

文化體育及旅遊局



CULTURE, SPORTS AND
TOURISM BUREAU

本函檔號 OUR REF. : L/M 25/2025 to CSTB/C 25/10
來函檔號 YOUR REF. :
電話 TEL. NO. : 3509 8081
傳真 FAXLINE : 2802 4893
電子郵件 E-mail Address : awschai@cstb.gov.hk

13 May 2025

Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn.: Ms Joanne MAK)

Dear Ms MAK,

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports
Follow-up Actions to the Meeting held on 10 February 2025**

Regarding the follow-up actions arising from the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports meeting on 10 February 2025, our responses are at the Annex for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amanda Chai', written in a cursive style.

(Amanda CHAI)
for Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Encl.

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports
Follow-up Actions to the Meeting held on 10 February 2025**

**Reprovisioning of Pok Fu Lam Public Library
in the Pok Fu Lam South Public Housing Developments**

Follow-up actions

At the request of the Panel, the Government has undertaken to provide supplementary information on the breakdown of construction cost and the recurrent expenditure of the proposed project, as well as the provision of additional library services with extended service hours and the reduction of manpower ratio through the application of new technology for Members' reference.

Response

(1) Breakdown of construction cost of the proposed project

We estimate the capital cost of the proposed project to be \$174.7 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices, which has been lower than the budget of \$193.8 million (in MOD prices) previously submitted to the Panel, with a breakdown as follows –

		\$ million (in MOD prices)
(a)	Site works	0.6
(b)	Foundation	2.3
(c)	Building	86.6
(d)	Building services	40.3
(e)	Drainage	1.0
(f)	External works	3.7
(g)	Energy conservation features	1.2
(h)	On-cost payable to the Housing Authority (HA) ¹	10.5
(i)	Furniture and equipment (F&E) ²	12.7
(j)	Contingencies	15.8
Total		174.7

¹ This estimate is to cover the costs for the HA's design, administration and supervision of the proposed project (at 12.5% of the construction cost of the bare shell for the proposed small library).

² The estimated cost is based on an indicative list of F&E items required.

Of the capital cost of the proposed project, about \$83.6 million is the construction cost of the bare shell of the library undertaken by the HA, and about \$52.1 million is the cost of internal fitting-out works of the library undertaken by the Architectural Services Department.

(2) Recurrent expenditure of the reprovisioned library

Upon the reprovisioning of the Pok Fu Lam Public Library (PFLPL), the net operating floor area of the library will be doubled from currently 600 m² to about 1 200 m², enabling it to accommodate more library collections and facilities for public use, such as computer facilities for browsing the Internet and multimedia materials, self-service facilities for the public in returning and collecting reserved library materials outside library opening hours and a students' study room, etc.

At present, the annual recurrent expenditure of the PFLPL is about \$6.4 million. It is anticipated that additional recurrent expenditure of about \$2.9 million will be required for the new reprovisioned library arising from increased space, services and facilities (including electricity tariff, cleansing charges and maintenance costs of facilities and equipment, etc.).

(3) Provision of additional library services with extended service hours and reduction of manpower ratio through the application of new technology

By providing more self-service facilities enabled with radio frequency identification (RFID) technology under the new Smart Library System, the reprovisioned PFLPL will provide more convenience for the public and offer the following services outside library opening hours, including:

- self-checkout machines and smart book drops for borrowing or returning multiple library materials (such as books and audio-visual materials, etc.) in one go;
- multi-functional self-service kiosks for one-stop access to library services such as patron registration, reservation of computer facilities, computer printing, payment and library catalogue searching, etc.;
- 24-hour smart book pick-up lockers for collecting and borrowing reserved library materials in a self-service manner outside library opening hours for extending library service hours in a way; and
- a single platform, via the web portal and mobile app of the Hong Kong Public Libraries, for browsing all forms of e-resources (e.g. e-books, e-journals and audio-

visual materials) without time and physical constraints.

The new library will continue to provide additional services with extended service hours through the application of new technology to reduce manpower ratio.