided with relevant training and activities to promote women's workplace development. We expect to recruit no less than 80 mentees in the first year. We have taken forward the preparatory work, including drawing up details of the initiatives and the recruitment of mentors and mentees. To date, about 50 women leaders have been recruited as mentors under the Programme.

¹ 15 projects were cancelled by the funded organisations after approval.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB122

(Question Serial No. 3952)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 209 of the Budget Speech that the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities and invite the Hong Kong Jockey Club to submit a proposal. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated provision for the preparations on regulating basketball betting; and
2. the estimated additional expenditure on the Government's "Enjoy the Game, Say No to Gambling" publicity campaign for preventing gambling addiction?

Asked by: Hon LAM Shun-chiu, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

As a matter of policy, the Government does not encourage gambling. To address gambling-related issues, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, including regulation through legislation, law enforcement against illegal gambling activities, public education on the harms of gambling addiction, and provision of counselling and support services to people in need.

Among these measures, the provision of legal gambling outlets is aimed at responding to the public demand for certain gambling activities, so that people will not turn to illegal operators to place bets. At present, under the Betting Duty Ordinance (BDO) (Cap. 108), the Government authorises the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct horse race betting, the Mark Six Lottery and football betting. A number of conditions have been imposed under the relevant betting licences issued to the HKJC to require its adoption of measures to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people. These conditions include that the HKJC shall not accept bets from juveniles; shall not accept credit betting; shall display notices reminding the public of the seriousness of excessive gambling and provide information on the services available for those with gambling disorder; and shall not, in conducting any promotional activities, target juveniles, exaggerate the likelihood of winning or impliedly suggest that betting is a source of income.

Moreover, the Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to fund various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling, including anti-gambling education for young people. The Government also established the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to give advice to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs on the use and application of the PWF.

On the public education and publicity front, the PWF has been promoting anti-gambling messages through diversified public education and publicity activities to the public, including young people to raise public awareness of the problems arising from gambling addiction. The measures include (i) funding non-governmental organisations and schools to organise anti-gambling publicity and public education activities through the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme and the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants, for which the PWF's total funding in 2024 and 2025 are \$10 million and \$12 million respectively; (ii) enhancing publicity at school and community levels through the No-Gambling Publicity Truck, for which the PWF's funding in 2024 and 2025 are about \$2.2 million and \$2.25 million respectively; and (iii) conducting publicity work for online and traditional media, for which the total funding in 2024 and 2025 are around \$3.1 million and \$4.2 million respectively.

In addition to the above work, the PWF organises large-scale publicity and public education campaigns when there are mega football events, including the UEFA European Football Championship and FIFA World Cup, with the aims of further raising public awareness of the problems caused by gambling addiction and promoting no-gambling messages. For example, the PWF's total funding for the large-scale publicity and public education campaign organised during the UEFA European Football Championship 2024 period was about \$6 million.

As mentioned in the Budget Speech, in recent years quite some members of the public have expressed concerns about the problem of illegal basketball betting in Hong Kong. According to the latest assessment of the HKJC, the turnover of illegal basketball betting reached \$70 billion to \$90 billion last year. To combat illegal betting activities in an effective manner, the Government will explore regulating basketball betting activities. When exploring the regulation of basketball betting activities, the Government will also make reference to the aforesaid conditions of the betting licences issued to the HKJC to minimise the negative impact of gambling on the public, especially on young people.

The Government's deliberation with the HKJC on this matter does not involve additional expenditure. The Government has launched a one-month public consultation on the proposed regulation of basketball betting activities and will decide the way forward having regard to the public's views. The Government will also continue to strengthen collaboration with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to refine and optimise its work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB123

(Question Serial No. 3472)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

It is stated that while the number of participants under the international youth exchange programmes (the Programmes) increased from 800 in 2023 to 2 100 in 2024, the estimated number of participants in 2025 only increases by 4.8% to 2 200. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) From 2022 to 2024, what were the Programmes' actual number of participants and average annual growth rate? Are capacity constraints (such as quotas for collaborating organisations) or prioritisation of resource allocation the reasons for setting next year's target at the said level? If not, are there other policy considerations?
- 2) From 2023 to 2025, please set out the Programmes' yearly statistics on total funding amount, administrative costs, dedicated staffing (i.e. numbers of full-time and part-time staff, their rank distribution and so on), actual and estimated numbers of participants, as well as the average cost per participant.
- 3) Has the Government evaluated the Programmes' contribution to the Hong Kong talent pool? If so, what are the details?
- 4) Has the Government set up any tracking mechanisms to compile statistics on the subsequent development of the participants? If so, please provide the relevant statistics. If there is no such systematic tracking mechanism, how does the Government ensure that the Programmes meet the long-term objectives on youth development?
- 5) With a view to dovetailing with Hong Kong's positioning in the "eight centres" and meeting the Greater Bay Area's demand for talents, will the Government allocate more resources to expand exchange projects that focus on professional fields such as fintech and green economy?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

- 1) The international youth exchange programmes (IYEPs) comprise the Funding Scheme for International Youth Exchange (FSIYE) and international youth exchange activities under the YDC Youth Ambassadors Programme (YA Programme). The exchange activities under the IYEPs had been suspended since early 2020 due to the epidemic and were gradually resumed starting from early 2023 onwards, and therefore the number of participants for this financial year was relatively low. Following the resumption of these exchange activities, the number of participants has gradually bounced back since late 2023. The IYEPs' actual number of participants and growth rate for the financial years of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 are tabulated as follows:

Financial Year	FSIYE		International Youth Exchange Activities under the YA Programme	
	Number of Participants	Growth Rate	Number of Participants	Growth Rate
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	2 100	87.5%	23	-41%
2023-24	1 120	N.A.	39	255%
2022-23	0 [@]	N.A.	11	N.A.

[@] The FSIYE was suspended due to the epidemic.

For the FSIYE, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Youth Development Commission assess applications according to the relevant assessment criteria, including the applicant organisation's background and track record, whether the proposed project can achieve the objectives of the FSIYE, the content and quality (e.g. breadth, depth and creativity) of activities, service targets, publicity and promotional arrangements, financial arrangements and viability, etc. Funding amounts and places are granted on the basis of merit. For the international youth exchange activities under the YA Programme, the number of participants varies every year depending on the number of Youth Ambassadors applying for such activities as well as the capacity of the collaborating overseas host organisations.

- 2) For the financial years of 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26, the respective figures on expenditures and numbers of participants under the FSIYE and the YA Programme are as follows:

Financial Year	FSIYE		International Youth Exchange Activities under the YA Programme	
	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants
2025-26 (Estimate)	30	2 200	1	60
2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	24	2 100	0.85	23

Financial Year	FSIYE		International Youth Exchange Activities under the YA Programme	
	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants	Amount of Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Participants
2023-24	16	1 120	0.67	39

As the HYAB staff responsible for implementing the above Programmes are also required to perform other duties, we cannot single out the administrative costs and emoluments involved. Given that the international exchange projects cover a wide range of regions all over the world, the funding amounts vary depending on factors such as the destination, duration and content of the exchange project, as well as the reciprocal arrangement as agreed with the collaborating overseas host organisations. As such, we cannot work out the average cost per participant for the Programmes.

- 3)&4) The IYEPs aim to organise international exchange activities for Hong Kong youths so that more in-depth international exchange opportunities are provided, with a view to broadening young people's global exposure and horizons. These exchange programmes enable participants to learn about the major development trends of our country and the world while widening their global perspective, thereby facilitating their future contribution to the development of our country and Hong Kong. Upon completion of an exchange activity, participants are invited to fill in evaluation questionnaires from which we can gauge their views on the activity for monitoring its effectiveness and quality. Based on the feedback collected from the last rounds of participants, over 90% of the respondents considered that the respective programmes have attained the intended objectives and helped them broaden their exposure and deepen their understanding of the overseas countries they visited.
- 5) Take the Funding Scheme for Youth Exchange in the Mainland for 2024-25 as an example, some 19 000 places have been provided for youth exchange in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, and many of them were related to fintech and economics. Besides, the HYAB has launched the HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme since 2021 to provide young people with internship opportunities at local start-ups in support of Hong Kong's overall direction of promoting innovation and technology development. The HYAB will further enhance the breadth and depth of various youth exchange and internship schemes/programmes outside Hong Kong, including strengthening our collaboration with different institutions and major corporates, thereby providing unique exchange and internship opportunities for Hong Kong youths with different backgrounds, talents and interests.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB124

(Question Serial No. 3473)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The Bureau estimates that the number of clients of the treatment centres supported by the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) will decrease by 187 (a drop of 7%) in 2025, yet illegal gambling is on the rise (e.g. the betting turnover of basketball is almost \$100 billion), and any measures to regulate basketball betting may further boost the overall gambling prevalence rate. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) What is the statistical basis for the Bureau's estimated decrease in the number of clients to 187 (a drop of 7%) in 2025? If there is no clear statistical basis, does this imply that such estimation is based on budget constraints rather than a decrease in demand?
- 2) To help review whether there is a problem of "emphasis on publicity but not treatment", please set out in detail the annual expenditures of the PWF on preventive education (research-cum-publicity) and treatment support (counselling-cum-treatment) over the past 3 years and their respective ratios. If the expenditures on preventive education are significantly higher than those on treatment support, how does the Bureau ensure that its allocation of resources is addressing the actual social risks?
- 3) Other than the PWF, please provide the number of cases in which social services (including family counselling, child-minding and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance) were provided to problem and pathological gamblers and those affected by them in each of the past 3 years, as well as the total expenditure incurred.
- 4) How will the resources of the PWF be consolidated with other external resources? For example, will consideration be given to establishing an inter-departmental case management system to better support pathological gamblers and those affected by them? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

- 1) The Government established the Ping Wo Fund (PWF) in 2003 to fund various measures for preventing and alleviating problems arising from gambling, including

anti-gambling education for young people. The Government also established the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee to give advice to the Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs on the use and application of the PWF.

On counselling and treatment services, the PWF has been funding 4 counselling and treatment centres (counselling centres), namely Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Even Centre, Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre, Zion Social Service Yuk Lai Hin Counselling Centre and Sunshine Lutheran Centre of the Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, to provide telephone counselling, face-to-face counselling and other professional treatment services for (i) gamblers with gambling disorder and (ii) those affected by them (mainly family members of the gamblers with gambling disorder). The centres also answer enquiries from those in need and members of the public through the PWF's Gambling Counselling Hotline (183 4633). The estimated number of people receiving counselling and treatment services in 2025 (i.e. 2 500) is based on the service targets on the number of clients at the 4 counselling centres funded by the PWF. In addition, the PWF has launched an online gambling counselling platform in collaboration with a non-governmental organisation to offer, round-the-clock, professional preliminary advice and support to people with gambling problems. The Government and the PWF will continue to closely monitor the situation of members of the public receiving these counselling and treatment services and make adjustments in a timely manner.

- 2) The PWF's funding on counselling and treatment services and public education and publicity in the past 3 years were as follows:

Year	Counselling and treatment services (including the online gambling counselling platform)	Public education and publicity (including the Ping Wo Fund Sponsorship Scheme, the Ping Wo Fund School Project Grants and other public education and publicity measures)
2022	About \$25.65 million	About \$17.3 million
2023	About \$26.83 million	About \$18.9 million
2024	About \$31.05 million	About \$21.3 million

- 3)&4) As mentioned in the first part of the reply, the PWF has been funding 4 counselling centres to provide telephone counselling, face-to-face counselling and other professional treatment services for gamblers with gambling disorder and their family members and friends. The counselling centres does not maintain information on whether the clients have applied for other social services. The counselling centres also offer preventive public education on gambling-related problems to the community and schools, as well as professional training for the industry or interested organisations to enhance understanding of the behaviour and risk factors of gamblers with gambling disorder. Furthermore, the counselling centres will render advice to the PWF to facilitate the development of the best practices for the screening of and counselling and treatment services for gamblers with gambling disorder. The PWF is funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club and public donations. The Government and the PWF will continue to monitor the situation of members of the public receiving these counselling and treatment

services, maintain liaison with the relevant departments, and refine and optimise the work on preventing and alleviating gambling-related problems as appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB125

(Question Serial No. 3996)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) District, Community and Public Relations

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As one of the top racing events in the Asia-Pacific region and the world, horse racing in Hong Kong is not only a popular activity among local racing fans, but also a unique cultural feature of Hong Kong with high global popularity and appeal. Horse racing activities align well with the current-term Government's concept of "tourism is everywhere" and can become a vital new fulcrum for promoting the development of cultural tourism and the structural transformation of our tourism industry. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

Will the Government proactively confer with the Hong Kong Jockey Club on relaxing the limit on the simulcast of non-local races in the coming racing season to attract more overseas visitors to Hong Kong to experience horse racing tourism? This will enhance the global influence of Hong Kong's horse racing and inject fresh impetus into the local tourism industry.

Asked by: Hon SHANG Hailong (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

Any proposal on authorising the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) to conduct more betting activities is subject to the Government's gambling policy, and the main consideration is whether the proposal can help the Government achieve its policy objective of combating the type of illegal gambling concerned. The Government will continue to monitor the situation of gambling activities in society and maintain liaison with the HKJC, and will duly consider whether adjustments should be made to the regulations under existing betting licences to address the public demand for gambling and combat illegal gambling. For example, the Betting and Lotteries Commission conducted a consultation in January this year on the HKJC's proposal for further increasing the betting activities on non-local horse races. The Home and Youth Affairs Bureau is consolidating the views collected and will announce the decision on the proposal in due course.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB126

(Question Serial No. 3711)

Head: (53) GS: Home and Youth Affairs Bureau

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

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

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs (Ms Shirley LAM)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

The issue of maintenance payments is an important and controversial one in divorce proceedings. In this connection, please advise on the figures and payment amounts of the relevant disputes over the past 5 years; details of the services provided (with relevant figures and a breakdown by type); the amount of resources to be allocated in the next 5 years (with a breakdown by category); and whether a “maintenance board” will be set up to handle such matters.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 239)

Reply:

According to the Judiciary, it does not maintain statistics on maintenance payment disputes as requested in the question. In view of the limited data relating to maintenance payments at present, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) has invited the Census and Statistics Department to conduct a thematic household survey on the enforcement of maintenance orders to collect statistics concerning maintenance so as to better consider the future work direction.

The Government is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of the system of collecting maintenance payments and enforcing maintenance orders. Over the years, a series of improvement measures have been implemented to facilitate recovery of maintenance payments by divorcees. These include relaxing the requirement for the Court to make Attachment of Income Orders, imposing interest or surcharge against defaulting maintenance payers, and adjusting upward the amount of monthly maintenance that may be exempted from the Director of Legal Aid's First Charge, etc. Moreover, publicity and education programmes are conducted to enhance public understanding of the responsibilities of maintenance payers, the rights of maintenance payees and services available to payees when they fail to receive maintenance payments. In addition, in response to the problem of maintenance arrears faced by maintenance payees, the Government launched the 3-year Maintenance Mediation Pilot Scheme on 9 October 2024 through the Community Care Fund to subsidise the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society in providing mediation services on

maintenance for separating or divorcing persons, assisting the parties concerned to resolve disputes on the related matters through a more time-saving method. Given that the development of policies relating to the enforcement of maintenance orders is part of the HYAB's regular work, we cannot single out the resources allocated.

Regarding whether a "maintenance board" should be set up to handle matters relating to maintenance payment, experience of maintenance assurance schemes in other jurisdictions has suggested problems such as long processing time with only few cases handled, management problems, high administrative costs, etc. Some of the suggestions concerned also involve restrictions of individuals' rights and privacy concerns, which could be controversial and may not be legally feasible. The Government will continue to assist people in need to recover maintenance payments by keeping the system of collection of maintenance payments and enforcement of maintenance orders under review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB127

(Question Serial No. 3879)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

As this year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance), and considering that one of the responsibilities of the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau is to co-ordinate major celebration activities, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Has the Government considered organising activities to commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance? If yes, please provide details of these activities, their implementation schedule and the estimated expenditure in tabular form.
- (b) Given the presence of numerous historic sites in Hong Kong related to the War of Resistance, will the Government consider developing tour routes on the history of the War of Resistance by linking these sites, and promoting them as part of the commemorative activities for the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

- (a) This year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance) and the World Anti-Fascist War. The Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will host commemorative activities to strengthen the sense of patriotism. In terms of implementation, the Working Group on Patriotic Education led by the Chief Secretary for Administration will co-ordinate relevant bureaux and departments in launching a series of commemorative activities, including a solemn official ceremony at the Hong Kong City Hall Memorial Garden on 3 September, the Victory Day of the War of Resistance. Moreover, with the funding and support from the Home Affairs Department (HAD), 3 major associations, namely the Hong Kong Island Federation, the Kowloon Federation of Associations and the New Territories Association of Societies, will organise activities on 3 September to commemorate the victory of the War of Resistance, with a view to

deepening the understanding among members of the public about the historical events of the War of Resistance on the Mainland and in Hong Kong and fostering their sense of patriotism. The 18 District Offices of HAD will also organise activities relating to the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance in their respective districts. HAD and the government departments concerned will handle the work arising from the above-mentioned activities with their existing resources and manpower. Hence, the estimated expenditure involved cannot be separately identified.

- (b) According to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence (MWRCD) has commenced historical research relevant to the War of Resistance in Hong Kong, with a view to providing related historical information for the War of Resistance heritage trails to be set up by the Government in the future. The information will offer the public an insight into the history of the War of Resistance, and enrich their travel experience. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Tourism Board, through its one-stop travel information platform “Discover Hong Kong”, has been promoting various tourist spots in Hong Kong, including the permanent exhibition at the MWRCD, which showcases the history of the War of Resistance in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB128

(Question Serial No. 3794)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding the matters on fishermen villages, please advise on the following:

- (a) The relevant information pertaining to the number of existing fishermen villages, their locations, reasons for building the villages, year of completion, present population, number of buildings therein and their average size, and ownership of the land of such village sites.
- (b) For fishermen villages under different ownership, what are the application procedures when they are to carry out various types of maintenance and improvement of ancillary facilities in the villages? Does the Government currently have any schemes or funds to provide assistance for these maintenance and improvement works?
- (c) In the past 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25), has the Government provided any support for maintenance works in fishermen villages? What are the expenditure involved and the details?
- (d) Some fishermen have pointed out that some fishermen villages are still faced with inconvenient water and electricity supply, lack of individual toilet facilities and dilapidation despite the Government's effort to assist in their restoration through minor works programmes or other works. Will the Government review the situation in order to render genuinely suitable assistance to them?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 84)

Reply:

- (a) Details about existing fishermen villages based on information available to District Offices (DOs) are at **Annex**. With regard to details on the number and size of buildings, land ownership, etc. of fishermen villages which involve lands matters, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) does not have the information.

- (b) HAD provides funding for carrying out minor works to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of the rural community mainly through the Rural Public Works programme and the District Minor Works programme. DOs would collect views from local organisations and individuals, including District Council members, Rural Committees and villagers, through various channels, with a view to identifying minor works projects for the benefit of the local community.
- (c) During the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25 (as at the end of February 2025), HAD carried out a total of 48 minor improvement and maintenance works projects for various fishermen villages in Kwai Tsing, North, Sai Kung, Tai Po and Yuen Long districts. The works comprised mainly improvement and maintenance of access roads and stormwater drainage facilities, involving a total expenditure of about \$12.75 million.
- (d) DOs would refer matters such as the supply of electricity and potable water, as well as the provision of toilet facilities, to the relevant departments for consideration and follow-up actions.

Details about fishermen villages

<i>Name of fishermen village</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>
North District				
1. Ap Chau Fishermen's Village	Ap Chau	To improve living conditions	1960	About 10
Yuen Long				
1. Chung Hau Tsuen	Shan Pui, Yuen Long	Established by the donation of Lutheran World Federation/ Department of World Service, Hong Kong Office	1967	About 400
Tai Po				
1. Tap Mun Fishermen's New Village	Tap Mun Island	To improve living conditions	1964	About 50
2. C.A.R.E. Village	Wong Yi Au, Tai Po Road (Yuen Chau Tsai)	To re-house fishermen's families who lost their boats during typhoon and fire	Mid 1960s to 1970s	About 800
3. Sam Mun Tsai Fishermen's New Village	Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po	To re-house villagers affected by the construction project of Plover Cove Reservoir	1965	About 1 000
4. Luen Yick Fishermen Village	Sam Mun Tsai, Tai Po	To improve living conditions	1975	About 500
Tsuen Wan				
1. Ma Wan Fishermen's New Village	Ma Wan	To re-house villagers from Ma Wan Fishermen's Village affected by the implementation of the project of Ma Wan Park Phase 2	2009	About 250
Sha Tin				
1. Ah Kung Kok Fishermen Village	A Kung Kok, Sha Tin	To re-house villagers affected by the reclamation works for building Sha Tin Race Course and Ma On Shan new town	1984	About 400
2. To Tau Wan Village	Ma On Shan, Sha Tin	To improve living conditions	Around 1950	About 120
Kwai Tsing				
1. Tsing Yi Fishermen's New Village	Tsing Yi	Established by the donation of The Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere	1960s	About 240
2. St. Paul's Village	Tsing Yi	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1973	About 150

<i>Name of fishermen village</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for establishment</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Estimated existing population*</i>
Sai Kung				
1. Kwun Mun Fishermen Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To re-house villagers affected by the construction of the High Island Reservoir	1978	About 200
2. Man Yee Fishermen Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To re-house villagers affected by the construction of the High Island Reservoir	1984	Less than 1 000
3. Shui Bin Tsuen	Hang Hau, Sai Kung	To improve living conditions	1970s	About 180
4. Tui Min Hoi Fishermen's Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	To improve living conditions	1963	About 100
5. St. Peter Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1964	About 180
6. Ming Shun Village	Tui Min Hoi, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	1976	About 320
7. Tai Ping Village	Po Lo Che, Sai Kung	Transferred from Caritas to the villagers for the formation of their own co-operative society to take charge of the management	Early 1970s	About 700

* The Government has not conducted any surveys on the population in fishermen villages.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB129

(Question Serial No. 4013)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

This year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance). The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will host a series of commemorative activities. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

Will the Government allocate additional resources for the organisation of commemorative activities in the New Territories in collaboration with the Heung Yee Kuk New Territories and the 27 Rural Committees, considering the significant role played by the indigenous villagers of the New Territories during the War of Resistance? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

This year marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (the War of Resistance) and the World Anti-Fascist War. The Chief Executive announced in the 2024 Policy Address that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will host commemorative activities to strengthen the sense of patriotism. In terms of implementation, the Working Group on Patriotic Education led by the Chief Secretary for Administration will co-ordinate relevant bureaux and departments in launching a series of commemorative activities, including a solemn official ceremony at the Hong Kong City Hall Memorial Garden on 3 September, the Victory Day of the War of Resistance, at which representatives of district organisations, including those of Heung Yee Kuk, will be invited. Moreover, with the funding and support from the Home Affairs Department (HAD), 3 major associations, namely the Hong Kong Island Federation, the Kowloon Federation of Associations and the New Territories Association of Societies, will organise activities on 3 September to commemorate the victory of the War of Resistance, with a view to deepening the understanding among members of the public about the historical events of the War of Resistance on the Mainland and in Hong Kong and fostering their sense of patriotism. The 18 District Offices (DOs) of HAD will also organise activities relating to the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance in their respective districts. To this end, the DOs concerned will maintain close liaison and collaboration with various patriotic

and Hong Kong-loving organisations, including the Heung Yee Kuk and the Rural Committees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB130

(Question Serial No. 3492)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (1) District Governance

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Regarding liaison with owners/management bodies of private buildings, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How does the Government account for the decrease in the estimated figure for 2025 over 2024 and 2023?
- (b) Regarding the taking forward of the relevant work, please provide the details of the five tasks to be initiated in the first place;
- (c) Regarding the taking forward of the relevant work, what are the manpower and resources involved, broken down by District Council?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 131)

Reply:

- (a) Building management is the responsibility of owners. The Government's policy is to act as a facilitator, to encourage and assist owners to form suitable organisations, such as owners' corporations (OCs), through multi-pronged measures, and provide appropriate support to help them fulfil their building management responsibilities.

Generally speaking, the estimated number of "liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings" for each year is determined by the number of private buildings and management bodies in the corresponding year. The actual figure depends on whether owners or management bodies have made requests, and whether there are any exceptional circumstances that necessitate such actions. In 2023 and 2024, there was an increase in the numbers of "liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings", primarily attributable to the need for more support in building management (such as reconvening general meetings of OCs) from owners and management bodies following the epidemic.

(b) and (c) The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has always been committed to strengthening its support for owners/management bodies of private buildings and assisting them in fulfilling their building management responsibilities. HAD has a dedicated division and a District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in each of the 18 District Offices (DOs) to carry out building management duties. In terms of liaison with owners and management bodies of private buildings, the relevant officers provide advice to owners on the procedures for the formation of an OC, attend owners' meetings upon invitation, offer guidance to owners or management bodies on the operation of OCs, handle enquiries and complaints regarding building management, and assist owners and OCs in resolving building management disputes. Liaising with owners and management bodies of private buildings is one of the tasks assigned to Liaison Officers (LOs) responsible for building management duties. HAD and the 18 DBMLTs have a total of 145 LOs dedicated to carrying out duties related to building management. The estimated expenditure involved is \$105.56 million for 2024-25.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB131

(Question Serial No. 3533)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

- (a) What are the figures on the use of interpretation services provided by the CHEER Centre of the Hong Kong Christian Service (including telephone interpretation service, sight interpretation service, on-site (escort) interpretation service, written translation service, proofreading service and simultaneous interpretation service) by government departments (including the Social Welfare Department, Housing Department, Labour Department, Department of Health, Hospital Authority and other government departments) in the past 5 years?
- (b) Of these figures, please give a breakdown by the 8 ethnic minority languages of the use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation services by government departments.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 61)

Reply:

- (a) The figures on the use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation and translation services by government bureaux and departments in the past 5 years are set out in **Annex A**.
- (b) The figures on the interpretation and translation services provided by the CHEER Centre to all users with a breakdown by the 8 ethnic minority (EM) languages in the past 5 years are set out in **Annex B**. The use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation and translation services by bureaux and departments with a breakdown by the 8 EM languages is not available.

Annex A to Reply Serial No. HYAB131

Use of the CHEER Centre's interpretation and translation services by government bureaux and departments*

Service	Year	Social Welfare Department	Housing Department	Department of Health	Labour Department	Other bureaux and departments	Total
Telephone Interpretation & Enquiry Service	2019-20	394	47	53	337	99	930
	2020-21	534	54	336	460	380	1 764
	2021-22	666	34	419	593	352	2 064
	2022-23	498	10	202	608	192	1 510
	2023-24	426	25	104	566	187	1 308
On-site Interpretation Service	2019-20	33	18	755	54	166	1 026
	2020-21	31	23	513	25	219	811
	2021-22	28	32	645	53	221	979
	2022-23	39	37	608	73	312	1 069
	2023-24	30	34	1 006	81	219	1 370
WhatsApp and Sight Interpretation Service**	2019-20	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	2020-21	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	2021-22	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	2022-23	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	2023-24	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Written Translation Service (including proofreading service)	2019-20	15	1	0	11	12	39
	2020-21	7	2	8	21	102	140
	2021-22	6	3	5	15	78	107
	2022-23	4	2	5	19	38	68
	2023-24	12	4	0	15	29	60
Simultaneous Interpretation Service	2019-20	0	0	0	9	1	10
	2020-21	0	0	0	3	1	4
	2021-22	0	0	0	16	0	16
	2022-23	0	0	0	20	0	20
	2023-24	0	0	0	17	3	20

* Usage figures of 2024-25 will only be available in early May 2025 after receipt of the quarterly reports from the centre operator.

** Ethnic minorities can send documents in English through WhatsApp or bring along such documents to the CHEER Centre for oral translation service provided by interpreters. However, this service is not available to government bureaux and departments.

Annex B to Reply Serial No. HYAB131

Provision of interpretation and translation services by the CHEER Centre to all users with a breakdown by ethnic minority language*

Service	Year	Bahasa Indonesia	Thai	Tagalog	Hindi	Nepali	Punjabi	Urdu	Vietnamese	Total
Telephone Interpretation & Enquiry Service	2019-20	488	239	279	151	1 333	208	925	24	3 647
	2020-21	869	1 745	477	309	1 336	236	1 352	53	6 377
	2021-22	820	637	598	280	1 450	333	1 768	124	6 010
	2022-23	675	556	652	351	1 196	341	1 406	54	5 231
	2023-24	463	280	500	164	1 020	273	1 296	32	4 028
On-site Interpretation Service	2019-20	50	29	11	65	193	85	748	7	1 188
	2020-21	73	12	10	32	259	58	490	28	962
	2021-22	87	67	33	42	267	89	554	74	1 213
	2022-23	86	74	30	60	398	61	512	69	1 290
	2023-24	111	47	52	90	381	108	844	64	1 697
WhatsApp and Sight Interpretation Service**	2019-20	4	16	0	1	39	4	130	0	194
	2020-21	5	219	2	3	56	6	41	1	333
	2021-22	18	57	5	8	111	4	79	3	285
	2022-23	36	154	210	12	80	46	83	8	629
	2023-24	14	31	73	7	62	11	102	2	302
Written Translation Service*** (including proofreading service)	2019-20	51	47	45	65	67	41	85	17	418
	2020-21	107	113	111	142	148	107	180	93	1 001
	2021-22	95	104	93	130	137	101	168	94	922
	2022-23	84	90	76	130	157	98	174	75	884
	2023-24	76	73	73	108	134	79	154	57	754
Simultaneous Interpretation Service***	2019-20	85	9	5	3	15	3	11	0	131
	2020-21	84	7	9	5	6	0	4	0	115
	2021-22	122	23	11	6	16	1	10	0	189
	2022-23	249	28	1	12	31	1	24	0	346
	2023-24	323	37	4	10	69	4	31	0	478

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** Ethnic minorities can send documents in English through WhatsApp or bring along such documents to the CHEER Centre for oral translation service provided by interpreters. However, this service is not available to government bureaux and departments.

*** More than 1 ethnic minority language may be involved in a request for written translation service and simultaneous interpretation service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HYAB132****(Question Serial No. 3534)**Head: (63) Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Community BuildingControlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth AffairsQuestion:

Please provide a breakdown by the 8 ethnic minority languages of the staff establishment for and the figures on interpretation and translation services.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 62)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department has commissioned the Hong Kong Christian Service to operate the CHEER Centre. Apart from providing support services to facilitate the integration of ethnic minorities (EMs) into the community, the CHEER Centre also provides general interpretation and translation services of English and 8 EM languages in non-specialised/non-professional areas.

The breakdown by the 8 EM languages of the staff establishment of interpreters and the figures on interpretation and translation services provided in 2023-24 are as follows:

EM language	Staff establishment	Number of service provided*
Bahasa Indonesia	5	987
Thai	3	468
Tagalog	3	702
Hindi	4	379
Nepali	4	1 666
Punjabi	3	475
Urdu	6	2 427
Vietnamese	2	155
Total	30	7 259

* Usage figures of 2024-25 will only be available in early May 2025 after receipt of the quarterly reports from the centre operator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HYAB133

(Question Serial No. 3535)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

What is the estimated annual expenditure for each of the support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs) in the coming 5 financial years? What is the target number of EMs to be served?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations to run 10 support service centres for ethnic minorities (EM centres) in Wan Chai, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Sha Tin, Kwai Tsing and Tung Chung to provide various support services for EMs to facilitate their integration into the community.

The term of the grant agreement entered into between HAD and the operator of each centre is 2 years. The annual operating grants for the EM centres and the estimated number of recipients of their services for the current 2024-25 project year and the coming 2025-26 project year are set out in **Annex A** and **Annex B** respectively.

Grants for support service centres for ethnic minorities (EMs)

Centre	Annual operating cost (\$ million)	
	2024-25 project year	2025-26 project year
HOPE Centre	10.56	10.56**
DREAM Centre	11.00	11.00
HOME Centre	10.31	10.31
HOME Sub-centre	6.25	6.25
CHEER Centre*	27.06	27.06**
YLTH Centre	10.56	10.56**
ONE Centre	10.51	10.51**
IDEA Centre	11.00	11.00
LINK Centre	10.03	10.03
TOUCH Sub-centre	6.53	6.53
Total	113.81	113.81

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** The current grant period of HOPE Centre, CHEER Centre, YLTH Centre and ONE Centre will end between the second and third quarters of 2025. Provisional funding is subject to revision to cope with variations in staff cost, rental and other expenses before the start of the new grant period.

**Estimated number of service recipients of support service centres
for ethnic minorities (EMs)**

Centre	Estimated annual number of service recipients	
	2024-25 project year	2025-26 project year
HOPE Centre	7 602	7 602**
DREAM Centre	9 283	9 223
HOME Centre	10 236	10 236
HOME Sub-centre	7 309	7 309
CHEER Centre*	18 704	18 704**
YLTH Centre	10 219	10 219**
ONE Centre	11 806	11 806**
IDEA Centre	9 870	9 650
LINK Centre	14 726	13 642
TOUCH Sub-centre	5 925	5 925
Total	105 680	104 316

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 3536)

Head: (63) Home Affairs Department

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

Programme: (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer: Director of Home Affairs (Ms Priscilla TO)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on the rent, staff remuneration and expenditure on services of each of the support service centres for ethnic minorities in the past 5 years. What are the percentages of these expenditure items against the amount of funding received?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 64)

Reply:

The annual operating grants of the support service centres for ethnic minorities with breakdowns by staff cost, rental cost and other expenses from 2019-20 project year to 2023-24 project year are set out in **Annex**.

Annual operating grants of support service centres for ethnic minorities

2019-20 project year

Centre	HOPE Centre	HOME Centre	HOME Sub-centre	CHEER Centre	YLTH Centre	SHINE Centre	LINK Centre	TOUCH Sub-centre
Reporting period	31 May 2019 to 30 May 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	11 December 2019 to 10 December 2020	5 September 2019 to 4 September 2020	28 June 2019 to 27 June 2020	1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020	30 October 2019 to 29 October 2020	21 December 2019 to 20 December 2020
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.25 (43.3%)	4.85 (67.2%)	2.53 (71.5%)	17.23 (72.7%)	6.34 (71.6%)	6.04 (67.9%)	4.39 (61.8%)	2.39 (67.5%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (23.8%)	0.87 (12.1%)	0.17 (4.8%)	2.29 (9.7%)	0.26 (2.9%)	1.52 (17.1%)	1.10 (15.5%)	0.07 (2.0%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	2.47 (32.9%)	1.49 (20.7%)	0.84 (23.7%)	4.17 (17.6%)	2.26 (25.5%)	1.34 (15.0%)	1.61 (22.7%)	1.08 (30.5%)
Total (\$ million)	7.51	7.21	3.54	23.69	8.86	8.90	7.10	3.54

2020-21 project year

Centre	HOPE Centre	HOME Centre	HOME Sub-centre	CHEER Centre	YLTH Centre	SHINE Centre	LINK Centre	TOUCH Sub-centre
Reporting period	31 May 2020 to 30 May 2021	11 December 2020 to 10 December 2021	11 December 2020 to 10 December 2021	5 September 2020 to 4 September 2021	28 June 2020 to 27 June 2021	1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021	30 October 2020 to 29 October 2021	21 December 2020 to 20 December 2021
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.25 (43.3%)	5.26 (67.4%)	2.48 (64.6%)	17.23 (72.7%)	6.34 (71.6%)	6.04 (67.9%)	4.50 (58.6%)	2.67 (69.5%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (23.8%)	1.07 (13.7%)	0.50 (13.0%)	2.29 (9.7%)	0.26 (2.9%)	1.52 (17.1%)	1.47 (19.2%)	0.06 (1.6%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	2.47 (32.9%)	1.47 (18.9%)	0.86 (22.4%)	4.17 (17.6%)	2.26 (25.5%)	1.34 (15.0%)	1.70 (22.2%)	1.11 (28.9%)
Total (\$ million)	7.51	7.80	3.84	23.69	8.86	8.90	7.67	3.84

2021-22 project year

Centre	HOPE Centre	HOME Centre	HOME Sub-centre	CHEER Centre	YLTH Centre	ONE Centre*	LINK Centre	TOUCH Sub-centre
Reporting period	31 May 2021 to 30 May 2022	11 December 2021 to 10 December 2022	11 December 2021 to 10 December 2022	5 September 2021 to 4 September 2022	28 June 2021 to 27 June 2022	1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022	30 October 2021 to 29 October 2022	21 December 2021 to 20 December 2022
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.85 (42.3%)	5.26 (67.4%)	2.48 (64.6%)	19.56 (76.4%)	7.01 (77.0%)	6.15 (68.0%)	4.50 (58.6%)	2.67 (69.5%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (19.7%)	1.07 (13.7%)	0.50 (13.0%)	2.53 (9.9%)	0.26 (2.9%)	0.81 (9.0%)	1.47 (19.2%)	0.06 (1.6%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	3.46 (38.0%)	1.47 (18.9%)	0.86 (22.4%)	3.51 (13.7%)	1.83 (20.1%)	2.09 (23.0%)	1.70 (22.2%)	1.11 (28.9%)
Total (\$ million)	9.10	7.80	3.84	25.60	9.10	9.05	7.67	3.84

* The SHINE Centre ceased operation in August 2021 and was replaced by the ONE Centre.

2022-23 project year

Centre	HOPE Centre	HOME Centre	HOME Sub-centre	CHEER Centre	YLTH Centre	ONE Centre	LINK Centre	TOUCH Sub-centre
Reporting period	31 May 2022 to 30 May 2023	11 December 2022 to 10 December 2023	11 December 2022 to 10 December 2023	5 September 2022 to 4 September 2023	28 June 2022 to 27 June 2023	1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023	30 October 2022 to 29 October 2023	21 December 2022 to 20 December 2023
Staff cost (\$ million)	3.85 (42.3%)	4.78 (65.7%)	1.90 (59.0%)	19.56 (76.4%)	7.01 (77.0%)	6.15 (68.0%)	4.66 (66.6%)	2.62 (74.9%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (19.7%)	1.19 (16.3%)	0.58 (18.0%)	2.53 (9.9%)	0.26 (2.9%)	0.81 (9.0%)	1.00 (14.3%)	0.05 (1.4%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	3.46 (38.0%)	1.31 (18.0%)	0.74 (23.0%)	3.51 (13.7%)	1.83 (20.1%)	2.09 (23.0%)	1.34 (19.1%)	0.83 (23.7%)
Total (\$ million)	9.10	7.28	3.22	25.60	9.10	9.05	7.00	3.50

2023-24 project year

Centre	HOPE Centre	HOME Centre	HOME Sub-centre	CHEER Centre	YLTH Centre	ONE Centre	LINK Centre	TOUCH Sub-centre
Reporting period	31 May 2023 to 30 May 2024	11 December 2023 to 10 December 2024	11 December 2023 to 10 December 2024	5 September 2023 to 4 September 2024	28 June 2023 to 27 June 2024	1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024	30 October 2023 to 29 October 2024	21 December 2023 to 20 December 2024
Staff cost (\$ million)	4.49 (48.0%)	6.17 (65.4%)	3.31 (61.6%)	20.42 (77.9%)	7.26 (76.7%)	6.17 (64.7%)	5.53 (63.1%)	4.00 (69.2%)
Rental cost (\$ million)	1.79 (19.2%)	1.19 (12.6%)	0.58 (10.8%)	2.39 (9.1%)	0.27 (2.9%)	1.39 (14.6%)	1.00 (11.4%)	0.07 (1.2%)
Other expenses (\$ million)	3.06 (32.8%)	2.07 (22.0%)	1.48 (27.6%)	3.40 (13.0%)	1.93 (20.4%)	1.98 (20.7%)	2.24 (25.5%)	1.71 (29.6%)
Total (\$ million)	9.34	9.43	5.37	26.21	9.46	9.54	8.77	5.78

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